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GETTING
STARTED

Quiz!

Which Postsecondary Path may be right for you?

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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 listening to an instructor, watching an instructor perform an example, book work, and hands-on training
- D. Instruction combined with watching an example and then hands-on work

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 set of skills in a particular field in a relatively short period of time, and use them later on to provide a paid service to my community
- D. Gain a set of specialized skills tailored to an employer's needs, and get paid in the process

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 field, and acquire a set of specialized skills in that particular field

Which interests you the most?

- A. Researching, analyzing, and synthesizing information to become highly knowledgeable about the world and 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 a set of skills through hands-on that lead directly to a specific job/career
- D. Starting a job with progressive wage increases as my knowledge and skill levels increase

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-recognized credential that certifies occupational proficiency.



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

Make a plan at the **Success Center**

800-441-2962 opt #4
acpe.alaska.gov/successcenter
acpesuccesscenter@alaska.gov

the ACPE
Success
Center



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

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 4.*
- **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. Contact them as early as possible – don't wait until you arrive on campus.
- **Register for Classes**
15 credits per semester to graduate on time
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.

PAYING FOR
EDUCATION

be a
FAFSA
pro



the FAFSA is the first step to financing your education

fafsa.ed.gov

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 enrolled in school. 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).

Get Free Assistance:



The Success Center

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

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.

Request your free FAFSA folder with in-depth checklist and helpful tips at acpe.alaska.gov/successcenter

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



Blog Posts! FAFSA tips & hints to help you!
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Financial Aid

(fĭ-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.

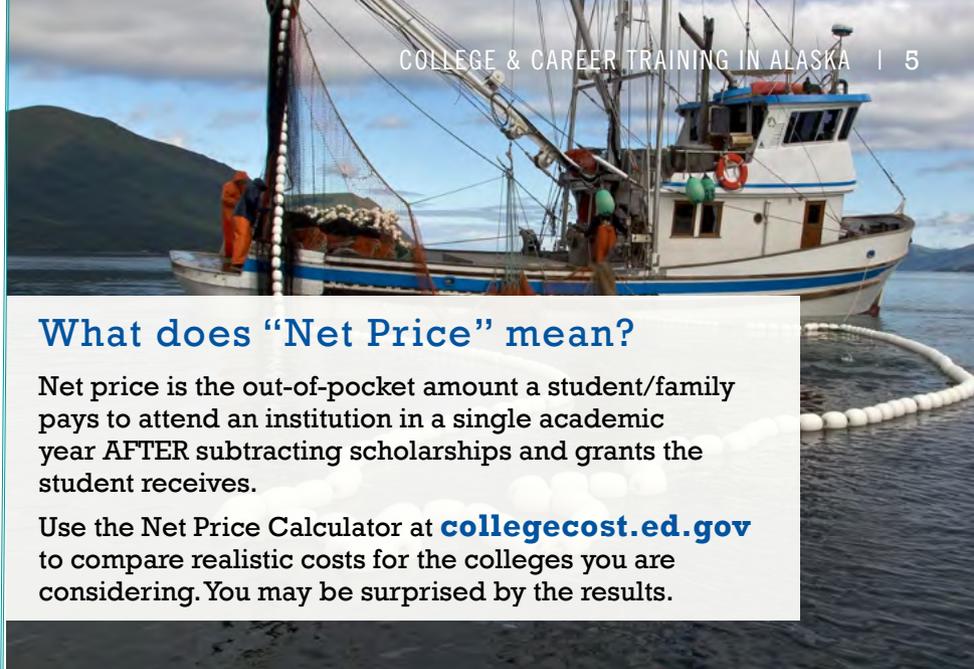
Financial Aid Package – The financial aid office of each school assembles a package of awards to meet each student's need, based on the availability of funds. The financial aid offer may consist of grants, scholarships, loans, and/or work-study. Packages vary from school to school.

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.



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.

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.

