



UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA
ANCHORAGE
Dean, College of Education



Academic Search Inc. and The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean, Education. UAA is a growing institution with increases in enrollment, new academic, research and sports facilities and stable state funding. This recruitment offers the opportunity to lead at a time of change, to help shape the vision and direction of the College of Education and to build upon a foundation of achievement.

The College Education is home to over 1,000 students and 2,800 continuing and professional education students annually. The College has 36 full-time faculty members, a staff of 20 and is accredited by the National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education. The College offers 17 major areas of study and more than 30 academic program concentrations.

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)

UAA is located in the heart of Alaska's largest city and it is the state's largest post-secondary institution serving more than 20,000 students. UAA is a comprehensive university consisting of a campus in Anchorage, three community campuses and one community college in south-central Alaska, and several extension sites in rural communities and on military installations.

UAA is comprised of six teaching units at the Anchorage campus: the colleges of Education, Health and Social Welfare, Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Policy; and the Community and Technical College; and the School of Engineering. There are four community campuses: Matanuska-Susitna College, Kenai Peninsula College, Kodiak College and Prince William Sound Community College. The colleges and schools are served by the award winning UAA/APU Consortium Library.



The University offers many career pathway programs featuring associate's, baccalaureate and master's degrees, as well as vocational and professional certificates in more than 150 major study areas, including arts, sciences, business, education, human services and health sciences. Through UAA's comprehensive curriculum, students learn practical job skills and develop a strong educational foundation that prepares them for graduate or professional schools and the workplace.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching designated UAA as a Community Engaged University. The University of Alaska Anchorage is part of the University of Alaska (UA), a system of major comprehensive universities and community colleges. UAA is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. In addition, many of the colleges and academic programs are individually accredited through professional licensure organizations.

Mission

The mission of the University of Alaska Anchorage is to discover and disseminate knowledge through teaching, research, engagement and creative expression. Located in Anchorage and community campuses in South-central Alaska, UAA is committed to serving the higher education needs of the state, its communities and its diverse peoples. The University of Alaska Anchorage is an open access university with academic programs leading to occupational

endorsements; undergraduate and graduate certificates; and associate's, baccalaureate and graduate degrees in a rich, diverse and inclusive environment.

For additional information about UAA, please visit www.uaa.alaska.edu/ or www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/degrees.

For additional information about Anchorage, visit <http://www.anchorage.net/> and <http://www.muni.org>.

About Anchorage

Anchorage, with an ethnically diverse population of nearly 300,000, offers a lively intellectual and cultural life, including opera, symphony, theatre, art events, and varied restaurants, recreational and shopping venues. Nestled between the Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet,

Anchorage residents enjoy a moderate, maritime climate. The average winter temperature is around 20 degrees and the average summer temperature is around 70 degrees. On Summer Solstice, Anchorage has around 20 hours of daylight, and on Winter Solstice, it



has about five and a half hours of daylight. The city offers ready access to state and national forests and parks, year-round outdoor recreation, and unsurpassed natural beauty.

Anchorage is Alaska's largest city—about the same size as St. Paul, MN; Newark, NJ; Corpus Christi, TX and Riverside, CA. Known for its exceptional quality of life, residents have access to world-class arts, entertainment, fine dining and recreational activities. A culturally diverse city, Anchorage is one of the 100 largest school districts in America, and its students speak 87 different languages in their homes, including Spanish, Hmong, Samoan, Filipino and Yup'ik. Minority students comprise more than 50 percent of the student population. There are more than 60 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, eight high schools and eight charter schools.

Anchorage has a network of 259 miles of hiking, biking, skiing and dog-mushing trails. The city also has more than 120 municipal parks, including Kincaid park where over 25 major events have been held, including national level competitions for the selection of the U.S. Olympic

Teams for X-C skiing and for Special Olympics; the National Masters X-C Skiing Championships; and the NCAA National X-C Skiing Championships.

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy downhill skiing and snowboarding; snowshoeing; ice skating; cross-country skiing; and ice hockey in the winter, and in the summer residents hike, fish, kayak, pick berries, mountain bike, bird watch and climb mountains. Each year hundreds of concerts, plays, operas, and Broadway shows are performed in the city. Anchorage is the home of a professional hockey team, the Alaska Aces, and there's always a lecture, panel discussion or athletic competition taking place at the University. Of course, Anchorage has more than six movie theatres, including an IMAX theatre and two planetariums. H2Oasis, one of the nation's largest indoor water parks, is also in Anchorage, as is the Anchorage Museum, the Anchorage Public Library, the Imaginarium Science Discovery Center and the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Businessweek.com recently ranked Anchorage as the tenth-best city in America. With assistance from Bloomberg Rankings, Businessweek.com evaluated 100 of the country's largest cities based on 16 total criteria. According to the website, Anchorage received its high ranking partially because of the high number of parkland acres per person as well as the best air quality. The announcement also mentioned Anchorage's relatively low unemployment, a high median income, and a low rate of foreclosures.

