



COLLEGE & CAREER TRAINING IN ALASKA

CHOOSING A...
APPLYING FOR...
ENROLLING IN...

COLLEGE + training

and how to pay for it!

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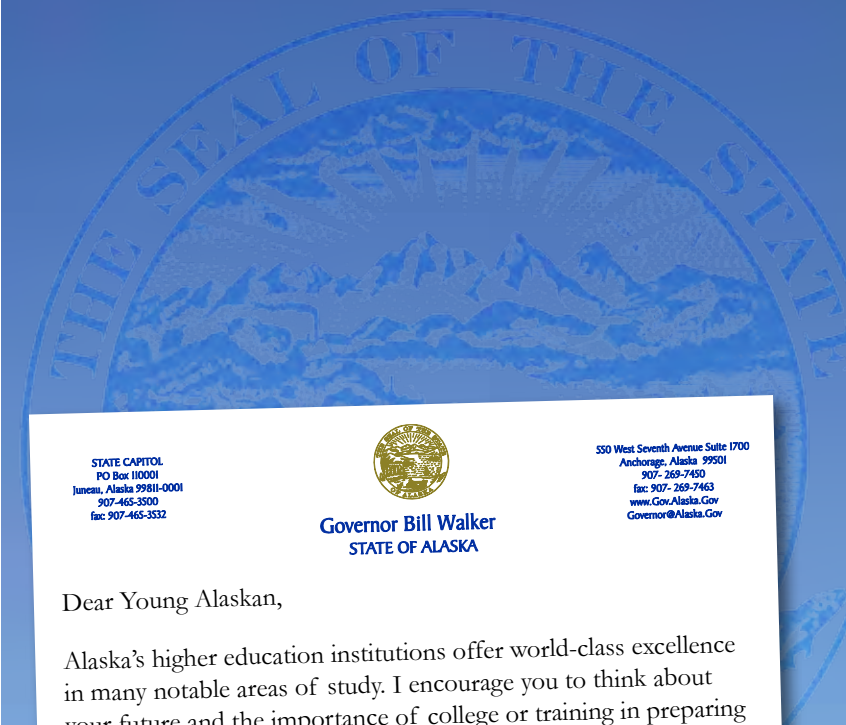
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Dear Young Alaskan,

Alaska's higher education institutions offer world-class excellence in many notable areas of study. I encourage you to think about your future and the importance of college or training in preparing you for a meaningful and rewarding career. As you do so, please give careful consideration to the quality institutions within our state – many of whom have tailored their offerings to meet Alaska's workforce needs.

Alaska colleges and training programs offer a wide variety of postsecondary educational opportunities. Through the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education's (ACPE) programs and services we are working aggressively to make college education and technical training affordable and accessible.

As Governor, I am committed to developing strong career and technical education programs right here in our home state and to support postsecondary education that ensures Alaskans are prepared to take on high skill, high wage jobs, one of the cornerstones of our administration. It is my wish that every Alaskan have the opportunity to succeed in today's world.

I commend you for your commitment to education.



Best wishes,

Bill Walker

Bill Walker
Governor

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Dear Student,

You no doubt know by now that your forward momentum in life relies on an unending series of decisions. One of the biggest decisions now facing you is—what next? *College & Career Training* in Alaska is provided so that no matter how you choose to answer that question—your choice can be a well-informed one.

As decisions go, continuing your education beyond high school can be a million-dollar decision. To help guide your process, *College & Career Training* in Alaska includes valuable facts and information about: choosing a program that fits you and your interests, hot jobs and employment in Alaska, free and low-cost financial aid, and diverse education and training opportunities right here in Alaska.

We encourage you to take advantage of the exceptional educational resources Alaska has to offer. ACPE is here to help make your dreams a reality.

Best wishes for success,
Diane Barrans
Executive Director

The average college graduate will earn a million dollars more in their lifetime than someone with only a high school diploma.

– U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey Briefs
Oct. 2012



GETTING
STARTED

Quiz!

Which **POSTSECONDARY PATH** may be right for YOU?

(fancy word for “after high school”)

How do **YOU PREFER** to **LEARN THE BASICS?**

- A. Listening to a teacher, reading about a subject, and possibly hands-on application once I'm knowledgeable about the subject.
- B. Small classes that combine listening to a teacher and book work.
- C. Small classes that combine watching an instructor perform an example, book work, and hands-on training.
- D. Watch an instructor perform an example and then use that knowledge in my own paid work.

How much **VARIETY** would **YOU** like?

- A. Education that includes a variety of topics and subjects.
- B. A framework of information that I could directly put to use.
- C. Some variety in my education but focused on hands-on skills.
- D. Focus on one topic and learn as much as I can about that subject.

Which **INTERESTS YOU** the most?

- A. Researching, analyzing, and synthesizing information to become highly knowledgeable about the world & my field.
- B. Combining research with pertinent information from a teacher to gain understanding about a topic that will directly benefit me or my community.
- C. Learning skills that lead directly to a specific job/career.
- D. Starting work & continuing to add skills that I can use immediately to help get a job done.

Which would **YOU RATHER DO?**

- A. Get involved in a campus community. (Greek, Sports, Clubs)
- B. Gain professional knowledge that can be used to provide paid professional consulting to my community.
- C. Gain a skill (engine repair, welding, medical) that could be used to provide a paid service to my community.
- D. Physical work such as iron work, laborer, or mining.

Which letter did you select the most? You may want to consider...

- A** **Four-Year Colleges & Universities** offer a broad array of bachelor's degrees, also called the baccalaureate (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science). Many also offer vocational certificates, associate and master's degrees.
- B** **Community Colleges** usually serve city, borough, or region residents. They typically offer vocational certificates and associate degrees and have minimal entrance requirements.
- C** **Vocational Schools & Colleges** offer career and technical training in a hands-on environment near your community.
- D** **Apprenticeships** start you working from day one with a combination of on-the-job training and technical instruction. After completing an apprenticeship program, which can range from one to six years depending on the industry, individuals receive an industry-issued credential that certifies occupational proficiency.



