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Dear Alaska Student,

Our state is on the edge of economic change. As we stand united in the mission to set Alaska on a course for prosperity, I encourage you to consider the choices you make for life beyond high school.

Postsecondary education and training has proven to be a major factor in personal and collective success. Right now, it is critical for Alaska to prepare a workforce able to meet the needs of the economy of tomorrow. Both in times of abundance and even more so in times of austerity – education and training is a key feature of our confidence and sense of accomplishment. The finest thing we can do for our future is to prepare ourselves with the skills to work, invent, craft, create, and lead. The most valuable resource we have in Alaska is our people, and we must remember they are our future.

We are moving toward our goal of at least 65 percent of working-age Alaskans holding a high-value post-secondary credential, such as apprenticeship completions, technical certificates, and advanced degrees. Through the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education’s programs and services, we are working confidently to make college education and technical training affordable and accessible.

You can be a part of reaching our distinctive and attainable goal. 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 right here in Alaska, many of which have tailored their offerings to meet Alaska’s workforce needs.

I am committed to developing strong career and technical education programs here in our home state, and I commend you for your commitment to furthering your education and training. You are the leaders of tomorrow, and I wish each of you the best as you seek opportunities to thrive in your chosen path.

Sincerely,

Bill Walker
Governor

Dear Student,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 edition of College & Career Training in Alaska! In this sixteenth edition you will discover information on Alaska’s top jobs, including where and how to prepare for them without leaving Alaska, vital information on financial aid, and current profiles of Alaska’s diverse postsecondary education institutions. The career training institutions, colleges, and universities highlighted in this publication are all available to you right here in Alaska! They offer programs ranging from short-term vocational training to world-class doctoral degrees.

ACPE’s mission is to assist Alaskans with access to postsecondary education opportunities to help them develop the skills needed for rewarding and high-wage careers — more than just jobs. We are steadfastly committed to making higher education and training accessible and affordable for every Alaskan.

Alaska’s economy is changing substantially. You can become a positive force for Alaska’s changing economy, by preparing now for your career of the future, and by pursuing the training and education our top jobs will demand. ACPE is here to help you on your journey.

Wishing you success,

Stephanie Butler
Executive Director
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?

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 on-the-job training and technical instruction. It can take one to six years for individuals to receive an industry-issued credential that certifies occupational proficiency.
College Enrollment

○ Apply for Admission
Each university or college has its own admission requirements, which typically include an application, fee, high school and/or college transcripts, and ACT or SAT test scores.

○ File Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov)
The sooner you complete this step the better. See page 7.

○ Apply for On-Campus Housing
It can fill up fast, so submit your request early! Even if you plan to live off campus (perhaps with your parents), plan ahead and have your living arrangements finalized before school starts.

○ Register for New Student Orientation
It’s a great way to familiarize yourself with the campus and meet new students before classes begin.

○ Take Placement Tests
You may be required to take an Accuplacer or similar test prior to class registration. Some schools will use an SAT/ACT score to determine your course level, and others require a placement test. Check with your school for more information.

○ Apply for Scholarships
You must apply by your school’s deadline in order to be considered for college or university-based scholarships. Check with your financial aid office for details.

○ Meet with Your Academic Advisor
Your advisor will guide you through choosing your classes. You can find their contact information on your school’s website. Make contact as early as possible – don’t wait until you arrive on campus.

○ Register for Classes
15 credits per semester or 22.5 per quarter
Many schools have students register for their own classes. Your academic advisor will assist you with this step. You should tackle your GERs (General Education Requirements) sooner rather than later, and those classes can fill up fast! Register early to make sure you get the schedule you want.

○ Purchase Books and Course Materials
Did you know you can rent textbooks online, buy used textbooks, or save a tree and download an electronic version? Find ways to make your financial aid go further.

○ Check Your Student Account for Tuition and Fees
If financial aid did not cover all your expenses, you will need to pay your bill or set up a payment plan.
Career & Technical Enrollment

- **Apply for Admission**
  Application and admission requirements will vary with each vocational and apprenticeship program. Contact your school or program sponsor to ensure you have completed all steps to be fully admitted.

