

Allied Health Programs



“Between UAA, UAF and UAS, allied health students in over 200 locations across Alaska are working toward an education to better themselves and the communities they live in.”  
Torie Foote, Dir. CRCD Health Programs

Allied health careers comprise seven of Alaska’s 15 fastest growing job sectors.

People who work in allied health fields make the health care industry tick. UA offers allied health training ranging from medical office billing to radiology and pharmacy technician. Dental programs feature state-of-the-art facilities in both Anchorage and Fairbanks.

UA also offers a number of health administration tracks, ranging from an associate degree through a master’s.

Allied Health Programs	UAA	UAF	UAS
<b>DENTAL</b>			
Dental Assisting (Certificate,AAS)	■	■	
Dental Hygiene (AAS)	■	■	
<b>HEALTH INFORMATION/INPATIENT</b>			
Health Information Management (AAS)			■
Health Care Privacy (Certificate)			■
Health Information Management, Coding Specialist (Certificate)			■
Medical Office Specialist (OE)			■
<b>MEDICAL OFFICE/OUTPATIENT</b>			
Medical Assisting (Certificate, AAS)	■	■	
Medical Transcription (Courses)	■		
Medical Office Coding (OE)	■		
Medical Billing (OE)		■	
Medical Coding (OE)		■	
Medical Office Reception (OE)		■	
Health Care Reimbursement (Certificate)		■	
Medical/Dental Reception (Certificate)		■	
<b>MEDICAL LABORATORY</b>			
Phlebotomist (OE)	■		
Phlebotomy (6-credit Training)		■	
Clinical Assistant (OE)	■		
Medical Laboratory Technician (AAS)	■		
Medical Technology (BS)	■		

	UAA	UAF	UAS
<b>RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY</b>			
Pre-Radiologic Technology Qualification (Certificate)			■
Radiologic Technology (AAS)	■		
Mammography	■		
Limited Radiography (OE)	■		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Paramedic (AAS)	■	■	
Paramedic Academy		■	
Fire and Emergency Services (AAS)	■		
Emergency Medical Services (Certificate, AAS)		■	
Emergency Medical Technology (Courses)	■	■	■
<b>PHARMACY CAREERS</b>			
Pharmacy Technician (OE)	■		
<b>ADDITIONAL ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS</b>			
Community Health (AAS)		■	
Community Health/Practice (Certificate)		■	
Health Sciences (AAS)			■
<b>DIRECT SERVICES</b>			
Personal Care Attendant (PCA)	■	■	■
Certified Nurse Aide/Assistant (CNA)	■	■	■
PCA Bridge to CNA			■

Behavioral Health



The need for behavioral health workers far exceeds supply.

UA is the premier educator of Alaska’s behavioral health workforce, with programs ranging from work force training courses to doctoral degrees.

Behavioral Health Programs	UAA	UAF	UAS
<b>PSYCHIATRIC NURSING</b>			
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MS)	■		
<b>SOCIAL WORK</b>			
Social Work (MSW)	■		
Social Work (BA/BSW)	■	■	
Clinical Social Work (Graduate Certificate)	■		
Social Work Management (Graduate Certificate)	■		
<b>PSYCHOLOGY</b>			
Clinical-Community Psychology (Ph.D.)	■	■	
Clinical Psychology (MS)	■		
Community Psychology - Guidance and Counseling (MA)		■	
Community Mental Health Services (OE)	■		
Psychology (BA, BS)	■	■	
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>			
Human Services (AAS, BHS)	■	■	
Conflict Resolution (OE)	■		
Rural Human Services (Certificate)		■	
<b>DISABILITY/RESIDENTIAL SERVICES</b>			
Disabilities Services (Certificate,AAS)	■		
Children's Residential Services (OE)	■		
Project Success	■		

Nursing



By 2020, the U.S. will be short more than 800,000 RNs.

UA nursing programs range from Associate of Applied Science to Master of Science in Nursing.

Students gain clinical experience in hospitals, nursing homes and clinics. Distance delivery brings programs based in Anchorage to 11 Alaska communities: Fairbanks, Kodiak, Bethel, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kenai, Sitka, Homer, Mat-Su, Kotzebue and Valdez.