Take more quizzes and assessments at AKCIS.org
(found under the "Assessments" tab)

Need some help with the college & career process?

the ACPE
Success
Center

800-441-2962 opt #4
acpe.alaska.gov

CONTACT US!
GETTING YOU SET FOR
COLLEGE OR TRAINING
IS WHAT WE DO.

get assistance with

Career Exploration
Career Training Research
Financial Aid Applications
Scholarship Searches
College Enrollment Coaching

Game Plan for COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

START

Apply for Admission

Most colleges allow you to apply online or an application can be sent to you. Deadlines start as early as fall of your senior year - so check early. And with "Open Admission" schools, double check that you are actually admitted into a program, to make sure you can get financial aid.

Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Research scholarships at www.akcis.org.

Schedule Assessment/ Placement tests

Tests assess your existing knowledge and determine if you're ready for college courses or might need a tune-up.

Register for Classes

At most colleges registering for classes is a separate process after being admitted. Find out when registration opens and register early!

Request Transcripts

Send your official final high school transcripts to the colleges you've applied to as soon as you graduate.

Attend Orientation

Orientation is a great way to learn more about your school, resources available to you, and your campus.

Pay

Know your payment deadlines. If you're expecting financial aid to cover a part of the bill, keep in close contact with your financial office to ensure the funds are delivered. Not meeting the deadline to pay may result in fines, holds on future registration, or being dropped from classes.

Use your College Email

Colleges may communicate with students through their college-affiliated email address. Expect to receive important emails even before your first day of school.

Follow Up

Check with your admissions office to see if anything else is needed to complete your admission. Also, follow up with your Academic Advisor, Career or other Counseling Service, and the Financial Aid Office to make sure you are on the right track.

PAYING FOR EDUCATION

how to be a **FAFSA** pro

Gather your information

You'll need to have your Social Security Number, previous year's tax return (if you filed your taxes), and any records of money earned during the previous year. Most high school students must also provide their parents' SSN, date of birth, and financial information.

Know which colleges/ universities

It is important to have an idea of which college/universities you're thinking of attending. While completing the FAFSA, you can list up to 10 institutions to receive your information.

TIP – if you are eligible for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), make sure the Alaska institution you're most likely to attend is listed first.

File as soon as possible - January 1

Submit the FAFSA as soon after January 1st as possible. Some financial aid is disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis, and your original submission date marks your place in line for this aid. Even if you do not file your taxes in January, use your prior year taxes to estimate. Once you file your taxes, it's easy to go back and update the information.

Utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

When you update your tax information, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily import your details directly from the IRS website. This ensures your information is accurate, and makes it less likely you'll have to submit additional paperwork to your financial aid office for verification. You can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool three weeks after you file your taxes electronically.

Get free help

There are various free resources available to help students and parents. The online FAFSA offers a chat for questions that come up while completing it. FAFSA completion events, such as College Goal Alaska (collegegoalak.org) or FAFSA Frenzy (alaska.edu/fafsafrenzy), may be offered close to you. Plus, the ACPE Success Center offers one-on-one help in person or on the phone – **call 800-441-2962 opt #4 or visit acpe.alaska.gov**

Never pay to file the FAFSA – The FAFSA is a free application and you should not be charged a fee. If a fee is requested, chances are you are at the incorrect web address. Try again at fafsa.ed.gov.

Financial Aid (fĭ-năn'shəl ād)

Noun 1. money provided to a student and/or their family to help pay for their education.

a. Need-Based Financial Aid – financial assistance based on a student and the family's ability to pay.

b. Merit-Based Financial Aid – financial assistance based on a student's academic excellence, artistic talent or ability, or demonstrated achievement in extra-curricular activities.

c. Self-Help Aid – financial assistance contributed by a student to fund his or her own education, such as work-study (money earned from an on-campus job), or education loans (money you have to pay back).

Newbie's Guide To Financial Aid

Cost-of-Attendance (COA) – An official number set by the financial aid office that indicates a student's total cost of attending college, including books, fees, room and board, supplies, transportation, tuition, and other miscellaneous personal expenses. The COA also depends on marital and residency status.

CSS/Financial Aid Profile Fee-based financial aid application by the College Board. Complete if your school is one of the more than 600 colleges, universities, professional schools, and scholarship programs that use the profile to determine eligibility for non-federal aid. You must complete the FAFSA first.

Education Loans – Borrowed money that must be paid back.

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) – Used by the U.S. Department of Education (by way of the FAFSA) to determine the amount a family is projected to have to help pay for a student's education.

Family Loans – Federal, state, and private loans available for families to borrow money on behalf of the student. This is money that needs to be repaid. Some cost more than others.

Financial Aid Package – Total financial aid award received by a student from all sources, which may include loan and gift aid.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – The official application to determine if a student is eligible for federal student loans, grants, and work study. Also serves as an application for the Alaska Performance Scholarship and other student funding opportunities.

Grant – Gift money, usually need-based, that does not have to be repaid.

Net Price of Attendance – Factors in expenses (tuition & fees) and gift aid (scholarships & grants) to calculate the real cost of attending. A calculator is available at collegecost.ed.gov

Scholarship – Gift money, typically merit-based, that does not have to be repaid.

Student Loans – Federal, Alaska State, and private loans borrowed by students. This is money that needs to be repaid. Some cost more than others! (see p. 12)

Work-Study – a federal program that allows students to work part-time on campus during the school year.

Websites that offer free test preparation:

Exam Focus
examfocus.com

Khan Academy
khanacademy.org

Free Rice
freerice.com

4 ALASKA SCHOLARSHIP secrets

1 Grades: The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) is partially based on your grades; the higher they are the more money you'll be eligible for (see page 14 for more about the APS). **APS.alaska.gov**

The UA Scholars Program offers you a \$12,000 scholarship if you are academically ranked in the top 10% of your class at the end of your junior year. Taking AP classes (where available) may improve your odds. **alaska.edu/scholars**

2 Curriculum: Another factor of the APS is taking the required curriculum in high school. A list of required classes is available at **APS.alaska.gov**

Alaska's Learning Network offers online courses for students statewide, including those who meet APS requirements. **www.aklearn.net**

3 PSAT & ACT/SAT: Take the PSAT both your sophomore and junior year. You may qualify for a National Merit Scholarship! (nationalmerit.org) Take the ACT/SAT starting at the end of your junior year. This gives you time to prepare to retest your senior year, which will help you get your highest score for the APS. Keep studying and test again to get the highest score possible.

