### Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

The College of Rural & Community Development provides academic and vocational education that promotes workforce preparation, economic development, life-long learning, and community development with an emphasis on Alaska Natives, and underserved communities.

### Goal Statement:
The Community Health certificate program develops knowledge, skills and credentials in the health profession designed for rural, village-based Community Health Aides already employed by a tribal health organization.

- Ensure that UAF/Community Health certificate program graduates are competent in health care skills and knowledge to provide primary care for their village.
- Provide those who are employed as Community Health Aides the means to receive a UAF Certificate in Community Health(CH).

### Intended Objectives/Outcomes

1. Students who complete a Certificate in Community Health will possess the medical knowledge and skills (including the areas of communication, critical thinking, computation, and human relations) necessary to provide primary health care (emergency, acute, chronic and preventive care services) at the village clinics.

2. Community Health Practitioners employed by any tribal health corporation throughout the state will receive a UAF Certificate in Community Health upon completion of the CHP 131-135 course series (34 credits).

3. Graduates will be encouraged to utilize their Certificate as a building block for the A.A.S. degree.

### Assessment Criteria and Procedures

1a. Students must pass all written (theory) and clinical skills (practice) exams each at 80% of the competencies outlined in the curricula to continue step-wise through the course sequence (CHP 131-135) to become a Community Health Practitioner and receive the UAF Community Health Certificate.

1b. Additionally, the employer verifies that the practice (over 60 patient encounters) leads to satisfactory performance before the next course can be taken.

1c. 90% of the graduates will express overall satisfaction with the Community Health courses of study.

2. 95% of the state Community Health Practitioners will receive their UAF Community Health Certificate from a local UA campus.

3. 100% of the graduates receiving their UAF Certificate will get advising and information on distance delivered (village-based students) courses that meet the A.A.S. degree requirements.

### Implementation (what, when, who)

1a. Standards for all testing are maintained by the CHAP Academic Review Committee (ARC) and the CHAP Review and Approval Committee (RAC) of the statewide Training Centers (4).

1a. CHP 135 Preceptorship is the capstone course to become a Community Health Practitioner. It includes a statewide certification exam to verify mastery of theory (open & closed CHAM book tests) and clinical skills.

1b. RAC accredits the Training Centers ability to facilitate and evaluate the student readiness.

1c. Monitor the Training Center student evaluations through the RAC reports.

2. When there is a change in any personnel then an intervention occurs for that region to expedite the process for those regional CHPs to graduate with CH Certificate.

3. Produce and distribute each semester advising materials and information on distance courses for CHAs/CHPs to take for the AAS degree.