Allied Health Programs

Allied health careers comprise seven of Alaska’s 15 fastest growing job sectors.

People who work in allied health fields make the health care industry tick. UA offers allied health training ranging from medical office billing to radiology and pharmacy technician. Dental programs feature state-of-the-art facilities in both Anchorage and Fairbanks.

UA also offers a number of health administration tracks, ranging from an associate degree through a master’s.

Behavioral Health

The need for behavioral health workers far exceeds supply.

UA is the premier educator of Alaska’s behavioral health workforce, with programs ranging from work force training courses to doctoral degrees.

Nursing

By 2020, the U.S. will be short more than 800,000 RNs.

UA nursing programs range from Associate of Applied Science to Master of Science in Nursing.

Students gain clinical experience in hospitals, nursing homes and clinics. Distance delivery brings programs to Anchorage to 11 Alaska communities: Fairbanks, Kodiak, Bethel, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kenai, Sitka, Homer, Mat-Su, Kotzebue and Valdez.

Therapies & Wellness

Alaska has a critical shortage of therapists.

An occupational therapy doctorate is offered at UA by distance from Creighton University. A master’s program in Speech/Language Pathology is offered by distance through East Carolina University. A Bachelor of Physical Education with emphasis in Health and Fitness Leadership prepares students for employment in clinical-based health, education and fitness programs or further studies in physical therapy and other health careers.

UA Culinary Arts offers a minor in nutrition. Nutrition and dietetics bachelor’s programs are being developed.

Medicine & Public Health

In the next decade, Alaska will need approximately 100 new physicians a year.

Alaskans can complete three to four years of medical school in state through Alaska WWAMI, a six university collaboration accredited through the University of Washington.

The MEDEX Physician Assistant program has expanded and can be completed entirely in Alaska.

The Public Health program focuses on issues relevant to Alaska. The distance delivered program is designed to enhance health in Alaska’s diverse communities by preparing leaders to identify, prevent and solve health problems.

WEB LINKS: www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/allied health www.uaf.edu/nursing www.uaf.edu/medicine www.ualaska.edu/publichealth
Alaska needs a trained healthcare workforce

Shortages abound as needs increase and current workers retire. The health care industry makes up more than one in every 12 jobs in Alaska – one of the largest and fastest growing sectors of Alaska’s economy.

The University of Alaska stands ready to work with partners across the state to train Alaska’s health care workforce.

UA responds to critical health care needs

The university has stepped up vigorously to address the state’s workforce needs in health care. Significant state and national shortages exist in nursing, medicine, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, behavioral health, public health, medical office management and allied health occupations. UA has expanded many of its programs, and partnered with other universities, to fill state needs for nursing, dentistry and occupational therapy and to bring new degree programs in physical therapy careers and pharmacy to Alaska.

“Experience has shown us that the best people for Alaska’s health care jobs already live here. Training Alaskans for Alaska’s thousands of good health care jobs is the only long-term solution.”

Sally Mead, Dir. EAHP