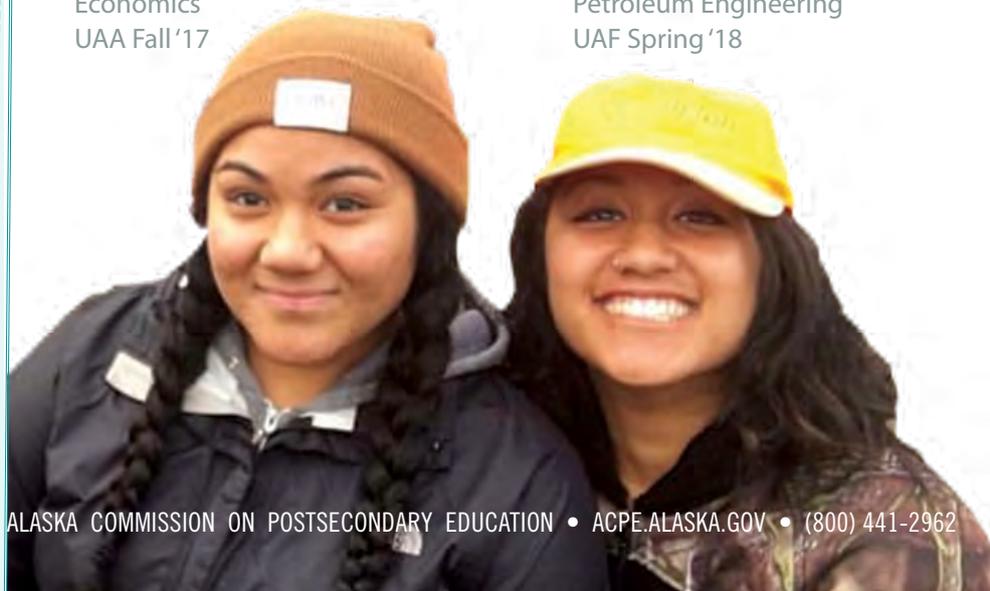
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“...[UAA] student positions have helped me grow my skills in communication, leadership, and time management.”

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



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
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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.
- Ask for letters of recommendations in advance from teachers, counselors, etc.
- Proofread your essays. Ask a counselor or teacher to review your writing.

AKCIS.org

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!*

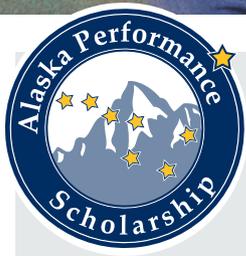
Application Tracker

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.





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.

checklists + more info
[APS.alaska.gov](https://aps.alaska.gov)

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

Alaska Education Grant (AEG)

This grant is available to students with demonstrated need – generally students with \$0 EFC (Estimated Family Contribution, see page 5) 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.

login + more info
acpe.alaska.gov/aeg

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

APS & AEG awards require annual appropriations from the Alaska legislature.

Alaska Student Aid Portal 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.

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, and the federal direct student loan should always be your first choice. If you need additional funds, the State of Alaska offers student and family loan options.

Banks may also offer private loans, but be on the lookout for variable rates, which can change (and go up significantly) over time. Fixed rates stay the same for the life of the loan.

You also need to be sure to compare rates. Even less than a percentage point difference can add up to thousands of dollars over four years of school.

“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.

“Student loans should be avoided at all cost”

FALSE – When a loan lets you attend full-time, focus on your studies, and graduate faster, it pays off. A recent study* showed that students who borrow attempted more courses, earned more credit, and had higher GPAs. Of course – never borrow more than you need to.

* <https://www.educationnext.org/benefits-of-borrowing-evidence-student-loan-debt-community-college-attainment/>
Retrieved 3/29/2019



Loan Choices that Save You Money

If loans are part of your plan to pay for college or career training, the first way to save is to do your research and pick the best loan – but there's more:

Payments in School

Some loans require payments while you're in school – others offer in-school deferments, meaning you can wait until after you stop attending to start repayment. Why make payments if you don't have to? To SAVE MONEY.

Subsidized loans: Although in-school interest is paid by the federal government, making small payments every month reduces your balance, meaning lower required payments after you leave school – and a lower overall cost.

Unsubsidized loans: Interest accrues on the loan while you're in school – meaning that by the time you need to start repayment, the loan balance is already higher than it was when you took out the loan. Payments in school, even if only for the interest accruing, keep that balance lower.

Other benefits to in-school payments? You're developing good repayment habits, which can make it easier to transition to repayment, and help your credit profile. And, some lenders (including the State of Alaska) offer additional perks, such as an interest rate reduction if you sign up for automatic payments while in-school.

Refinance

After you graduate, you can consolidate or refinance your loans, and you may be able to receive a lower interest rate. The State of Alaska offers a range of rates for loan refinancing, based on credit. A few benefits of the Alaska Refinance Loan:

- 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 if they have benefits you don't want to lose

Banks and other organizations may also offer education loan refinancing. When considering refinance, be sure to do your research, know if the rate is fixed or variable, and read the fine print – refinancing can lead to the loss of existing benefits you are receiving, so you want to be sure the refinance is 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-to 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



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.

