The Northwest Campus (NWC) provides excellent opportunities for academic, vocational, and community education to the Bering Strait Region, with the vision of providing programs to meet students' personal and educational goals and to contribute to the success of communities.

In 1987, Northwest Community College in Nome, Alaska became a branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and was renamed UAF Northwest Campus. Though now affiliated with a preeminent research institution, Northwest Campus has kept its community college mission as a foremost goal. In addition to Nome, UAF Northwest Campus serves 15 Alaska Native villages in the surrounding 36,000 square miles, an area the size of the state of Indiana.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 NUMBERS

- 548 students
- 3 full-time and 1 part-time faculty
- 13 full-time and 2 part-time staff
- 2 student employees

PROGRAMS

- 5 occupational endorsement certificates
- 4 certificate programs
- 6 associate degree programs

HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS

464 Students took at least one for-credit course
118 Students took at least one non-credit course

A year after graduating, UAF Northwest program graduates (FY17 - FY21) were earning an average of $70,304 annually, about 14 percent ($8,735) more than they did one year before earning the certificate or degree. Program graduates (FY13 - FY17) working for 5 years were making 7 percent ($4,624) higher wages on average than graduates who had only been working one year, showing that the earnings boost from a UAF Northwest credential increases over time.

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The hands-on was a big part. I believe in the read it, see it, do it, method of learning. After taking the flooring and drywall class, I redid the floor in my house and a lot of the sheetrock in my house. It was really awesome. It’s never too late. I never thought I would be back in school after high school, and 20 years later, here I am.

-Chase Gray, Certified Construction Trades Technologist

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FAST FACTS | ACADEMIC YEAR 2023

ENROLLMENT PROFILE

- Summer 2022: 65
- Fall 2022: 246
- Spring 2023: 238
- UA Scholars: 11
- Dual Enrollment*: 145

*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

- Full-time: 14.6%
- Part-time: 85.6%
- From Alaska: 95.1%
- Under Age 30: 59.3%

RACE/ETHNICITY

- Indigenous: 62.2%
- White: 22.4%
- Black: 1.6%
- Asian: 2.4%
- Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander: 2%
- Unknown: 9.3%

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Northwest Campus is grateful and proud to be partnering with the Interior Alaska Campus to offer Construction Trades Technology programs. This provides a pathway for NWC to offer a Facility Maintenance Occupational Endorsement and Campus Credentials in Interior Installation & Repair and Heating & Plumbing.

The NWC staff and faculty are very proud of the students from Nome and Bering Strait village communities who have completed these programs. NWC is currently partnering to expand its focus on workforce development to include welding and mining.

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