4 Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP): All your Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant information can be found online. Sign in to verify eligibility, application status, and funding. **acpe.alaska.gov/asap**

top places to find **SCHOLARSHIPS** for **YOU**

Start with the institution you're attending

Many times, the institutions you apply to offer the most scholarship opportunities. Some colleges use just one application for tons of different scholarships—talk about saving time! Go to the college/university website and search for “scholarships” or talk to the financial aid office about their scholarship application.

Think Local

National scholarships are worth applying for, but make sure to think locally, too. You're competing against a smaller pool of applicants, and therefore have a better chance of getting cash!

Use AKCIS.org

AKCIS.org has a gigantic database of scholarships. Although the list may seem intimidating, there are tools to help you narrow your search.

Use the “Financial Aid Sort” to filter scholarships based on your personal characteristics. You'll only see scholarships that you may qualify for!

Do you have a unique talent or specific major?

Use the “Financial Aid by Category” tool to find scholarships for certain hobbies, majors, and personal characteristics.



Ask local businesses and organizations

Many businesses have scholarship opportunities that might not be publicized much. Take some time to investigate the organizations in your community—browse their website, call, or ask in person.

Check out your school district's website

Many school districts develop a scholarship list for their students. Ask your counselor, or search the internet to find out.

Befriend your high school counselor

Always ask your counselor about upcoming scholarships, and listen to your school's announcements. Some opportunities are school-specific, so this may be the only place to find them!

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5 people to know on **CAMPUS**

Academic Advisor

Your academic advisor helps choose and schedule classes. You should also talk to your advisor about your education plan, future goals, or major.

Resident Advisor (RA)

If you live on campus, your RA is a walking, talking campus survival guide. RAs live in your residence hall with you & are always available to hang out, grab dinner at the dining center or just talk. They schedule fun programs & events and help to build up the residence hall community.

Health Services Staff

Sometimes you just need to go to the nurse. Whether you have an existing health issue or you wake up one day not feeling your best, you should always know where to go to get help.

An Upperclassman With The Same Major

Connecting with a junior or senior in your program can help you understand what's ahead. Whether it's good news or not-so-good news, someone who has come further along the pathway can offer valuable insights.

Your Professors

Maximize your academic experience by connecting with professors before, during, & after class. Participate in class & drop by your professors' office hours if you have more questions.

Get Involved & Finish

Most campuses have an array of programs and clubs that will get you active and engaged in life at school. Research shows you can increase your chances of graduating and improve your overall quality of life after high school by joining academic, social, or cultural/heritage or other clubs or programs. Usually there are tons of options to choose from – so jump in and get active!

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LOAN MYTHS YOU don't want to FALL for

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“All student loans are the same”

FALSE – Not all loans are created equal. Fill out the FAFSA for federal loans with lower interest rates and flexible repayment options for students. Federal loans to family members don't enjoy the same benefits. If you need additional funding, compare options: for example, the State of Alaska also offers low-interest loans to Alaska students and their families. Banks or credit companies also may offer student loans; however, their advertised interest rates are those available to borrowers with the strongest credit. If that isn't you, your rate is likely going to be higher — sometimes much higher — and may periodically reset over the life of the loan. Always carefully compare interest rates (including any maximum rate), fees, and repayment options before taking out any loan.

“I need a high credit score to qualify”

FALSE – Federal loans do not require a credit score to qualify for low-interest loans, and the Alaska Family Education Loan doesn't, either. Other state or private loans may provide cosigner options if you do not meet a specific credit score requirement.

“I can borrow as much as I want”

FALSE – You can only borrow up to the annual maximum amount or the unmet cost of attendance determined by your school, whichever is smaller. However, it is important to use loans as a last option and borrow ONLY what you need - if you can maintain your commitment to full-time studies and borrow less, even better!

“I'll be paying off my loans forever”

FALSE – Most student loans are on a 10-year repayment schedule.

“I can get rid of my student loans with out having to pay them off”

FALSE – You must pay back your student loans. Generally, not even declaring bankruptcy can get rid of student loans.

KNOW BEFORE YOU BORROW

Student Loan Game Plan

Match your potential future paycheck to your possible loan payment with this interactive online calculator

acpe.alaska.gov/slcp

the **COST** of not finishing

College or training is a big investment in your future but starting and not completing your degree or training can have serious repercussions.

Here are some tips to increase your odds of graduating.



Take 15 credits a semester

Develop a 4-year plan

Register for classes early

Take courses in the summer

Start with Gen Ed requirements

Visit professors during office hours

Make a budget

Make payments on loans



Drop classes

Miss appointments with advisors

Take less than 12 credits a semester

Take a gap year without purpose

Take excessive electives

Skip class

Borrow more than you need

Lose track of your loans

How much do you want to pay for your degree?

Do the math:

If it costs about \$20,000 per year to attend

4 years = \$80,000

5 years = \$100,000

6 years = \$120,000

Get \$mart
online video series

- Understanding Credit
- Keeping College Costs Low
- Keeping Loan Costs Low
- How to Create a Budget
- Getting Done On Time
- Planning for Repayment

acpe.alaska.gov/moneysmarts



BENEFITS of choosing ALASKA



Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)

checklists + more info
APS.alaska.gov

up to **\$4,755**
 per year

There are two types of APS awards, each with 3 different award levels based on your GPA and test scores. Either award type can be used for up to 4 years during the 6-year window after you graduate from high school, and can only be used in Alaska.

SAT/ACT APS: Degree or Certificate

This APS type is earned through your GPA, **SAT or ACT score**, and meeting curriculum requirements. If you qualify for this APS, you may use your award at any participating institution – most of which are listed in the following pages. Award levels for this type are based on a combination of test scores and GPA.

WorkKeys APS: Certificate Only

The certificate-only option is earned based on your GPA, qualifying **WorkKeys scores**, and meeting the curriculum requirements. This APS option can be used for certificate programs only and cannot be used for associate or other degrees. The award level is based on GPA.

Alaska Education Grant (AEG)

This grant is available to students with demonstrated need – generally students with \$0 EFC (Estimated Family Contribution, see page 8) based on the FAFSA. This grant award is also impacted by your FAFSA filing date, so, if you think you may be eligible – make sure you complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as you can.

up to **\$4,000**
 per year

login + more info
acpe.alaska.gov/aeg

In-State Tuition

Check your full financial aid package for each school you're considering to determine if choosing to study in Alaska will save you money. You may even want to think about attending in Alaska for the first year or two before transferring to a higher-cost institution outside.

Support Network

When you hit the bumps of life, consider the value of having your support network nearby. Attending college or training closer to home can help avoid some stresses and the culture shock of traveling away from home.

Travel Expenses

Travel, especially over the holidays, may be expensive. When selecting a school, consider your travel desires and compare to cost of traveling over greater distances.

Connections to Alaska Employers

Alaska employers are actively seeking to add educated employees to their workforce. By attending an institution in Alaska, you can make use of in-state apprenticeship and job placement opportunities.

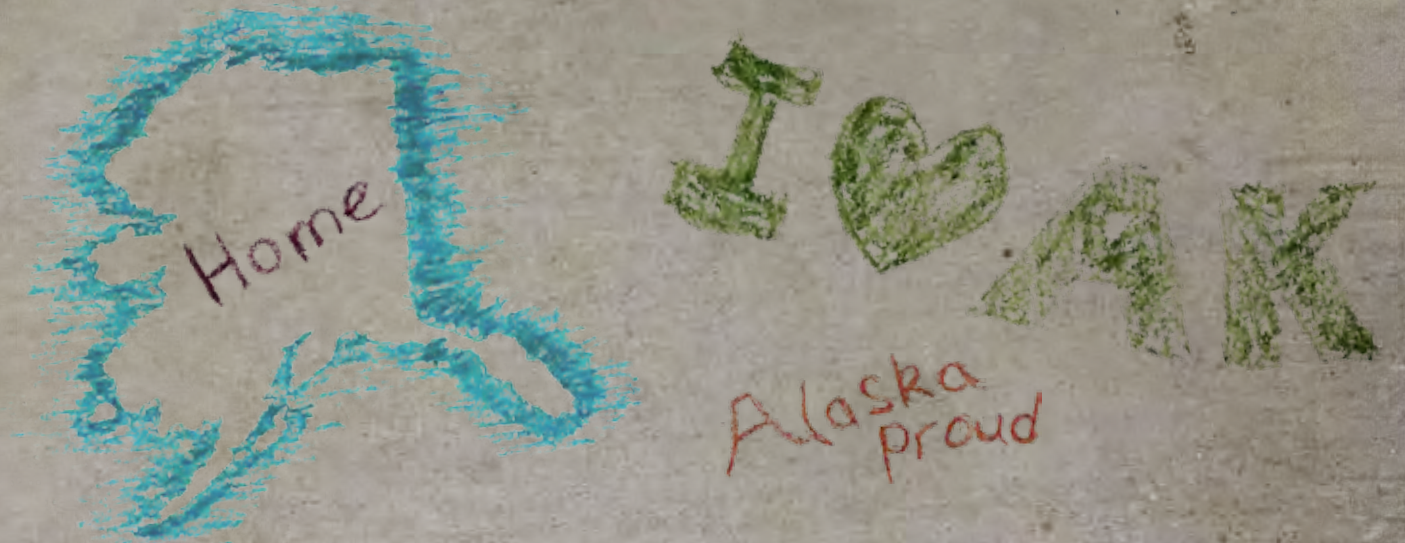
Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP)

acpe.alaska.gov/asap

Stay informed about your Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and Alaska Education Grant (AEG) status, eligibility, and usage with one easy website.

What does "Net Price" mean?

Net Price is the out-of-pocket amount that a student/family pays to attend an institution in a single academic year AFTER subtracting scholarships and grants the student receives. Scholarships and grants are forms of financial aid that a student does not have to pay back. Use the Net Price Calculator at collegecost.ed.gov to compare your real costs for the colleges you are considering.



TOP JOBS WHERE TO PREPARE

The Top Jobs List considers more than just earnings; the projected growth in jobs and openings are also taken into account. If you are still deciding on a field of study, check out this list for career paths that have the highest potential for getting you a high paying job once you graduate from a college or training program.

Earnings
 \$\$\$\$ = More than \$73,245 annually
 \$\$\$ = \$54,370 - \$73,245 annually

Minimum Postsecondary Education
 ██████████ = Doctorate or above
 ████████ = Masters
 ██████ = Bachelor's
 ███ = Associate
 █ = Certificate or Apprenticeship

Based on 2013 OES estimates for Alaska.

Top Job Field	Position	Salary	Minimum Postsecondary Education	Schools to Consider	
Business or Other	Lawyers	\$\$\$\$	██████████	Degree or Certificate APU, Charter, Central Texas College, Ilisagvik College, UAA, UAA-Kenai Peninsula College, UAA-Kodiak College, UAA-Matanuska-Susitna College, UAF, UAF-Bristol Bay Campus, UAF- Chukchi Campus, UAF- Community & Technical College, UAF- Kuskokwim Campus, UAF-Northwest Campus, UAS, UAS- Ketchikan, UAS- Sitka, Wayland	
	Administrative Service Managers	\$\$\$\$	██████		
	Chief Executives	\$\$\$\$	██████		
	General and Operations Managers	\$\$\$\$	██████		
	Sales Managers	\$\$\$\$	██████		
	Financial Managers	\$\$\$\$	██████		
	Accountants and Auditors	\$\$\$\$	██████		
	Probation Officers	\$\$\$	██████		
	Compliance Officers	\$\$\$	██████		
	Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support	\$\$\$	██		
Transportation	Purchasing Agents	\$\$\$	██	Certificate Only Alaska Career College, AVTEC	
	Correctional Officers	\$\$\$	██		
	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$\$\$\$	██		
	Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels	\$\$\$	██████		Degree or Certificate: ERAU, UAA, UAF-Community & Technical College
	Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	\$\$\$\$	██████		
	Air Traffic Controllers	\$\$\$\$	██████		Certificate Only: Alaska Career College, UAS-Ketchikan Campus
	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$\$\$	████		
Commercial Pilots	\$\$\$	██			

Transportation

Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels: \$\$\$ ████████

Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers: \$\$\$\$ ████████

Air Traffic Controllers: \$\$\$\$ ████████

Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians: \$\$\$ ██████

Commercial Pilots: \$\$\$ ██████

To rank as a "Top Job," the occupation must: 1) rank in the top two wage quartiles; AND 2) have projected growth of at least 75 jobs and greater percentage growth than all occupations combined, OR be amongst one of the 50 occupations with the most projected openings (of those with wages in the top two quartiles).

Top Job Field	Position	Salary	Minimum Postsecondary Education	Schools to Consider
Technical/ Construction	Petroleum Engineers	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓	<p>Degree or Certificate: APU, Charter, UAA, UAA- Kenai Peninsula College, UAA-Kodiak, UAA-Matanuska-Susitna College, UAA-Prince William Sound College, UAF, UAF-Community & Technical College, UAS, Wayland</p> <p>Certificate Only: AVTEC, Ilisagvik College, UAF-Bristol Bay Campus, UAF-Chukchi Campus, UAF- Interior Alaska Campus, UAF-Kuskokwim Campus, UAS-Sitka</p>
	Environmental Scientists and Specialists	\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓	
	Geoscientists	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓	
	Construction Managers	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓	
	Civil Engineers	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓	
	Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓	
	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓	
	Geological and Petroleum Technicians	\$\$\$	🎓🎓	
	Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓	
	Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	\$\$\$	🎓	
	Welders Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$\$\$	🎓	
	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	\$\$\$	🎓	
	Supervisors of Construction	\$\$\$\$	🎓	
	Bus & Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$\$\$	🎓	
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$\$\$	🎓	
	Operating Engineers	\$\$\$	🎓	
	Carpenters	\$\$\$	🎓	
	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$\$\$	🎓	
Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$\$\$\$	🎓		
Electricians	\$\$\$\$	🎓		
Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	\$\$\$\$	🎓		

Top Job Field	Position	Salary	Minimum Postsecondary Education	Schools to Consider
Healthcare	Family and General Practitioners	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓🎓	<p>Degree or Certificate: APU, Charter, Ilisagvik, UAA, UAA-Kenai Peninsula College, UAA-Kodiak College, UAA-Matanuska-Susitna College, UAA-Prince William Sound College, UAF, UAF-Bristol Bay Campus, UAF-Community & Technical College, UAF- Interior Alaska Campus, UAF-Kuskokwim Campus, UAF-Northwest Campus, UAS, UAS-Ketchikan, UAS- Sitka</p> <p>Certificate Only: Alaska Career College, Charter College, UAF-Chukchi Campus</p>
	Physical Therapists	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓🎓	
	Physician Assistants	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓	
	Mental Health Counselors	\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓🎓	
	Medical and Health Service Managers	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓	
	Dental Hygienists	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓	
	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$\$\$	🎓🎓	
	Radiologic Technologists	\$\$\$	🎓🎓	
	Registered Nurses	\$\$\$\$	🎓🎓	
	Education	Education Administrators	\$\$\$\$	
Elementary Teachers		\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓	
Middle School Teachers		\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓	
Secondary School Teachers		\$\$\$	🎓🎓🎓	

Earnings
 \$\$\$\$ = More than \$73,245 annually
 \$\$\$ = \$54,370 - \$73,245 annually

Minimum Postsecondary Education
 🎓🎓🎓🎓🎓 = Doctorate or above
 🎓🎓🎓🎓 = Masters
 🎓🎓🎓 = Bachelor's
 🎓 = Associate
 🎓 = Certificate or Apprenticeship

Based on 2013 OES estimates for Alaska.

Check with each institution you are considering attending to ensure they offer the specific degree or certificate you are interested in. Preparatory programs for careers listed are not offered at all institutions.



**CAREER
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Alaska Training Providers

Alaska's Training Providers are public, non-profit, and for-profit centers that create employment opportunities in Alaska. Most provide coordinated workforce development, education, and training in conjunction with local, statewide and federal partners to prepare citizens to have successful careers in the Alaskan workforce. Program lengths vary with the majority ranging from 2 weeks to 6 months and longer.



EXAMPLES OF TRAINING PROVIDERS

Alaska Technical Center

www.nwarctic.org/atc
834 4th Street Kotzebue 99752
(907) 442-1502

NACTEC

nactec.bssd.org
PO Box 131
3.5 Mile Nome/Teller Highway, Nome
Beltz Complex Nome 99762
(907) 443-3507

Yuut Elitnaurviat

www.yuut.org
610 Akiachak Dr.
Bethel 99559
(907) 543-0999

SAVEC

www.savec.org
P.O. Box 615 King Salmon 99613
(907) 246-4600

Delta Career Advancement Center

www.ctc.uaf.edu/delta/
1696 North Clearwater Avenue
Delta Junction 99737
(907) 895-4605

Gila

gila.galenaalaska.org
P.O. Box 359 Galena 99741
(907) 656-2053

NIT

www.nitalaska.com
1740 N. Terrilou Ct. Palmer 99645
(907) 357-6400 or 1-888-367-6482

Center for Employment Education

www.cee-ak.com
(Located in the Alaska Teamster Building)
520 E. 34th Avenue Suite 201
Anchorage 99503
(907)-279-8451
Out of Town: 1-800-478-4233

SERRC

serrc.org
210 Ferry Way Juneau 99801
(907) 586-6806

VTRC

www.vtrc.org
3239 Hospital Drive Juneau 99801
(907) 463-7375

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If you'd like more
information about
participation in an
apprenticeship program,
explore at

AKCIS.org or at
EarnAndLearnAK.org.

If you would like more
information on a specific
apprenticeship program
or opportunity contact
the **Alaska Department
of Labor and Workforce
Development, Office of
Apprenticeship:**
(877) 724-2539
apprenticeship@alaska.gov
www.jobs.alaska.gov



Alaska Bible College

248 E Elmwood Ave, Palmer 99645
www.akbible.edu | info@akbible.edu
 (907) 745-3201 | (800) 478-7884

Alaska Bible College is situated in the amazing town of Palmer which is surrounded by towering mountain peaks, majestic glaciers, and salmon-filled rivers. ABC focuses on teaching and applying the Bible while building relationships within the student body and our community. Although the academic standards are high, the overall atmosphere is casual and there is unmatched opportunity to refresh and rejuvenate within the wilds of Alaska during down time. "Explore His word, follow His steps!"

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$9,300

CAMPUS HOUSING

No Students
50

Per Credit Tuition: **\$375**
 Student/Teacher Ratio: **5:1**
 Annual Room+Board: **\$5,400**
 Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's**



Alaska Pacific University

4101 University Drive, Anchorage 99508
www.alaskapacific.edu | admissions@alaskapacific.edu
 (907) 564-8248 | (800) ALASKA-U

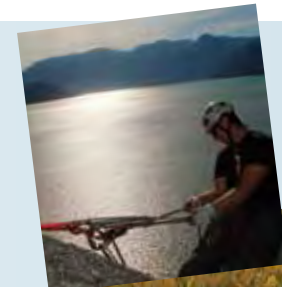
Alaska Pacific University is the state's premier higher education institution. With small classes, field-based learning, and the highest graduation rate in Alaska, APU offers students the greatest opportunity for professional success in the arts, the sciences, healthcare, and business. From Expedition Alaska to the Eco League, an APU education takes students far beyond the classroom, literally. Scholarships and unique funding opportunities are available for students with financial need.

