The Northwest Campus (NWC) is a branch campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and is part of UAF’s College of Rural and Community Development. The Northwest Campus serves 15 Alaska Native villages in the surrounding 36,000 square miles, an area the size of the state of Indiana. NWC and its service villages are entirely off the road system requiring commercial airline or private charter for the majority of travel, even between villages. The nearest major airport is in Anchorage, 550 air miles from Nome. Travel to or from the surrounding villages requires an additional flight in and out of Nome via small commercial aircraft.

- NWC enrolled 320 students for credit in fall 2011, a decrease of 38.5 percent over fall 2007.
- The campus enrolled 8 UA Scholars in fall 2011.
- Part-time students accounted for 91.3 percent of enrollment.
- 54.7 percent of students identified as Alaska Native/American Indian.
- 40.6 percent of students were 30 or older, with an average age of 31.
- 98.1 percent of enrolled students originated from Alaska, 1.6 percent from out-of-state and the rest from other countries.
- NWC delivered more than 800 student credit hours (SCH), excluding auditors, in fall 2011, all of which were delivered in lower division and preparatory level courses.