



*The PITAAS Program can help you earn your teaching degree at the University of Alaska Southeast!*

UAS students who are accepted to the PITAAS program receive a scholarship that generally covers a majority of:

- tuition
- fees
- books

Students must be enrolled in an education program at UAS and maintain a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA in order to continue receiving the scholarship.

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MORE NATIVE  
TEACHERS**

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YOU**

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**PITAAS**

*Preparing Indigenous  
Teachers & Administrators  
for Alaska Schools*



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UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST



**A Teacher Preparation  
Program for Alaska Natives  
at the University of Alaska  
Southeast**

*In Alaskan schools,  
Alaska Natives make up  
25% of the student body  
and less than 5% of the  
teaching force.*



## What is PITAAS?

PITAAS is a teacher preparation and scholarship program for Alaska Natives at the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS).

The goal of PITAAS to increase the number of Alaska Native teachers and administrators in Alaskan schools, pre-school through high school.



In order to receive a PITAAS scholarship, students must have at least college junior status and be admitted to one of the following degree programs at UAS:

### Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs

- BA in Elementary Education
- BA in Special Education
- BA or BS in an academic area leading toward teacher certification

### Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) and Graduate Teacher Certification Programs

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education

### Master of Education (M.Ed.) Programs, Graduate Certificates, and Endorsements

- Mathematics Education
- Reading Specialist
- Science Education
- Special Education
- Educational Technology
- Educational Leadership (Principal and Superintendent Certificate)

## Why UAS and PITAAS?

UAS and PITAAS provide support and opportunity for Native students in many ways:

### Mentoring

Upon entering UAS, students are matched with continuing students who assist them in their transition to college life. Mentors and mentees meet regularly and frequently throughout the first year.

### Native and Rural Student Center

The Native and Rural Student Center provides a welcoming space for students to gather in a comfortable environment, and offers staff support to meet student needs.

### Wooch.een

Wooch.een is an Alaska Native student organization that meets regularly and sponsors many cultural activities throughout the year.

### Tutoring

PITAAS students are provided with group and individual tutoring support through the Learning Center.

## Foundations in Native Education Class

PITAAS students are required to take a year-long course that is designed to build leadership skills and strengthen Native identity.

### Cultural Inclusion/Faculty Fellowship

PITAAS helps make UAS a culturally responsive institution by integrating Native culture into courses and supporting UAS faculty to meet the learning needs of Native students.

## YOU can support the PITAAS Program.

Your contribution toward the PITAAS Program and mission is welcome. Donations may be made in support of PITAAS Program Support to the University of Alaska Foundation PITAAS Endowment Fund (20413).

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