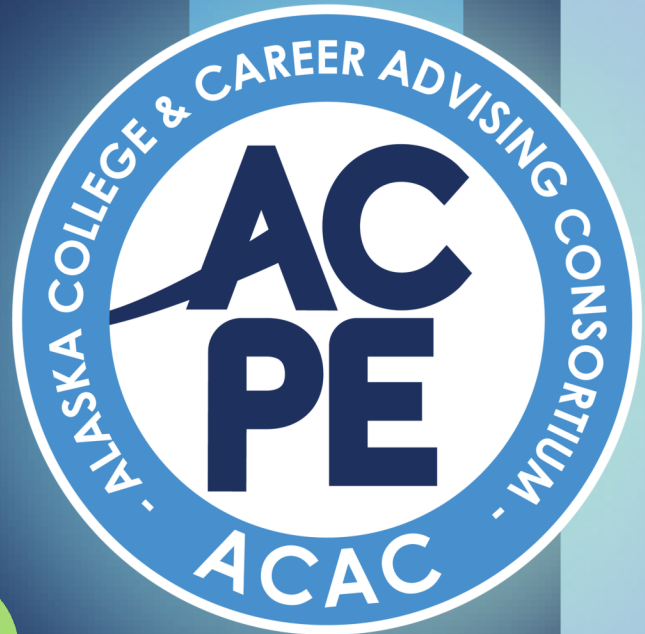


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Alaska Primary Care Association



The Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA) is a nonprofit that supports Alaska's 29 Community Health Centers and has worked alongside them to invest in Alaska's healthcare workforce, enhance operational performance, and strengthen community impact.

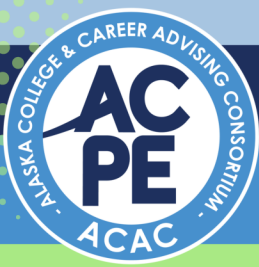
Beyond clinical care, APCA expands Alaska's healthcare workforce through registered apprenticeships, and online certifications - building pathways for Alaskans to grow their healthcare careers.

APCA offers eight Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) that combine paid, hands-on training with virtual instruction, allowing healthcare professionals to earn industry-recognized credentials while continuing to work close to home: *Clinical Medical Assistant; Medical Administrative Assistant; Pharmacy Technician; Dental Assistant; Community Health Worker; Direct Support Professional; Electronic Health Records Specialist; and Billing and Coding Specialist.*

Other occupational training programs through APCA include *Medcerts* and *Stepful*.



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Alaska Maritime Education Consortium



The **Alaska Maritime Education Consortium (AMEC)** is a formal partnership between the University of Alaska (UA) and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC), whose mission is to “*collaborate to prepare Alaskans for afloat and ashore careers that will support and strengthen the maritime workforce*” by combining efforts to provide maritime training and education across the state. These careers align with the priority occupations in boat and ship building, vessel repair and maintenance, port maintenance, and vessel operations identified in the 2014 Alaska Maritime Development Plan and the AMEC 2025-2030 Action Agenda.

To address a significant shortage of marine technicians and long wait times for boat repairs, AMEC and Yamaha US Marine Business Unit collaborated to create the Yamaha Maintenance Certification Program (MCP). The program’s goal is to provide training and employment opportunities in marine service technology across Alaska, with a focus on remote areas.

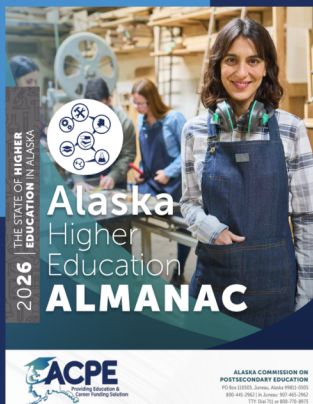


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Alaska Higher Education Almanac

The **Alaska Higher Education Almanac** prepared by ACPE offers Alaska’s higher education and workforce development stakeholders and policy-makers relevant content and data to use as a resource to develop and guide educational and workforce pathways.



Highlights from the **2026 Almanac** include:

- ACPE’s education loan solutions save Alaskans up to \$56,500 in interest compared to private, for-profit lenders
- Combined, the Alaska Education Grant (AEG) and Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), have awarded eligible students over \$230 Million since inception in 2006
- Alaska postsecondary enrollments rose by over 400 students a second year in a row
- Alaska students are 8 times less likely to be impoverished with a bachelor’s degree

Visit acpe.alaska.gov/reports to access the 2026 Almanac!