No Students
500

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$15,000 to \$19,500

CAMPUS HOUSING

Per Credit Tuition: **\$460**
 Student/Teacher Ratio: **7:1**
 Annual Room+Board: **\$6,300**
 Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral**
 Campus tour at youvis.it/FGqM07



ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$7,000 to \$24,000

Alaska Career College

Founded in 1985 (Career Academy), Alaska Career College focuses on growth industries strategic to the economy of Alaska (health, nursing, aviation, business, accounting, computer technology). ACC students are inspired to look above the minimum expectations to graduate, by maximizing their talents. At Alaska Career College it is not just about investing in your education, but also in yourself.

No Students
600

Tuition: **Program Based**
 Student/Teacher Ratio: **15:1**
 Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate**

1415 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage 99507
www.alaskacareercollege.edu | admissions@alaskacareercollege.edu
 (907) 563-7575 | (800) 770-7575



AVTEC

Alaska's Institute of Technology offers industry-specific programs in occupations relating to Alaska's economy. AVTEC is a division of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and responds to the needs of Alaska with industry-approved certifications and/or licenses. Placing 93% of its graduates in jobs, AVTEC works with more than 200 business partners around the state.



Tuition: **Program Based**
 Student/Teacher Ratio: **15:1**
 Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate**

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$1,320 to \$5,000

No Students
1,500

CAMPUS HOUSING

P.O. Box 889, Seward 99664
www.avtec.edu | admissions@avtec.edu
 (907) 224-6160 | (907) 224-6161



Alaska Christian College

35109 Royal Place, Soldotna 99669
www.AlaskaCC.edu | admissions@alaskacc.edu
 (907) 394-2126

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$7,694

CAMPUS HOUSING

No Students
70

Per Credit Tuition: **\$312**
 Student/Teacher Ratio: **12:1**
 Annual Room+Board: **\$10,500**
 Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate**

Alaska Christian College (ACC) is an Alaska Native-focused, Christ-centered institution that encourages all students to reach excellence in character, and service. The students and staff form a safe, supportive community in which students enjoy the college experience and grow in all areas of life: intellectual, emotional, social, physical, and spiritual. ACC offers associate degrees and is accredited by the Association of Biblical Higher Education. Last year 100% of students received financial aid.



Central Texas College

Anchorage & Fairbanks
www.ctcd.edu | areadirector.alaska@ctcd.edu
 Fort Richardson and Elmendorf AFB – (907) 428-1317
 Fort Wainwright- (907) 356-3863

Per Credit Tuition: **\$160-\$185**
 Student/Teacher Ratio: **2:1**
 Degrees Offered: **Associate**

Central Texas College is a community college which began in Killeen, Texas in 1965. Central Texas College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees and certificates of completion. It serves military and civilian personnel throughout the world and has an open-door admission policy. Programs vary from location to location.

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$4,800 to \$5,760

No Students
600

Charter College

Student/Teacher Ratio: 11:1
Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**



2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Suite 120, Anchorage 99508
721 W. Parks Highway, Wasilla 99654
www.CharterCollege.edu | Community@CharterCollege.edu
Wasilla - (907) 352-1000 | Anchorage - (907) 277-1000

Charter College offers certificate, associate and bachelor's degree programs as well as a Master's in Business Administration (MBA). Programs in healthcare include an Associate Degree in Nursing. Certificate programs in business, the legal field, information technology, HVAC and welding are also available. Classes are offered online or in a blended setting with students attending lab and online.



No. Students
450

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$13,500 to \$58,850

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is the world's premier institution for aviation and aerospace higher education. For more than 30 years, ERAU – Worldwide has been delivering courses and degree programs online, through web video conferencing in the classroom or at home, and in the classroom through a network of more than 150 locations around the world. We offer bachelor's and master's programs specializing in Management, Aviation Safety, Logistics and Occupational Safety & Health. All academic programs are approved for veterans' educational benefits and are accompanied by personalized academic advisement.

Per Credit Tuition: **\$270 - \$560**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **15:1**
Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral**

Anchorage
anchorage@erau.edu | www.erau.edu
(907) 753-9367 or (907) 333-1311

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$8,100 to \$8,400



Ilisagvik College

P.O. Box 749, Barrow 99723
www.ilisagvik.edu | recruitment@ilisagvik.edu
(800) 478-7337 or (907) 852-1708



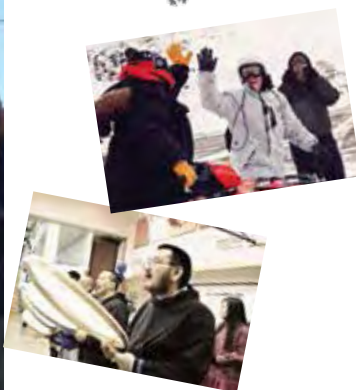
CAMPUS HOUSING

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,870

No. Students
2,000

Per Credit Tuition: **\$125**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **6:1**
Annual Room+Board: **\$10,600 - \$13,000**
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate**

Located within the heart of the beautiful North Slope, Ilisagvik College is Alaska's only Tribal College, and is the state's only accredited, Alaska Native-controlled higher education institution. Every program we offer at the college not only models our Iñupiat traditions, values, and culture, but also has substantial career and employment opportunities in the Arctic as well as elsewhere in Alaska. We serve students at our campus in Barrow and via distance delivery.



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University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)



ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,990

CAMPUS HOUSING

No Students
3,534

11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau 99801
www.uas.alaska.edu | admissions@uas.alaska.edu
(907) 796-6100 or (877) 465-4827

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Per Credit Tuition: **\$183+**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **12:1**
Annual Room+Board: **\$8,400**
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)



ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,784

CAMPUS HOUSING

No Students
6,532

P.O. Box 757480, Fairbanks 99775
www.uaf.edu | admissions@uaf.edu
(907) 474-7500 or (800) 478-1823

UAF is Alaska's top teaching and research university and the state's leading PhD-granting institution, located in a classroom and lab as big as Alaska itself. With a network of community campuses throughout the state, UAF gives students the education they want and need – where they live and work.