- **Apply for Financial Aid**
  The FAFSA is typically the first step in applying for financial aid, if your school participates. Contact your training provider to learn which financial aid programs they offer. If your school does not use the FAFSA, visit acpe.alaska.gov for information on other forms of funding or contact your local job center for additional resources. Alaska students at these schools may still be able to qualify for other financial aid, such as the Alaska Performance Scholarship, or Alaska Education Loans.

- **Enroll for Classroom Training**
  Vocational and apprenticeship programs will require some classroom training along with on-the-job training (OJT) experience. Meet with your program instructor to guide you through the process of enrolling and ensuring you know important dates and deadlines.

- **Housing and Transportation**
  Not all career training programs offer housing (and you have to apply earlier if they do). Remember to plan ahead and have your living arrangements and transportation finalized before school starts. Some schools partner with their city’s public transit system to provide free or reduced fare transportation for students.

- **Attend an Orientation Program**
  Become familiar with where you are going and the resources available to you. If your school or program does not have a new student orientation, ask them what your best resources are for questions or concerns.

For information about apprenticeships
see page 20
Paying for Education

be a FAFSA pro

Get help paying for higher education expenses by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is your application for the three main categories of federal student aid: grants, work-study, and loans. It’s also your first step for state and institutional financial aid. Never pay to file the FAFSA.

Apply as early as October 1st (right after you start your senior year of high school). You will need to file the FAFSA every year you are in college. Some aid is awarded on a first-come first-served basis so apply as soon as possible to get the maximum benefit.

To qualify for school-specific aid, you’ll need to apply by the school’s financial aid deadline (check their website).

Gather Your Documents & Information

Students and parents will need:
- Social Security number
- Prior-prior year’s (PPY) tax information, including PPY untaxed income records (if applicable)
- Information on cash, savings and checking account balances
- FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov)
- A list of which institutions you’re considering. When completing the FAFSA, you can list up to 10 to receive your information.

Get Free Help

Attend a FAFSA completion event at locations around Alaska, such as ACPE’s College Goal Alaska (collegegoalak.org)

Or visit:

The Success Center
The Dimond Mall (Anchorage)
UAA One Stop
800-441-2962 opt #4
acpe.alaska.gov/successcenter

For a glossary of terms associated with Federal Student Aid and FAFSA visit
studentaid.ed.gov/sa/glossary

fafsa.ed.gov

The FAFSA is the first step to financing your education
Financial Aid (fī-năn’shəl ād)
Noun 1. money provided to a student and/or their family to help pay for their education.

Cost-of-Attendance (COA) – An official number set by the school’s 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.

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.

Financial Aid Package – The financial aid office of each school assembles a package of awards to meet each student’s need, based on the availability of funds. The financial aid offer may consist of grants, scholarships, loans, and/or work-study. Packages vary from school to school.

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

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

Prior-Prior Year (PPY) – Tax and income information from two years ago. Filing your FAFSA shortly after it’s released in October lets you use information from the taxes you’ve already filed.

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

Win Big @ College Goal Alaska events!
Get free help filling out the FAFSA and enter to win great prizes!
CollegeGoalAK.org

Federal Work-study

Federal work-study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. Even if you are not eligible for federal work-study, you should still apply for student employment.

“…[UAA] student positions have helped me grow my skills in communication, leadership, and time management.”

Eva Ulukivaiola, Economics
UAA Fall ‘17

“[UAF] student jobs are great because you can network with other workers at the university to find other career opportunities or internships.”

Liliane Ulukivaiola, Petroleum Engineering
UAF Spring ‘18

What does “Net Price” mean?

Net price is the out-of-pocket amount a student/family pays to attend an institution in a single academic year AFTER subtracting scholarships and grants the student receives.

Use the Net Price Calculator at collegecost.ed.gov to compare realistic costs for the colleges you are considering. You may be surprised by the results.
Scholarships

Scholarships help students defray some of the costs associated with attending a university, community college or career school. Scholarships do not have to be paid back. While some scholarships are merit-based, others are based on financial need or geared towards particular groups of people.