The health care industry has been a vital partner in expanding the basic nursing programs from less than 100 to more than 200 graduates per year.

Nursing Programs	UAA	UAF	UAS
<b>NURSING</b>			
Pre-Nursing Qualification		■	■
Nursing Program (AAS)	■		
RN to BS in Nursing (BS)	■		
Professional Nursing Program (BS)	■		
Family Nurse Practitioner (MS)	■		
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MS)	■		
Nursing Education (MS)	■		
Health Administration (MS)	■		
Post-Masters Certificates	■		

Therapies & Wellness



Alaska has a critical shortage of therapists.

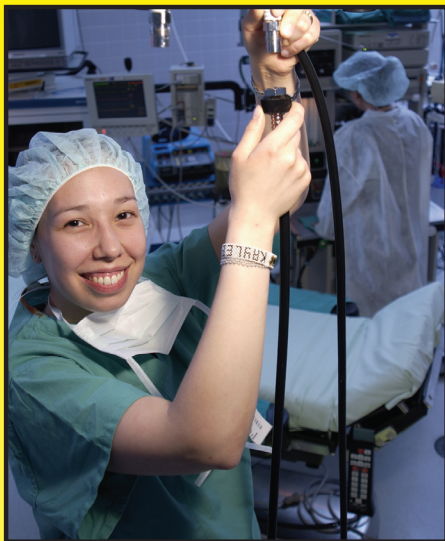
An occupational therapy doctorate is offered at UAA by distance from Creighton University. A master’s program in Speech/Language Pathology is offered by distance through East Carolina University.

A Bachelor of Physical Education with emphasis in Health and Fitness Leadership prepares students for employment in clinical-based health, education and fitness programs or further studies in physical therapy and other health careers.

UAA Culinary Arts offers a minor in nutrition. Nutrition and dietetics bachelors programs are being developed.

Therapies & Wellness	UAA	UAF	UAS
<b>THERAPIES</b>			
Occupational Therapy (OTD)	■		
Speech/Language/Audiology Therapy (MS)	■		
Massage Therapy (Continuing Education)	■		
<b>NUTRITION AND WELLNESS</b>			
Physical Education Health Fitness (BA)	■		
Minor in Nutrition	■		
Rural Nutrition Education Courses		■	
Community Wellness Advocate			■

Medicine & Public Health



In the next decade, Alaska will need approximately 100 new physicians a year.

Alaskans can complete three of four years of medical school in state through Alaska WWAMI, a six university collaboration accredited through the University of Washington.

The MEDEX Physician Assistant program has expanded and can be completed entirely in Alaska.

The Public Health program focuses on issues relevant to Alaska. The distance delivered program is designed to enhance health in Alaska’s diverse communities by preparing leaders to identify, prevent and solve health problems.

Medicine & Public Health	UAA	UAF	UAS
<b>MEDICAL PROGRAMS</b>			
Alaska WWAMI Medical School (MD)	■		
Physician Assistant (MEDEX Certificate)	■		
Physician Assistant Completion (BSHS)	■		
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>			
Public Health Practice (MPH)	■		

■ = Offered via Distance Delivery as well as on campus ■ = University of Alaska Anchorage ■ = University of Alaska Fairbanks ■ = University of Alaska Southeast ■ = Offered via a partnership with another University

Many programs offered via distance delivery have face-to-face instruction available at community campuses and colleges throughout the state. Contact the schools for specific information.

WEB LINKS: [www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/allied health](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/allied%20health) [www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka/programs/alliedhealth](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka/programs/alliedhealth) [www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/health](http://www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/health) [nursing.uaa.alaska.edu](http://nursing.uaa.alaska.edu) [health.uaa.alaska.edu/dept](http://health.uaa.alaska.edu/dept) [biomed.uaa.alaska.edu](http://biomed.uaa.alaska.edu) [www.health.alaska.edu/bshs](http://www.health.alaska.edu/bshs)



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[www.uaf.edu](http://www.uaf.edu) 907-474-7211



University of Alaska Southeast  
[www.uas.alaska.edu](http://www.uas.alaska.edu) 907-796-6000



# Health Programs at UA

## Information Resources

Use these links to find information on health careers and UA programs, begin UA application and enrollment, and research financial aid.

