

GOAL & MISSION STATEMENT

WHY A NETWORK?

The Alaska Postsecondary Access & Completion Network will build and strengthen partnerships to act collectively to improve postsecondary outcomes for all Alaskans. The goal of the network is to increase the number of credentialed workers in Alaska. The network aims to reduce duplication of effort and create synergy among service providers, support professional development, strengthen public messaging, and conduct and disseminate relevant research.

Alaska Goal Statement

65% by 2025

Percentage of Working-Age Alaskans who will have a Postsecondary Credential

Network Mission Statement

Increase the percentage of all Alaskans who complete postsecondary education, particularly earning those credentials relevant to a robust Alaskan economy.

CHALLENGES TO POSTSECONDARY ACCESS & COMPLETION IN ALASKA

Expectations	Preparation	Affordability	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As demonstrated by:</i> • Focal points for students and staff need to extend beyond high school graduation to career pathway. • Current strategies to motivate postsecondary credential attainment are not consistently effective across Alaska. • Student transitions are often unplanned or poorly planned, without Personal Learning and Career Plans (PLCPs). • Absence of a sense of urgency among Alaska education stakeholders regarding the individual and statewide impact of failure to act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As demonstrated by:</i> • Rigorous curriculum for academic preparation for postsecondary is not consistently available; and when available is not the default option. • Secondary exit and postsecondary entrance expectations are misaligned. • Fewer, better measures are needed to evaluate students' postsecondary education preparation. • Support is needed for soft skills development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As demonstrated by:</i> • Postsecondary education sticker price shock presents a barrier to planning conversations. • Students are often unaware of financial support available to them. • Disparities exist among Alaska regions in student financial aid access and awareness. • Strengthening industry participation & community partnerships is critical to success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As demonstrated by:</i> • A statewide inventory of postsecondary access and completion programs and policies does not currently exist. • Scaling programs and services up or down can be equally challenging in different regions of Alaska. • Service providers need a central clearinghouse as a recognized authority on postsecondary access and completion to collect and disseminate information and best practices.

FOCUS AREAS:

