



KUSKOKWIM CAMPUS

Community Campus Profile

The Kuskokwim Campus (KuC) of the University of Alaska Fairbanks prepares professional, community, and cultural leaders in an active and relevant learning environment. Their students are given wisdom to learn so they can also learn through them.

The Kuskokwim Campus bridges the gap between regional tradition and higher education excellence. Situated 400 miles west of Anchorage in the hub community of Bethel, located in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, it stands as the largest rural branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The campus is committed to workforce development and academic advancement, offering a diverse array of pathways including academic, vocational, and community interest courses, as well as courses leading to associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees through the College of Indigenous Studies (CIS).

ACADEMIC YEAR 25 NUMBERS

- 547 students
- 6 full-time and 3 part-time faculty
- 19 full-time and 4 part-time staff
- 2 student employees

PROGRAMS

- 2 occupational endorsement certificates
- 2 certificate programs
- 2 associate degree programs



"The Kuskokwim Campus has been instrumental to my educational journey. The faculty and staff provided the support I needed to succeed, while being close to home allowed me to maintain connections with family and friends. Throughout my time there, I worked in various student positions during the academic year and summer months. Working for the Kuskokwim Campus and with youth from the Yukon-Kuskokwim region proved especially rewarding, giving me both a sense of accomplishment and the tools to grow. Growing up in Kwigillingok gave me a foundation rooted in my culture's belief in learning by doing. This hands-on approach fuels my passion for learning and drives me to make a difference."

Jessica Uyanguaq Glore - Master of Arts: Rural Development; May 2026

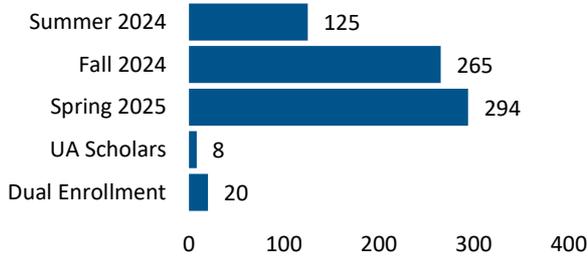
TRANSFORMING EDUCATION TO CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates of UAF Kuskokwim programs see a substantial return on investment, with those graduating between FY17 and FY21 experiencing a 10 percent increase in their annual earnings just one year after completing their credential. This immediate salary boost underscores the effectiveness of UA programs in rapidly enhancing the earning potential of its students while meeting our state's workforce needs.

One Year before Graduation	One Year after Graduation	Salary Increase	% Increase
\$44,740	\$49,412	\$4,672	10%

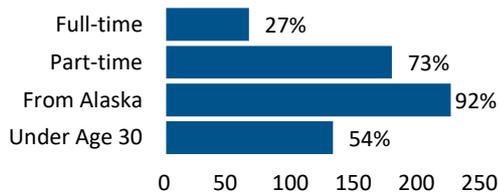


ENROLLMENT PROFILE



Dual enrollment refers to enrollment at the university by a student who is simultaneously enrolled in a K-12 (or homeschool) for which the student may receive credit at both the K-12 and postsecondary levels.

STUDENT PROFILE



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

- Yup'ik Language Proficiency
- Rural Human Services
- Human Services
- Ethnobotany
- Nursing (UAA)



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Human Services

The HUMS AAS program at KuC offers two ways of obtaining the degree: distance-delivered courses and the cohort model. Students who have completed KuC's Rural Human Service (RHS) cohort program meet up to 50% of the HUMS AAS degree requirements. In this way, they already have the degree partially fulfilled. HUMS AAS cohort is "blended delivery." There are face-to-face intensives along with Zoom classes throughout each semester. The cohort model foundation is one of Indigenous ways of learning, knowing, and understanding what is taught. Indigenous Elders are part of the instructional team, students learn as a community, and upon completion, they have 50% completed towards the next level of degree, a Bachelor's in Social Work (BSW). This integrated pathway: RHS ->HUMS AAS->BSW has been extremely successful and currently there are students, having completed this pathway, working on their Master's in Social Work (MSW), as well as PhD programs.

EBOT

The Kuskokwim Campus holds the distinction of being the only university site to offer specialized field research in Arctic ethnobotany. This program features an immersive, week-long summer course in the Kuskokwim Delta tundra, where Indigenous knowledge bearers serve as essential partners in the instructional process.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Kuskokwim Campus (KuC) provides essential community stewardship through the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center (YPCC), Bethel's premier venue for civic engagement and lifelong learning. The YPCC is home to the Kuskokwim Consortium Library, a distinguished institution honored with the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

In addition to its cultural contributions, KuC addresses vital regional needs through its Rural Human Services (RHS) program, which equips mental health first responders with specialized training in trauma-informed care and Alaska Native perspectives. Furthermore, KuC maintains a strategic partnership with the Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD). Through flexible, professional development pathways, we support the "grow your own" initiative by enabling Associate Teachers to achieve formal certification while remaining active in their local classrooms.

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