



Providing Alaska's Skilled Workforce



TVEP helps UA develop the workforce of tomorrow, today.

The Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) provides vital investment in economic and workforce development for Alaska's future.

Impact of TVEP Funds

The Alaska Legislature established TVEP in 2000, designating a portion of the Unemployment Insurance receipts for career and technical education. Funds are distributed to the University of Alaska and other Regional Training Centers. Without reauthorization this session, this funding will sunset at the end of fiscal year 2020.

The University of Alaska has been a major recipient of TVEP funding since the program's inception. Preparing a qualified workforce is a core part of UA's mission. The university needs reauthorization of this important state law. TVEP provides for high-demand career and technical education training that is industry-specific.

Workforce Development Priorities

Economic and Community Development: Respond to emerging industries, identifying solutions for workforce issues and meeting the needs of employers, communities and the state.

Career Pathways: Prepare individuals for careers and advancing over time to successively higher levels of education and employment.

High Demand Jobs: Respond to shortages and projected demands in Alaskan industries.

TVEP Results

Through TVEP the University of Alaska has:

- Trained hundreds of Alaskans for jobs in oil, gas, and mining sectors
- Tripled the number of nurses trained in Alaska
- Doubled the number of engineering graduates
- Created workforce development plans for the health, education, mining, oil & gas, and maritime industries
- Opened opportunities for apprenticeship and competency-based training to count toward a degree



UA's Mining and Petroleum Training Service offers a hands-on, 280-hour mine training camp. The underground mine training curriculum consists of utility work, jackleg drilling, introduction to scaling/ground control, and operation of the heavy equipment with an emphasis on mine-specific standard operating procedures and completion of forms used at mines throughout Alaska.