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The Leadership Opportunity

The Dean of the College of Education provides leadership and guidance in all aspects of the College, including teaching, research, intellectual development, program development, advancement and administrative management of all of College operations and represents the College outside the university. Reporting to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, the Dean is the academic and administrative leader of the College of Education. The Dean is expected to promote the best interest of the College and to ensure that the goals of the College are aligned with and supportive of UAA's and UA's goals and objectives.

The College of Education has a rich history that dates from 1954 and the creation of Anchorage Community College. At that time, University of Alaska Fairbanks faculty members offered education courses at Anchorage West High School, shopping malls, and other locations across the city. A Division of Education was established in 1972, which became the School of Education in 1976. The School became part of a newly formed College of Health, Education and Social Welfare in 1996. The Board of Regents approved restructuring the Scholl of Education in June 2002 and the College of Education was established the following month.

Growth has been exceptional. Between fall 2003 and fall 2009, COE experienced a 9% increase in student enrollment. Eight percent of the students are Alaska Native/American Indians. The mean age of students is 32 years and 81% percent of the students are female. Education students residing on campus may choose to live in the Teaching and Learning Community wing

in East Hall, surrounded by peers who are also exploring careers in education.



The College has been successful at grants, receiving a 9.3 million U.S. Department of Education partnership grant to develop networks with school districts in Alaska. The Alaska Educational Innovations Network (AEIN) serves over half of the state's K-12 population and 40% of

Alaska Native students. More recently, the College secured \$1.5 million in private matching money required to receive a \$15 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to expand early career teacher mentoring. The Alaska Statewide Mentor Project, a partnership between the University of Alaska and the State Department of Education and Early Development, estimates an additional 850 early career teachers and 46,000 students over the course of the grant will benefit from the program. The five year grant will assist first and second year teachers in the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mat-Su and Kenal districts.

In collaboration with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, COE implemented alternative certification routes for areas of severe teacher shortage in Alaska. These areas include special education and secondary content areas in mathematics, science, world languages, and English as a Second Language.

COE is committed to quality distance education and increased the number of courses offered via distance from 17% in 2003 to almost 60% by 2008. At the graduate level, 82% of programs are available by distance delivery methods.

Programs offered by the College of Education include:

Department of Teaching and Learning

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education; Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood; Certificate in Early Childhood Education; Graduate Certificate in Language Education; Masters of Arts in Teaching; Master of Education in Teaching and Learning; Occupational Endorsement

Certificate in School-Age Care Administration; Occupational Endorsement Certificate in School-Age Care Practitioner; Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood Education; Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Elementary Education

Department of Counseling and Special Education

Graduate Certificate in Special Education; Master of Education in Special Education; Master of Education in Counselor Education; Master of Education in Early Childhood Special Education; Post Graduate Certificate- Counselor Education

Department of Educational Leadership

Master of Education in Educational Leadership; Post Graduate Certificate- Principal; Post Graduate Certificate-Superintendent

Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) facilitates professional development opportunities for educators. PACE works collaboratively with UAA academic units and partner organizations to provide responsive services and support for 500-level courses, CEU courses, workshops, conferences, institutes and academies.

Required and Preferred Qualifications

Successful candidates for Dean must have a record of academic and administrative leadership; have Pre-K-12 teaching experience; possess an earned PhD or doctorate, preferably in one of the fields represented within the College; and have a record of teaching and scholarship sufficient to qualify as a tenured professor in the College of Education.

Preferred qualifications include: evidence of successful collaboration building and experience developing partnerships with external and internal stakeholders; demonstrated commitment to developing and supporting multicultural proficiency and community involvement in diverse settings; knowledge of and sensitivity to issues unique to Pre-K-12 issues in Alaska Native and rural Alaska communities or in a comparable context; understanding and commitment to the changing role of academic deans including the external focus on fundraising; demonstrated success with innovative program design and implementation; and knowledge of legislative processes and demonstrated experience in advocacy.

The Application Process: For a confidential discussion of this position prior to applying or nominating, contact Dr. Jessica Kozloff at jsk@academic-search.com or Dr. Tom Fitch at rtf@academic-search.com.

The position will remain open until closed but only applications received by February 21, 2012 can be assured full consideration. Candidates should forward a letter of interest, addressing how the applicant meets the qualifications described above, curriculum vitae or resume, and a list of at least five references with full contact information to UAADeanCOE@academic-search.com.

APPLICANTS needing reasonable accommodations to participate in the application or interview process should contact Human Resource Services prior to the closing date. UAA is an AA/EO Employer and Educational Institution committed to diversity. Applicants must be eligible for employment under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and subsequent amendments. Application for employment with the University of Alaska is subject to public disclosure.