Resources for finding scholarships

- Your school district’s website and school counselor
- The institution(s) you plan on attending
- Local businesses and organizations
- AKCIS.org

For one-on-one assistance in your scholarship search contact:

**The Success Center**
The Dimond Mall (Anchorage)
UAA One Stop
800-441-2962 opt #4
acpe.alaska.gov/successcenter

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.

**Financial Aid Sort**
Filter scholarships based on your personal characteristics. You’ll only see scholarships that you may qualify for!

**Application Tracker**
Record the scholarships of interest and track your progress.

**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.

**Checklist for winning scholarships**

- Start searching for scholarships early.
- Use a calendar to keep track of deadlines.
- Apply for multiple scholarships, even those with small awards. Small awards can add up.
- Read and follow all directions closely.
- Remember accomplishments (use AKCIS.org Resume Creator to keep track).
- Personalize your essays, give examples and be passionate.
- Proofread your essays. Ask a counselor or teacher to review your writing.

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Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)

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**

You can earn this APS type 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**

You can earn the certificate-only option 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.

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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 October 1 as you can.

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Alaska Student Aid Portal

[acpe.alaska.gov/asap](acpe.alaska.gov/asap)

All your Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and Alaska Education Grant (AEG) information can be found online. Sign in to verify eligibility, application status, and funding.

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Websites that offer free test preparation:

- Exam Focus: examfocus.com
- Khan Academy: khanacademy.org
- Free Rice: freerice.com
- State of Alaska Library: sled.alaska.edu

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Loan Myths
You Don’t Want To Fall For

“All student loans are the same”

FALSE – Not all loans are created equal. Generally, federal loans for students offer the lowest interest rates and flexible repayment options. If you need additional funds, the State of Alaska offers student and family loan options with lower interest rates than the federal parent PLUS—with NO fees! Banks may also offer student loans, but the advertised interest rates are often available only to borrowers with the highest credit scores and may be variable rates that can increase dramatically over the life of the loan. Compare carefully.

“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 without having to pay them off”

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

“I am stuck with my interest rate(s) for the life of my loans”

FALSE – You can refinance your loans after you graduate with a degree and may be able to receive a lower interest rate. The State of Alaska offers loan refinancing with 2018-19 rates as low as 4.60% with a qualifying credit score. The Alaska Refinance Loan offers the following benefits:

• Just one monthly bill for all your education loans
• Consolidate federal, private, and state education loans from any qualified lender
• Option to exclude federal loans, which may have benefits you don’t want to lose

When considering loan refinancing loans, be sure to do your research and read the fine print before you commit to a decision. Refinancing may lead to the loss of borrower benefits that you are receiving, which may provide a better deal.
We asked college graduates what they wish they knew before starting college. This is what they said:

**Choosing Classes**
- Meet with your academic advisor regularly
- Follow your degree track
- Select electives that speak to your interests and will make you more marketable
- Select feasible class times

**Familiarity with Campus Life**
- Attend New Student Orientation
- Identify resources on campus (health center, campus security, etc)
- Find your go study place

**Maintain Healthy Habits**
- Maintain a balanced diet
- Be active & schedule fun time
- Get enough sleep

**Time Management**
- Prioritize classwork and personal tasks
- Keep a routine
- Use a daily planner to list and schedule tasks
- Avoid overcommitting
- Fight procrastination

**Money Management**
- Familiarize yourself with the financial aid process
- Create a feasible budget and stick to it
- Track your spending
- Be responsible with credit cards
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!

6 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.

**Your Professors**
Maximize your academic experience by connecting with professors before, during, and after class. Participate in class and drop by your professors’ office hours if you have more questions.

**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.

**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 and are always available to hang out, grab dinner at the dining center, or just talk.

**An Upperclassman with the Same Major**
Connecting with a junior or senior in your program can help you understand what’s ahead. Whether its good news or not-so-good news, someone who has come further along the pathway can offer valuable insights.

**Career Planning Staff**
Starting your future shouldn’t wait until graduation. Be sure to stop at the career planning office to explore interview techniques, resume building, networking opportunities, and more!
Stay on Course & Graduate with Less Debt

College or training is a big investment in your future! Stay on track to get the most out of your investment.

Do

Start with a goal in mind
Develop a 4-year plan
Register for classes early
Take courses in the summer
Take 15 credits a semester
Start with Gen Ed requirements
Meet with advisors regularly
Make a budget

Don’t

Drop classes
Miss appointments with advisors
Take less than 12 credits a semester
Take a gap year without purpose
Borrow more than you need
Take excessive electives
Skip class
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

1) Up to $4,755 per year
   see page 10

2) 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.

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

4) 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.

5) 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.
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).

Based on 2015 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) wage estimates for Alaska.

**Top Jobs for Alaska**

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**Earnings**

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

*Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section.*
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**Training Centers**

Career training prepares you to obtain a job in a specific industry. This training is usually offered through trade or technical schools that focus on practical application of skills through hands-on-training.

Alaska's training providers are public, non-profit, and for-profit centers that prepare students for 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.

For a list of training providers in Alaska visit: [live.laborstats.alaska.gov/atc](http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/atc)

### Examples of Training Providers

**Academy of Hair Design**
- [www.ahdalaska.com](http://www.ahdalaska.com)
- 113 W Northern Lights Blvd
- Anchorage, AK 99503

**Alaska Technical Center**
- [www.nwarctic.org/atc](http://www.nwarctic.org/atc)
- 834 4th St
- Kotzebue, AK 99752
- (907) 442-1502

**Delta Career Advancement Center**
- [www.ctc.uaf.edu/delta](http://www.ctc.uaf.edu/delta)
- 1696 N. Clearwater Ave
- Delta Junction, AK 99737

**GILA**
- [www.galenaalaska.org](http://www.galenaalaska.org)
- P.O. Box 359
- Galena, AK 99741
- (907) 656-2053

**Center for Employment Education**
- [www.cee-ak.com](http://www.cee-ak.com)
- Anchorage, AK
- (907) 279-8451 or (800) 478-4233

**NACTEC**
- [www.nacteconline.org](http://www.nacteconline.org)
- 3.5 Mile Nome/Teller Highway,
- Nome Beltz Complex
- PO Box 131
- Nome, AK 99762
- (907) 443-3507

**NIT**
- [www.nitalaska.com](http://www.nitalaska.com)
- 1740 N. Terrilou Ct
- Palmer, AK 99645
- 1-888-367-6482 or (907) 357-6400
- 3700 Centerpoint Dr, Suite 102
- Anchorage, AK 99503
- (907) 743-7700

**SERRC**
- [www.serrc.org](http://www.serrc.org)
- 210 Ferry Way
- Juneau, AK
- (907) 586-6806

**Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center**
- [www.savec.org](http://www.savec.org)
- Igiugig, AK
- (907) 246-4600

**Trend Setters School of Beauty**
- [www.trendsettersak.com](http://www.trendsettersak.com)
- 407 E Northern Lights Blvd
- Anchorage, AK 99503

**Yuut Elitnaurviat**
- [www.yuut.org](http://www.yuut.org)
- Bethel, AK
- (907) 543-0999
Registered Apprenticeship is a proven training strategy combining paid on-the-job training (OJT) with related technical instruction (RTI) wherein an individual obtains workplace-relevant knowledge and skills. Registered Apprenticeship is an ‘earn-and-learn’ model that meets national standards for registration with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Registered Apprenticeship is an industry-driven model that allows employers to take charge of building their own pipeline of highly-skilled, highly-productive, and highly-motivated employees.

- There are over 400,000 Registered Apprenticeships across the country.
- Over 150,000 businesses have integrated the apprenticeship model into their talent development strategy.
- Average starting apprentice wage is $16.50 per hour. Graduates earn an average of $60,000 per year!
- Apprenticeship programs have high retention rates. Studies show that 91% of apprentices retain employment after the program ends.
- More than 200 colleges nationwide have joined the Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium, which allows graduates of Registered Apprenticeship programs to turn their on-the-job and classroom/online training into college credits towards an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree.

