

Rural Human Services



College of Rural Alaska
Interior-Aleutians Campus
Kuskokwim Campus
Northwest Campus
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Minimum Requirements for Certificate: 34 Credits

This one-year program facilitates development of strong and healthy rural Alaska Native individuals, families and communities. Developed for village-based human service providers preparing to be natural helpers/healers in their communities, the program provides entry-level training for village-based public, private and volunteer human service organizations.

Drawing extensively on resource people from the Native community, curriculum content and delivery reflects a strong multicultural orientation that validates, incorporates, and builds on Native values and principles.

Courses are offered through a series of four training sessions. Each session lasts three weeks. Students spend the time in intensive study at selected delivery sites. A practicum and electives round out the program.

Admission is open to all individuals employed by a regional Native health corporation or local entity providing delivery of village-based human services, or individuals recognized by their communities as natural helpers/healers. A high school diploma or GED and/or previous training or work experience in the delivery of village-based human services is recommended but not required.

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Rural Human Services—Certificate

1. Complete the certificate requirements (page 30). (As part of the certificate requirements, complete RHS 110 and 115.)
2. Complete the following courses:

RHS 120—Family Systems I*	2
RHS 130—Processes of Community Change	2
RHS 140—Alaska Native Values and Principles	1
RHS 150—Introduction to Rural Counseling*	2
RHS 220—Family Systems II*	2
RHS 250—Rural Counseling II*	2
RHS 260—Addictions: Intervention and Treatment*	2
RHS 265—Interpersonal Violence*	2
RHS 275—Introduction to Mental Health Recovery	2
RHS 285—Case Management*	2
RHS 287—Rural Human Services Practicum	4
RHS 290—Grief and Healing*	2
3. Minimum credits required 34

* The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Review Board has approved these courses toward certification or recertification of Substance Abuse Counselors in the state of Alaska.

Note: Students spend the time in intensive study at selected delivery sites.



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