Per Credit Tuition: **\$183+**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **12:1**
Annual Room+Board: **\$8,380**
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral**

UAS Ketchikan

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,138

No Students
760

UAS Ketchikan provides both liberal arts education and technical training. We offer a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science statewide through e-Learning, with online support/tutoring. Our Regional Maritime and Career Center has state-of-the-art training simulators and equipment for both new students and seasoned mariners. We offer many USCG-approved courses, including the Maritime and Multi-Skilled Worker program, which provides skills for working in marine engine departments or shore side service industries.



2600 7th Avenue, Ketchikan 99901
www.ketch.alaska.edu | ketch.info@uas.alaska.edu
(907) 228-4511 or (888) 550-6177

Per Credit Tuition: **\$183+**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **9:1**
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**

UAF Bristol Bay Campus

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,830

No Students
611

Obtaining a good education doesn't have to mean leaving home. UAF's Bristol Bay Campus helps students achieve their dreams, from earning a certificate or degree to enhancing their job skills. Many classes are offered via distance delivery in the evenings, so students who work can still get the education they want. Our student services department is here for advising and assisting with financial aid. Many sources of funding are available.



P.O. Box 1070, Dillingham 99576
www.uaf.edu/bbc/ | bbcinfo@uaf.edu
907-842-5109 or (800) 478-5109

LEARNING CENTERS:
King Salmon: (907) 246-4292
Togiak: (907) 493-5938
New Stuyahok: (907) 693-3080

Per Credit Tuition: **\$183+**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **23:1**
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**

UAS Sitka

1332 Seward Avenue, Sitka 99835
www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka | student.info@uas.alaska.edu
(907) 747-7717 | Toll Free: (800) 478-6653

No Students
875

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,300

Per Credit Tuition: **\$183+**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **14:1**
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**

Completing eLearning degrees from across Alaska and beyond, UAS Sitka graduates are career-ready for Alaska's hottest jobs.

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UAF Chukchi Campus

P.O. Box 297, Kotzebue 99752
www.uaf.edu/chukchi/
907-442-3402 or (800) 478-3402

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,830

No Students
296

Per Credit Tuition: **\$183+**
Student/Teacher Ratio: **23:1**
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**

Thanks to state-of-the-art technology, students dedicated to their communities can pursue one of the many certificates or degrees through UAF's Chukchi Campus. CC is specifically equipped to serve residents of the Northwest Arctic who aspire to a career in the region and want to get an education without having to leave home.



UAF Community & Technical College



ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,784
No Students
3,105

P.O. Box 758040, Fairbanks 99775
www.ctc.uaf.edu | uaf-ctc@alaska.edu
(907) 455-2800 or (877) 882-8827

UAF's Community and Technical College offers more than 40 one- and two-year programs designed to improve job skills and employment options, all in a friendly environment with personalized support services. Many classes are offered in the evenings, on weekends or online to accommodate students with families or full-time jobs.



Per Credit Tuition: \$183+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 14:1
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate**

UAF Northwest Campus



ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,830
No Students
314

P.O. Box 400, Nome 99762
www.nwc.uaf.edu | nwc.info@alaska.edu
(800) 478-2202 ext. 8416

For more than three decades, UAF's Northwest Campus has been helping residents of the Bering Strait region reach their education and workforce training goals without having to move away from home. Whether pursuing a degree, mastering job skills or learning for the joy of it, students expand their horizons at Northwest Campus. Connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UAF.NWC.

Per Credit Tuition: \$183+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 22:1
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**

UAF Interior Alaska Campus

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,830
No Students
376

UAF's Interior Alaska Campus integrates lifelong education with rural and Alaska Native communities' cultures and ways of life. IAC brings the university to people who cannot attend classes in Fairbanks, focusing on the specific needs of each community. From preparing students for college to offering certificates and associate and bachelor's degrees, IAC is committed to students' success, wherever they are.

Per Credit Tuition: \$183+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 10:1
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's**



P.O. Box 75748, Fairbanks 99775
www.uaf.edu/iac/
(907) 474-6493 or (888) 474-5207

University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)

The University of Alaska Anchorage offers a world-class education, renowned faculty, undergraduate research, and Division I & II athletics. UAA offers academic programs leading to occupational endorsements; undergraduate and graduate certificates; and associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and doctoral programs. UAA students are active members of the campus and community with over 80 clubs and student organizations. UAA is committed to serving the higher education needs of the state of Alaska in a diverse and inclusive environment.

Per Credit Tuition: \$183+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 14:1
Annual Room+Board: \$10,254
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral**



ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,360
No Students
15,640

CAMPUS HOUSING

3211 Providence Dr., Anchorage 99508
www.uaa.alaska.edu | enroll@uaa.alaska.edu
(907) 786-1480

UAF Kuskokwim Campus

P.O. Box 368, Bethel 99559
www.bethel.uaf.edu | castockdale@alaska.edu
(907) 543-4562

LEARNING CENTERS:
Hooper Bay: (907) 758-4004

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,830
No Students
510

CAMPUS HOUSING

Per Credit Tuition: \$183+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 11:1
Annual Room+Board: \$12,500
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**

UAF's Kuskokwim Campus (KuC) is in Bethel, Alaska, the hub of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. You can study surrounded by the rich cultural heritage of Yup'ik, Cup'ik and Athabascan villages. The largest of UAF's rural campuses, KuC offers on-campus and distance courses, residential life, general and unique academic support programs, and people dedicated to making your success our success. KuC opened a learning center in 2013 in Hooper Bay to serve residents of that region.



UAA Kenai Peninsula College

Kenai River Campus 156 College Rd., Soldotna 99669
Kachemak Bay Campus 533 E. Pioneer Ave., Homer 99603
Anchorage Extension 3901 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage 99503
Resurrection Bay Extension, Seward HS, Seward 99664

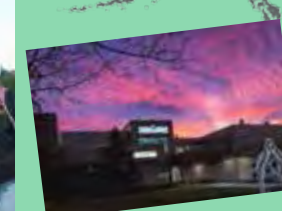
www.kpc.alaska.edu | iyinfo@kpc.alaska.edu
(907) 262-0300 or (877) 262-0330

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$6,154
No Students
2,850

CAMPUS HOUSING

Per Credit Tuition: \$183+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1
Annual Room+Board: \$6,400
Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's**

As part of the UA system, Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) is able to offer its students the best of both worlds—the feel of a small college with the resources of a larger university. With two campuses, two extension sites and a large variety of high-quality, award-winning online courses, KPC has a place for you! Now offering a new, 92-bed residence hall and Career and Technical Education Center at the Kenai River Campus in Soldotna.