Mental & Campus Health Services Staff

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

Housing Personnel

If you live on campus, you're sure to run into both professional and student housing staff. Be sure to ask them what events are going on in the residence hall, important dates regarding building opening and closing, and if you need help finding other resources on campus.

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

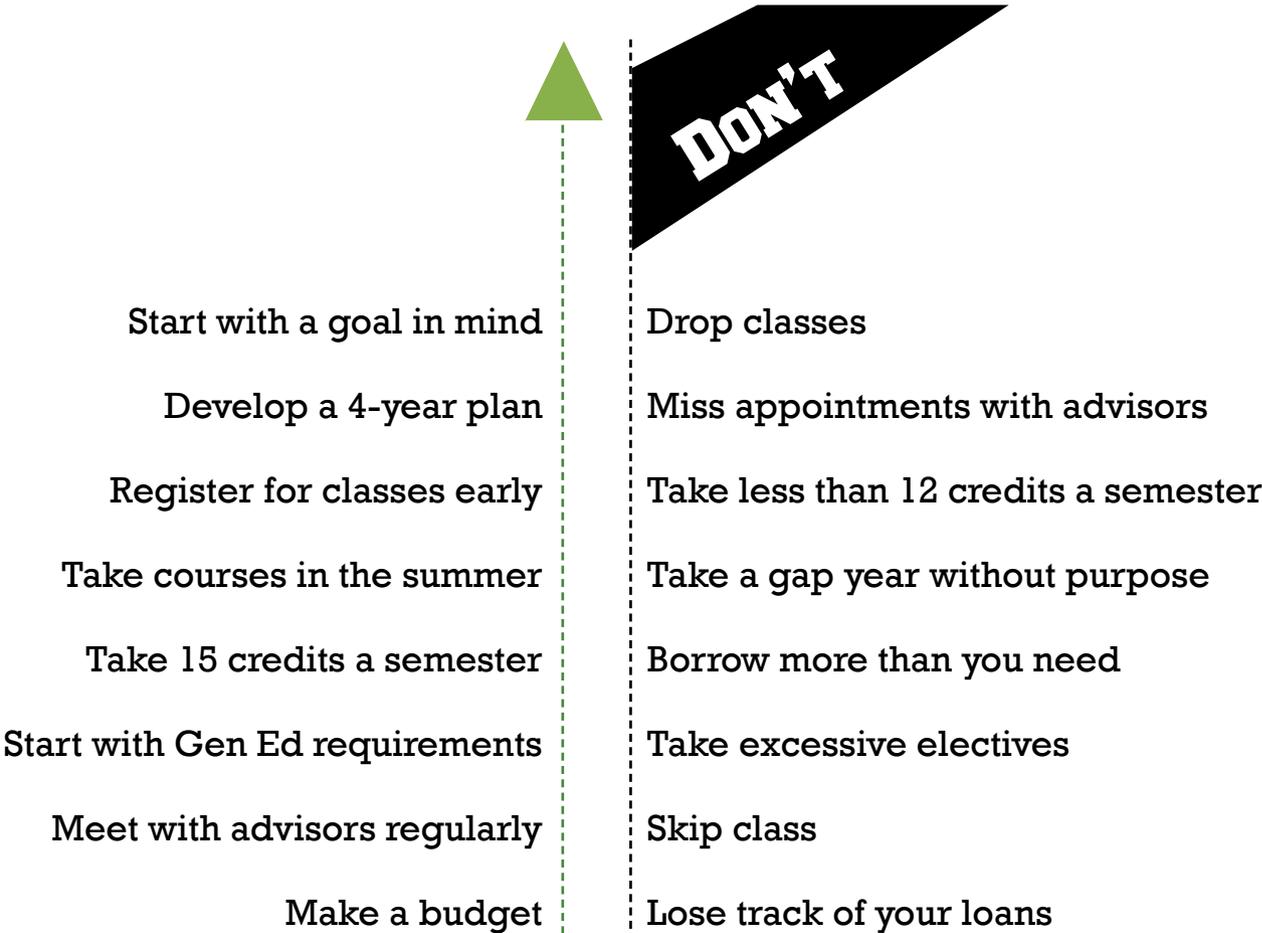
Starting your future shouldn't wait until graduation. Be sure to stop at the career planning office to explore interview techniques, resume building, networking opportunities, and more!

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!

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.



