

COMMUNITY HEALTH

College of Rural and Community Development
Bristol Bay Campus 907-842-5109
Chukchi Campus 907-442-3400
Interior-Aleutians Campus 907-474-5439
Kuskokwim Campus 907-543-4500
Northwest Campus 907-443-2201
Community Health Aide/Practitioner Training Centers:
Anchorage CHA Training Program, ANTHC 907-729-2427
Norton Sound Health Corp., Nome 907-443-3404
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corp., Sitka 907-966-8758
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp., Bethel 907-543-6120

Certificate; AAS Degree

Minimum Requirements for Certificate: 34 credits;
for Degree: 60 credits

The community health aide/practitioner (CHA/P) training program prepares students to provide primary health care services in villages, under the supervision of a referral physician. As a prerequisite, students entering the program must be employed by a regional health corporation.

The educational program consists of four basic training sessions, each four weeks long and followed by a field component in the CHA's village clinic. The curriculum includes the knowledge and skills necessary to provide acute care for common medical problems, emergency care, follow-up care for patients with chronic illnesses, and preventive services including prenatal and well-child care. The training also includes state-approved emergency care courses, completion of a skills checklist, a supervised clinical preceptorship, and passing the CHP statewide examination.

Upon successful completion of all certification requirements, students are awarded a community health practitioner (CHP) certificate by the training center. Students completing the training program also meet the requirements for a university certificate recognizing the credits earned. These credits may be used to satisfy requirements for the AAS degree.

The CHA/P academic review committee (ARC), composed of representatives from the regional health corporations, training centers and university, ensures that the curriculum and certification process is kept uniform throughout the state. The ARC reports to the Association of CHA/P Program Directors and serves in an advisory role to the dean of the College of Rural and Community Development.

For more information about the CHA/P basic training program, contact one of the CHA/P training centers. For more information about the AAS degree, contact the College of Rural and Community Development health programs office at 907-455-2050 or 866-955-2050.

Certificate Program

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 95).
2. Complete the certificate requirements. (See page 97. As part of the certificate requirements, the communication, computation and human relations content is embedded in some of the major required courses for this program.)
3. Complete the following:
CHP F131—Community Health Aide, Session I8
CHP F132—Community Health Aide, Session II8
CHP F133—Community Health Aide, Session III8
CHP F134—Community Health Aide, Session IV8
CHP F135—Community Health Aide, Preceptorship2
4. Minimum credits required34
Note: The student may take CHP F082 prior to CHP F131 as an option when regionally available.

Major — AAS Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 95).
2. Complete the AAS degree requirements (page 99).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
 - a. Complete the following:
CHP F131—Community Health Aide, Session I8
CHP F132—Community Health Aide, Session II8
CHP F133—Community Health Aide, Session III8
CHP F134—Community Health Aide, Session IV8
CHP F135—Community Health Aide, Preceptorship2
 - b. Complete 5 or more credits from the following:
CHP F203—Clinical Update for Community Health Practitioners 1 – 3
CHP F206—Mental Health and Substance Abuse 1 – 3
CHP F207—Maternal and Infant Health 1 – 3
CHP F208—Communicable Diseases 1 – 3
CHP F211—Health Education 1 – 3
CHP F212—Diabetes: Primary Prevention and Village Medical Care 1 – 3
CHP F214—Cancer: Risks, Diagnosis and Treatment3
CHP F215—Death and Dying3
CHP F220—Women's Health: Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening2
CHP F250—Current Issues in Rural Health Care** 1 – 3
CHP F293—Special topic courses
EMS—any F200-level courses
HLTH—any F200-level courses
4. Complete electives6
5. Minimum credits required60
** Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.*
*** May repeat up to 3 credits toward AAS degree.*

Certificate Requirements

Communication 2 – 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)
- ABUS F170—Business English.....(3)
- ABUS F271—Business Communications(3)
- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F212—Business, Grant and Report Writing*(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences(3)
- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3) or successful completion of competency test
- DEVS F104—University Communications..... (1 – 3)
- DEVS F105—Intensive Reading Development(3)
- Other program-approved discipline-based communication course or discipline-based courses with embedded communication content..... (2 – 3)

* ENGL F212 does not fulfill the second half of the written communication requirement for the bachelor's degree.

Computation 2 – 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- Any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).(3)
- ABUS F155—Business Math.....(3)
- DEVM F105—Intermediate Algebra(3)
- ECE F117—Math Skills for Early Childhood Educators.....(3)
- HLTH F116—Mathematics in Health Care(3)
- HUMS F117—Math Skills for Human Services(3)
- TTCH F131—Mathematics for the Trades(3)
- Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based courses with embedded computation content. (2 – 3)

Human Relations 2 – 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture(s)(3)
- ABUS F154—Human Relations(3)
- ANL F287—Teaching Methods for Alaska Native Languages (h).....(3)
- ECE F104—Child Development: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers (s)(3)
- ECE F107—Child Development II: Preschool and Primary Years (s)(3)
- ED/PSY F245—Child Development (s)(3)
- HLTH F106—Human Behavior in Health Care (s).....(3)
- HUMS F120—Cultural Diversity in Human Services.....(3)
- RHS F110—Cross-Cultural Bridging Skills (1) AND
RHS F115—Issues of Personal Development(2)
- Other program-approved discipline-based human relations or discipline-based courses with embedded human relations content. (2 – 3)

Major specialty at least 21 Credits

Electives to total 30 Credits

Associate of Applied Science Requirements

Written Communication 6 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- ABUS F271—Business Communications(3)
- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F212—Business, Grant and Report Writing*(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences(3)

* ENGL F212 does not fulfill the second half of the written communication requirement for the bachelor's degree.

Oral Communication 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3) or successful completion of competency test

Computation 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- Any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).(3)
- ABUS F155—Business Math.....(3)
- DEVM F105—Intermediate Algebra(3)
- ECE F117—Math Skills for Early Childhood Educators.....(3)
- HLTH F116—Mathematics in Health Care(3)
- HUMS F117—Math Skills for Human Services(3)
- TTCH F131—Mathematics for the Trades(3)
- Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based courses with embedded computation content. (3)

Human Relations 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture (s)(3)
- ABUS F154—Human Relations(3)
- ANL F287—Teaching Methods for Alaska Native Languages (h).....(3)
- ECE F104—Child Development: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers (s)(3)
- ECE F107—Child Development II: Preschool and Primary Years (s)(3)
- ED/PSY F245—Childhood Development (s)(3)
- HLTH F106—Human Behavior in Health Care (s)(3)
- HUMS F120—Cultural Diversity in Human Services.....(3)
- RHS F110—Cross-Cultural Bridging Skills (1) AND
RHS F115—Issues of Personal Development(2)
- Other program-approved discipline-based human relations course or discipline-based courses with embedded human relations content. (3)

Major specialty at least 30 Credits

Electives to total 60 Credits

Minimum credits required for degree 60 Credits