Components of Registered Apprenticeship

**Employer Involvement:** Employers are at the foundation of apprenticeship programs.

**Structured On-the-Job Training (OJT):** Apprentices receive on-the-job training from an experienced mentor for typically not less than one year.

**Related Technical Instruction (RTI):** Apprentices receive classroom or online education related to their occupation at either vocational school, apprenticeship training school, or community college.

**Rewards for Skills Gained:** Apprentices receive progressive wage increases as they gain higher-level skills.

**National Occupational Credential:** Apprenticeship programs lead to nationally-recognized credentials – a 100% guarantee to employers that apprentices are fully qualified for the job.

Examples of Apprenticeship Program Sponsors

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Apprenticeship Industries in Alaska

Healthcare
Behavioral Health Aide, Dental Assistant, MRI Technologist, Dispensing Optician, Medical Office Assistant, Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Nurse Assistant, Chiropractic Clinical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Sterile Processing Technician, Surgical Technologist, Tumor Registrar, Medical Biller-Coder

Construction (Skilled Trades)
Insulator, Boilermaker, Bricklayer, Carpenter, Electrical Worker, Ironworker, Laborer, Millwright Worker, Painter, Piledriver, Plaster/Cement Mason, Plumber/Fitter, Roofer, Sheetmetal Worker

Maritime
Deckhand, Able Body Seaman, Mate, Wiper, Qualified Member of the Engine Department (QMED), Assistant Engineer, Steward Assistant, Assistant Cook, Chief Cook, Merchant Mariner

Advanced Manufacturing
CNC Machine Operator, Machinist, Maintenance and Repair Worker, Mechatronic Technician, Tool and Die Maker, Welder, Plastics Fabricator

Finance & Business
Bank Teller, Banking Underwriter, Account Reconciliation, Credit Coordinator, Underwriting Support Services Technician, Claims Adjuster, Insurance Underwriter

Information Technology
Computer Programmer, Database Technician, Information Assurance Specialist, IT Project Manager

Telecommunications

Hospitality
Food Service Manager, Meat Cutter, Cook, Prep Cook, Baker, Housekeeper

Energy
Electrician, Powerhouse, Gas Utility Worker, Line Maintenance, Instrumentation Technician, Refinery Operator, Substation Operator

Transportation
Construction Driver, Freight Over-the-Road/Line Driver (Heavy Truck), Logistic Technician, Truck/Bus Mechanic, Automotive Mechanic, Cargo and Freight Agent, Transportation Vehicle, Equipment, and Systems Inspector

Alaska Construction Career Days
Alaska Construction Career Day is a special day for high school students to explore the wide variety of construction and transportation careers. Labor unions, construction companies, UAA, UAF, school districts, state agencies, trade and professional organizations collaborate to provide the students with an introduction to various aspects of construction.

akconstructioncareerdays.org

For more information on registered apprenticeship programs, contact the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development: Jackie Garcia, Apprenticeship Coordinator, jacqueline.garcia@alaska.gov, (907) 269-3729; OR U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship: (907) 271-5035
Alaska Career College

Your educational journey should be more than a classroom and memorization. Alaska Career College challenges students with practical, hands-on learning from top-notch educators and an immersion into real-life experience. Certificate and Associate degree programs focus on growth industries strategic to the economy of Alaska (medical, health, therapeutic massage, aviation, business, accounting, computer technology). Alaska Career College students and graduates are prepared to make a difference with their education.

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

Alaska Bible College

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. “Become servant leaders with Christ-like character.”

Tuition: Program Based
Student/Teacher Ratio: 7:1
Annual Room+Board: $5,700
Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s

Alaska Christian College

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.

Tuition: Program Based
Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1
Annual Room+Board: $11,000
Degrees Offered: Associate
Alaska Pacific University

4101 University Drive, Anchorage 99508
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Alaska Pacific University delivers an experiential, individualized, and transformational education. Through project- and field-based courses, an APU education is worthwhile and impactful. Offering undergraduate and graduate programs such as Alaska Native Governance, Business Administration & Management, Community Health, Counseling Psychology, Creative & Professional Writing, Liberal Studies, Marine & Environmental Sciences, Outdoor Studies, RN to BSN, Rural Management, and Sustainability Studies. APU’s programs are relevant and life-changing. To ensure greater access to an APU education, scholarships and unique funding opportunities are also available.