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

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- Understanding Credit
- Keeping College Costs Low
- Keeping Loan Costs Low
- Creating a Budget
- Graduating on Time
- Planning for Repayment

acpe.alaska.gov/moneysmarts

ALASKA
EMPLOYMENT

Top Jobs in Alaska and where to find them

A lot goes into choosing the career path that's right for you. One factor to consider is the earning potential of the careers you're interested in. Another is employment outlook – how likely is it that there will be job openings for you when you graduate? Try these reliable tools to research your potential future career.

akcis.org – Occupations

1 **The Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS)** has a list of nearly 600 occupations. The list flags Alaska's top jobs. Top Jobs pay above \$54,370 annually, and have high projected growth or annual job openings.

For each occupation, AKCIS lists the average yearly wages, Alaska employment outlook, the growth potential, the percentage of annual openings, and much more. You can also look at two occupations side-by-side to compare salaries, skill requirements, and more. Finally, you can connect directly to related training providers and colleges in Alaska and the United States.

live.laborstats.alaska.gov/occ/alloccs.cfm

2 **Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development:** The occupations list at this website offers the average monthly wage and the employment outlook for each occupation in Alaska. Open one for more detailed information for different regions in Alaska and the United States. You can also find the type of education/training needed for that occupation, and a list of Alaska training providers offering it.

akcis.org – Reality Check

3 **Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) – Reality Check**
What does a \$54,370 salary actually mean? Can you get by on less, or do you need more? The answer depends on your desired lifestyle. To dig a little deeper into what kind of life your potential future earnings would provide, use the AKCIS "Reality Check" assessment and translate those dollars into housing, food & beverage, clothing, transportation, utility, and entertainment budgets.

Blog Posts! More on this topic at
acpe.alaska.gov/blog

It is time to make an informed decision and start on your journey to successful future. The ACPE Success Center staff can help you with your next steps. Visit acpe.alaska.gov/successcenter to schedule an appointment – *no matter where you are in Alaska* – we can work with you to and assist you in reaching your goal.



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The Benefits of Choosing Alaska

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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.

Universities & Colleges in Alaska

Alaska Bible College

akbible.edu

Palmer

Certificates, Associates,
and Bachelor's

 < \$10,000

 < 100



AVTEC

avtec.edu

Seward

Certificates

 < \$5,000

 < 1,500



Ilisagvik College

ilisagvik.edu

Utqiagvik

Occupational Endorsements,
Certificates, and Associates

 < \$10,000

 < 2,000



Alaska Career College

alaskacareercollege.edu

Anchorage

Certificates and Associates

 \$7,000 - \$25,000

 < 1,000

Central Texas College

ctcd.edu

Anchorage & Fairbanks

Associates

 < \$10,000

 < 1,000

Wayland Baptist University

wbu.edu

Anchorage, Eielson AFB,
Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright,
JBER, North Pole, & Wasilla

Certificates, Associates,
Bachelor's, and Master's

 \$10,000 - \$20,000

 < 1,000

Alaska Christian College

AlaskaCC.edu

Soldotna

Associates

 < \$10,000

 < 100



Charter College

CharterCollege.edu

Anchorage & Wasilla

Certificates, Associates,
and Bachelor's

 \$14,000 - \$65,000

 < 1,000

Alaska Pacific University

alaskapacific.edu

Anchorage

Certificates, Associates,
Bachelor's, Master's,
and Doctoral

 < \$25,000

 < 1,000



Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University

erau.edu

Anchorage

Certificates, Associates,
Bachelor's, Master's,
and Doctoral

 \$9,000 - \$25,000

 < 100

Key

 Annual Tuition & Fees

 Number of Students

 Campus Housing Available

University of Alaska

University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)

uaa.alaska.edu

Anchorage

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, Associates, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral

 < \$10,000

 < 20,000



UAA Kenai Peninsula College

kpc.alaska.edu

Anchorage, Homer, Seward, & Soldotna

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, Associates, and Bachelor's

 < \$10,000

 < 3,000



UAA Kodiak College

koc.alaska.edu

Kodiak

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, Associates, and Bachelor's

 < \$10,000

 < 1,000

UAA Matanuska-Susitna College

matsu.alaska.edu

Palmer

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, and Associates

 < \$10,000

 < 20,000

UAA Prince William Sound College

pwsc.alaska.edu

Valdez

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, and Associates

 < \$10,000

 < 1,000



University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

uaf.edu

Fairbanks

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, Associates, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral

 < \$10,000

 < 10,000



UAF Bristol Bay Campus

uaf.edu/bbc/

Dillingham, King Salmon, New Stuyahok, Togiak, & Unalaska

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, Associates, Bachelor's, and Master's

