CHUKCHI CAMPUS
Community Campus Profile

Located in the hub village of Kotzebue in the Northwest Arctic Borough, Chukchi Campus primarily serves Kotzebue, eleven village communities, and the Red Dog Mine. This is a service area of more than 36,000 square miles of spectacular mountain and tundra wilderness.

Chukchi Campus is a two-year public institution, with Alaska Native Serving Institution status. They offer a combination of distance delivery modalities such as audio, video, and web-based instruction as well as face-to-face classes, intensives, and lab practicums. Their in-person courses and programs are located on campus or at local partner organizations’ facilities. They also provide opportunities for students to complete their bachelor’s degrees through distance-delivered courses and programs from the larger University of Alaska system, all while staying in the region.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023

NUMBERS
- 252 students
- 5 part-time faculty
- 5 full-time and 3 part-time staff

PROGRAMS
- Adult basic education and GED programs
- 2 occupational endorsement certificates
- 1 associate degree program

HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

I love this quote because no matter what path you take, and it leads you off trail, you have the ability to create your own path and leave a trail for others to follow. I feel I am doing that for my children and peers, leaving them a trail to create their own paths.

-Susie Rosales, Chukchi Campus Student

A year after graduating, UAF Chukchi program graduates (FY17 - FY21) were earning an average of $70,283 annually, about 4 percent ($2,942) more than they did one year before earning the certificate or degree, showing an immediate boost to salary for UA graduates.

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"-Susie Rosales, Chukchi Campus Student"
The Chukchi Campus is above the Arctic Circle in a food rich local environment, food that has traditionally supported the Native people living in this region for millennia. Food Security and Sovereignty (FSS) project supports the development of domestic agriculture in this harsh and short growing environment. FSS enhances local sustainable food production through the cultivation of three food sources: an outdoor demonstration garden with crops; a native food garden with plants from the tundra; and a hydroponic growing system to produce greens. They are able to enhance food security by providing a sustainable energy source for year round controlled growing.

FSS has strong participation by local community members including local youth and youth serving programs. Workshops and experiential learning opportunities available through this Project build knowledge and skills that can be applied to personal gardens, native food gathering, and food preservation. Community members are encouraged to volunteer in building and maintaining the gardens, while learning how to grow common food plants in the gardens located at Chukchi Campus. The emphasis of FSS is fostering the understanding between subsistence and agriculture and how both benefit the region in terms of secure sources of healthy, locally grown produce, and traditional food.