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 90% of its graduates in jobs, AVTEC works with more than 200 business partners around the state.

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: $225-$250
Student/Teacher Ratio: 8:1
Degrees Offered: Associate

Central Texas College is a community college that 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 admission policy. Programs vary from location to location.
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 online, through web video conferencing in the classroom or at home, and in the classroom through a network of more than 140 locations around the world. Programs include associate, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees specializing in Aviation, Business, Computers & Technology, Engineering, and Safety. All academic programs are available to civilian and military personnel and are accompanied by personalized academic advisement.

Tuition: Program Based
Student/Teacher Ratio: 18:1
Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral

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(800) 478-7337 ext. 1789

Charter College

Tuition: Program Based
Student/Teacher Ratio: 18:1
Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s

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721 W. Parks Highway, Wasilla 99654
www.CharterCollege.edu | Community@CharterCollege.edu
Wasilla - (907) 352-1000 | Anchorage - (907) 277-1000

Per Credit Tuition: $250 - $1,130
Student/Teacher Ratio: 25:1
Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral

Since 1985, Charter College has been providing Alaskans with career education opportunities. Currently offering programs in health care, including an AAS Degree in Nursing, business, information technology and construction trades. Bachelor degrees, Associate degrees, and certificate programs are available.

All of Charter College programs were developed specifically to address the hiring needs of Alaskan employers. Health care and trades programs provide hands-on training designed to get graduates into the work place quickly. Online programs are available in health care, business, and information technology.

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University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

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$6,780

Students
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Unalaska: (907) 581-1876

Per Credit Tuition: $212+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 21:1
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s

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UAF Chukchi Campus

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ANNUAL Tuition+Fees
$6,780

Students
191

Per Credit Tuition: $212+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 27:1
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s

P.O. Box 297, Kotzebue 99752
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Per Credit Tuition: $212
Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1
Annual Room+Board: $8,974
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral
UAF Community & Technical College

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Per Credit Tuition: $212+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 13:1
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s

UAF Interior Alaska Campus

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Per Credit Tuition: $212
Student/Teacher Ratio: 13:1
Annual Room+Board: $8,974
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate

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Per Credit Tuition: $212+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 13:1
Annual Room+Board: $12,200
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s
University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)

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Per Credit Tuition: $212
Student/Teacher Ratio: 11:1
Annual Room+Board: $11,728
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral

UAF Northwest Campus

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 facebook.com/UAF.NWC.

Per Credit Tuition: $212+
Student/Teacher Ratio: 27:1
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s

UAA Kenai Peninsula College

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Resurrection Bay Extension, Seward HS, Seward 99664

Per Credit Tuition: $212
Student/Teacher Ratio: 14:1
Annual Room+Board: $6,956
Degrees Offered: Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s

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Wayland Baptist University

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Student/Teacher Ratio: 15:1
Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s

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Get the name and contact information to speak directly with someone at each school.

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Create a portfolio to save your findings.

Other Options that may lead into going to college or training

Volunteer – Find a cause that you really care about and give back in the biggest way possible. AmeriCorps places thousands of young adults into intensive service positions where they learn valuable work skills, and develop an appreciation for citizenship – the best part: you also earn funds to use towards college or career training. Learn more at: www.nationalservice.gov

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 learn in the military can help build a career in the civilian world, plus you’ll have earned some cash for college.

Start a Business – If you have an idea to sell, now may be a good time to give entrepreneurship a shot. Regardless of success, starting a business can help you discover more about yourself and gain education in business and grit.

Travel the World – Traveling gives you an entirely new perspective and exposure to new cultures. Visit places you’ve only read about, eat food you don’t recognize, and make friends with people you otherwise wouldn’t have met. Just make sure you have a purpose, a plan (structured volunteer programs are excellent), and a target completion date – and keep your long-term career goals in mind.

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October 1, 2018

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