 < \$10,000

 < 1,000

UAF Chukchi Campus

uaf.edu/chukchi

Kotzebue

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, Associates, Bachelor's, and Master's

 < \$10,000

 < 200

UAF Community & Technical College

ctc.uaf.edu

Fairbanks

Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, and Associates

 < \$10,000

 < 3,000



Key

 Annual Tuition & Fees

 Number of Students

 Campus Housing Available

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ALASKA
COLLEGE
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Fairbanks***Occupational Endorsements,
Certificates, Associates, and
Bachelor's* < \$10,000 < 500**UAF Kuskokwim Campus****bethel.uaf.edu
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Certificates, Associates, Bachelor's,
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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

Types of Training Centers:

Accounting/Tax Services

Barber, Beauty, & Cosmetology

Computer/Electronics

Driving Instruction/Transportation

Education/GED Completion

Aviation

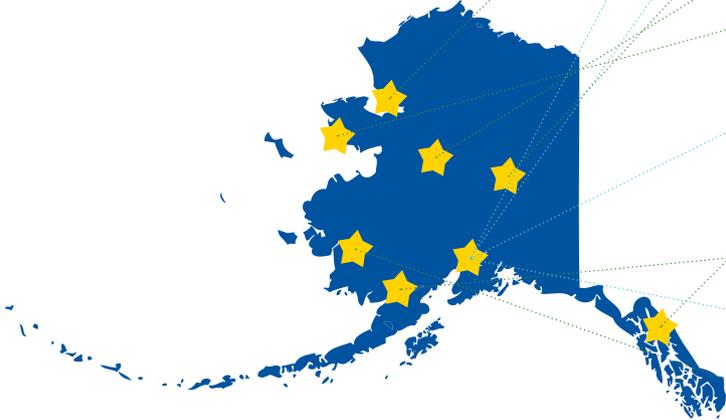
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Examples of Training Centers:

- Academy of Hair Design
ahdalaska.com
- Alaska Technical Center
nwarctic.org/atc
- Center for Employment Education
cee-ak.com
- Delta Career Advancement Center
partnersforprogressindelta.org
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serrc.org
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savec.org
- Trend Setters School of Beauty
trendsettersak.com
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Common Questions about Training Centers:

What is a Training Center?

A training center offers a variety of ways to continue your education and training – you can take one course or enroll in a more comprehensive training program that can lead to a certification or build skills for a specific occupation.

How long is the training?

The amount of time depends on the training program you choose. Some courses may just take a few hours, such as a CPR course, while other programs may take multiple weeks to a year or longer, for example getting a private pilot's license or becoming certified in massage therapy.

How much do I have to pay?

The costs will vary from free to thousands of dollars. Check with the training facility for details.

Is tuition assistance available?

Some workforce training programs may be approved for participation in Alaska state financial aid programs, for example the Alaska Performance Scholarship or Alaska Supplemental Education Loan. Details can be found at <https://acpe.alaska.gov/Alaska-Postsecondary-Institutions>.

Federal funding for some training programs may be available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). If you're interested in finding out what training programs may be eligible for funding, visit your local Job Center (<http://jobs.alaska.gov/offices/index.html>), and talk to one of the Employment Services Technicians.

What is the difference between Training Centers and Registered Apprenticeship?

Registered Apprenticeship combines training with paid employment. A training center offers shorter training programs that may include hands-on learning opportunities, but do not typically include paid work. Some programs at Training Centers serve as pre-apprenticeships, and prepare students to enter Registered Apprenticeship programs.

Why choose a Training Center?

Whether you're picking up a new skill or certification, or keeping up on required continuing education, Alaska's training centers offer a wide variety of programs providing industry-recognized skills and certifications to help you advance your career in a short amount of time.



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

Telecommunications Tower Technician, Wireless Technician, Telecommunications Antenna & Line Lead, Telecommunications Antenna & Line Foreperson, Telecommunications Construction Lead, Telecommunications Construction Foreperson, Fiber Optic Technician

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.

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For more information on registered apprenticeship programs, contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship at (907) 271-5035, or visit jobs.alaska.gov/apprentice

February 15

FAFSA Frenzy

Submit your FAFSA by Feb 15 for priority financial aid at many schools.

Scholarship applications are usually due this date at UAA, UAF, UAS, APU, and the UA Foundation.

June 30

State Grant and/or Scholarship

Alaska Performance Scholarship
Alaska Education Grant

Submit your FAFSA by June 30 for the state grant and/or scholarship.

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October 1

FAFSA Opens

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