

ACATE

Alaska Competency
based Apprenticeship
for Teacher Education



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What is the program?

Alaska Competency-based Apprenticeship for Teacher Education (A-CATE) is a program created by BSSD and Alaska Pacific University (APU) to develop a locally grown education workforce.

- A-CATE is a multi-year program designed through a new career pathway of a registered apprenticeship approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- A-CATE allows an Apprentice Teacher to use existing college credits, acquire credits by demonstrating competency, and earn additional credits while working on the job.
- A-CATE has a strong local focus by engaging highly effective local teachers (called Expert Teachers) to develop the teaching skills of Apprentices in our own classrooms with our own students.

What is the timeline?

Expert Teachers will apply to the program via BSSD in summer 2024.

- Expert Teachers will engage in a cohort via APU starting in Fall 2024.
- Apprentice Teachers will be selected into the program by BSSD and APU in Fall 2024 and will engage in a cohort via APU in Spring 2025.
- Expert Teachers will start working directly with Apprentice Teachers in January 2025.

Will there be compensation?

Expert Teachers may receive credit for their professional development through APU supporting their role working with apprentice teachers.

- Expert Teachers may receive an extra duty contract or adjunct faculty pay.
- Expert Teachers may choose to enroll in an APU graduate program that could increase their standing on the district pay schedule.

What is an Expert Teacher?

An Expert Teacher serves as a primary instructor for an apprentice teacher.

- An Expert Teacher has extensive teaching experience, in-district experience, and documented levels of high effectiveness and expertise. They must be recommended by the district and approved by APU.
- An Expert Teacher guides the development of the apprentice's teaching competencies based on standards.

Standards-based planning
Standards-based instruction
Conditions for learning
Professional responsibilities
Alaska cultural elements

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