UAA Kodiak College

117 Benny Benson Dr., Kodiak 99615
www.koc.alaska.edu
studentservices@kodiak.alaska.edu
 (907) 486-1266

Kodiak College invites you to explore an exciting array of educational options, from transfer degrees to technical training and personal enrichment courses. Kodiak College is a public, two-year campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage, situated in the Gulf of Alaska on the second largest island in the United States. Our unique coastal environment and culturally diverse community offer a wide variety of opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,385

No Students
1,053

Per Credit Tuition: \$161+
 Student/Teacher Ratio: 15:1
 Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's**



UAA Matanuska-Susitna College

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,975

No Students
1,800

Experience the unique benefits of learning within a small campus environment: accessible, tenured faculty and friendly staff make Mat-Su College the perfect place to discover and develop your potential. Matanuska-Susitna College is a community campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage located on a 950-acre site on Trunk Road between Palmer and Wasilla. MSC offers an array of career and technical degree programs as well as general education classes for a bachelor's degree.

PO Box 2889/8295 E. College Dr., Palmer 99645
www.matsu.alaska.edu | info@matsu.alaska.edu
 (907) 745-9746

Per Credit Tuition: \$183+
 Student/Teacher Ratio: 16:1
 Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate**



UAA Prince William Sound College

P.O. Box 97 | 303 Lowe Street, Valdez 99686
www.pwscc.edu | admissions@pwscc.edu
 (907) 834-1600 or 1-800-478-8800

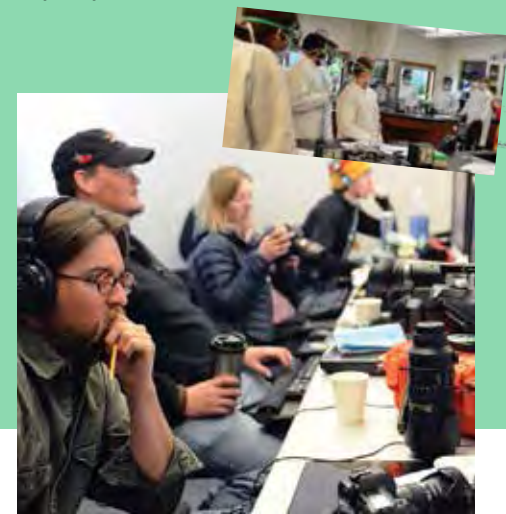
ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$5,040

No Students
700

CAMPUS HOUSING

Per Credit Tuition: \$160+
 Student/Teacher Ratio: 9:1
 Annual Room+Board: \$6,044
 Degrees Offered: **Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate**

Prince William Sound College in Valdez is set among rivers, home to famous Alaska salmon runs, and has extension centers in the Copper Basin Region and Cordova. We offer modern instructional facilities with many online courses; credits are easily transferable within the University of Alaska and to universities across the nation. Two signature AAS programs are Outdoor Leadership and the Millwright degree providing technical skills for high-demand jobs, and unique internship connections with Alaskan employers. PWSC is also the home of Alaska's first and only Collegiate Archery Club.



Wayland Baptist University

No Students
600

ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
\$9,100 to \$12,000

Per Credit Tuition: \$260-\$300
 Student/Teacher Ratio: 15:1
 Degrees Offered: **Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's**



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Other Options that may lead into going to college or training

Not sure what you want to do with your life yet?

If you've worked with your career counselor and explored options, but just aren't sure what path you want to pursue, some of the ideas below may be right for you. Just be sure to keep your long-term goals in mind; and remember: statistics show that the longer you delay pursuing education or training after high school, the less likely you are to do it.

Join AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is an intensive community service opportunity for young adults aged 18-24. You can choose from programs all across the country that will teach you valuable work skills, all while doing some good in the world. The best part? After your term of service you can get up to \$5,500 towards college or career training.

Be an entrepreneur

Do you have an idea to sell? Now may be the best time to give it a shot. Developing a product or starting an online business is easier when you have fewer financial or family obligations. Regardless of success, becoming an entrepreneur can help you discover more about yourself and gain education in business and grit.

Military

Joining the military is a big commitment, but can be a great way to learn more about yourself and gain career training in the process. The skills you build in the military can transfer to a career in the civilian world, and plus, you'll have earned a pile of cash for college.

Develop your resume

If you're going straight into the workforce, make sure you get a job that challenges you and teaches you professional skills. Continue to explore your interests, and develop your talents—there are many free courses available online for learning Photoshop or computer coding. Ultimately, focus on identifying a long-term career path that is right for you.

Experience the world

Traveling for an extended period of time is not for the faint-hearted, but can be an unparalleled learning experience. Find a volunteer program that gives structure to your travel (note: many of them charge tuition). Some students will choose to be an au pair overseas, or work on a cruise ship, for a period of self-exploration. Want even more freedom? Check out the Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms network (WWOOF.org) where you can travel on your own schedule in exchange for farm work.



National Test Dates

ACT

October 24, 2015
December 12, 2015
February 6, 2016
April 9, 2016
June 11, 2016 ❗

SAT

October 3, 2015
November 7, 2015
December 5, 2015
January 23, 2016
March 5, 2016
May 7, 2016 ❗
June 4, 2016 ❗

❗ Not recommended for
Seniors' APS purposes.

*Check with your
counselor to see
which tests (ACT, SAT
or WorkKeys) may be
available at your school
at no cost to you!*

Dates to Remember

February 15

FAFSA Frenzy

Submit your FAFSA by Feb 15 for
priority financial aid at many schools.
Scholarship applications are due on
Feb 15 at UAA, UAF, UAS, APU, and
the UA Foundation.

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June 30

State Grant and/or Scholarship

Alaska Performance Scholarship
Alaska Education Grant
Submit your FAFSA as early as possible
but no later than June 30 for the state
grant and/or scholarship

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October 15 - Ketchikan
October 16 - Juneau
October 18-19 - Anchorage
October 20 - Kenai
October 21 - Fairbanks

College Application Week 2015

November 16-20



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have already used
the APS

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