**University of Alaska Health Programs**  
[www.alaska.edu/health/](http://www.alaska.edu/health/)

**Application and enrollment**  
[uaonline.alaska.edu](http://uaonline.alaska.edu)

**Pathways to Alaska Health Care Careers**  
[www.alaska.edu/health/](http://www.alaska.edu/health/)  
[www.alaska.edu/swacad/wp/careerclusters/pathways.htm](http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/wp/careerclusters/pathways.htm)

**Financial Aid Information**  
[www.uaa.alaska.edu/financialaid/index.cfm](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/financialaid/index.cfm)  
[www.uaf.edu/finaid/](http://www.uaf.edu/finaid/)  
[www.uas.alaska.edu/finaid/index.html](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/finaid/index.html)

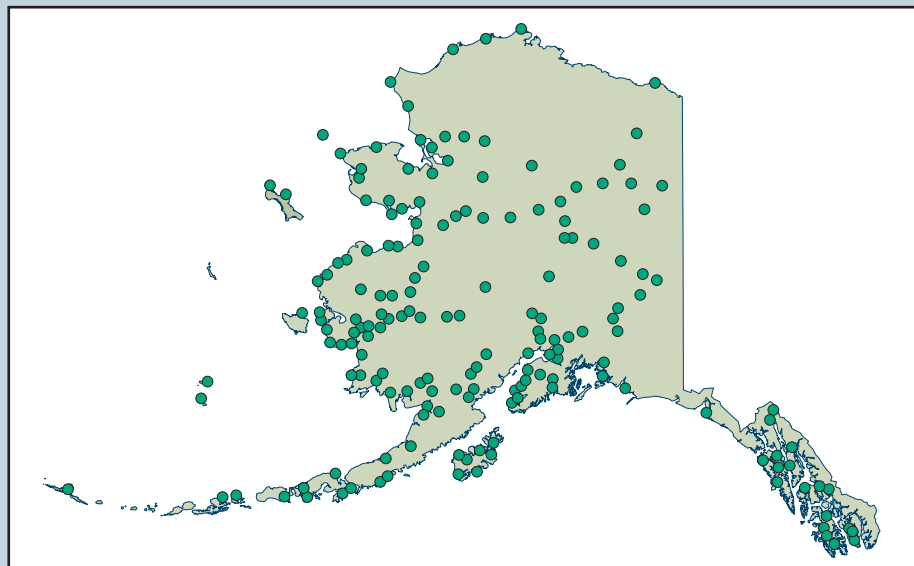
**Alaska Health Careers**  
[www.healthcareersinalaska.info/](http://www.healthcareersinalaska.info/)

## Distance Education at UA

### The Community Classroom

Half of UA's 80 health programs are available through distance education.

*Learn more at [www.alaska.edu/distance/](http://www.alaska.edu/distance/)*



Alaska communities served by UA Health Programs



### Alaska needs a trained healthcare workforce

Shortages abound as needs increase and current workers retire. The health care industry makes up more than one in every 12 jobs in Alaska – one of the largest and fastest growing sectors of Alaska's economy.

The University of Alaska stands ready to work with partners across the state to train Alaska's health care workforce.

### UA responds to critical health care needs

The university has stepped up vigorously to address the state's workforce needs in health care. Significant state and national shortages exist in nursing, medicine, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, behavioral health, public health, medical office management and allied health occupations. UA has expanded many of its programs, and partnered with other universities, to fill state needs for nursing, dentistry and occupational therapy and to bring new degree programs in physical therapy careers and pharmacy to Alaska.

*"Experience has shown us that the best people for Alaska's health care jobs already live here. Training Alaskans for Alaska's thousands of good health care jobs is the only long-term solution."*

*Sally Mead, Dir. EAHP*



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