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NEW OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT REQUEST
(UA Regulation 10.04.02)

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These programs require students to go through a formal admissions process; the timing and fees for such processes will be under the purview of the MAUs. As such, a high school diploma or its equivalency is required—and the student is eligible for federal financial aid. Students are recognized by Banner to be in a specific program (as opposed to non-degree seeking or undeclared) allowing tracking of enrollment, progress and graduation. Students participate in a unit-level graduation ceremony and receive a MAU standardized "Occupational Endorsement."

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Department:	RC Transfer	College/School:	UAF Rural College RC Transfer

Brief statement of the proposed endorsement, industry objectives and abbreviated student learning outcomes assessment and implementation plan:

Overview: Interior – Aleutians Campus (IAC) has developed the Rural Nutrition Services (RNS) Occupational Endorsement proposal in response to the soaring incidence of nutrition-related health care needs in rural Alaska, and the identified gap in postsecondary nutrition education in Alaska (see Appendix A). The RNS Occupational Endorsement would serve as a 12-credit gateway to employment and service with special relevance to Alaska Natives, rural Alaskans, and those individuals working with rural Alaskans. RNS also establishes an entry point to advanced education in nutrition science, health and food system-related fields.

The proposed curriculum of approved University of Alaska Fairbanks courses was developed through extensive consultation with Registered Dietitians serving rural Alaska, Tribal organizations providing health care and human services to rural residents, rural education organizations, and rural residents coping with chronic, preventable nutrition-related diseases such as type 2 diabetes and hypertension. The curriculum is unique in its combination of Nutrition Science, Behavioral Health and Alaska Native knowledge with the unique realities of rural and Alaska Native food systems. RNS builds on the proven education models of UAF's Rural Human Services Program and Tribal Management Program by focusing on traditional Alaska Native knowledge and ways of learning integrated with current technology, science and vocational skills.

The proposed Occupational Endorsement responds to the exceptional vocational education and academic needs of Alaska's workforce, needs of employers, and needs of people of all ages threatened by nutrition-related diseases. It has been carefully designed to provide students the foundation education and skills necessary to enter paraprofessional direct service and/or follow an academic pathway to the proposed RNS Certificate, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree.

Upon completion of an RNS Occupational Endorsement, a student will know entry-level Nutrition Science and have skills for communicating this knowledge to others using a broad range of techniques, including culturally relevant methods. Potential career opportunities include (but are not limited to) local Diabetes Prevention Coordinator, Head Start Nutrition Educator, Elder Nutrition Cook, Tribal Administrator of Nutrition and Health Programs, and School Cook, as well as expanded capacity in the positions of Community Health Aide, Women Infant and Children (WIC) Program representative, and Wellness Coordinator. The students completing RNS pilot courses during the 2008 – 2009 academic year have demonstrated the capacity for employment and expansion of existing employment related to nutrition, health and rural food systems.

The Rural Nutrition Services Occupational Endorsement will be offered through the Interior – Aleutians Campus of the College of Rural and Community Development (CRCDC). It is designed to fit the UAF Strategic Plan and overall goals of CRCDC by educating rural Alaskans in a field that allows them to remain in their home community and find employment, which helps their people stay healthy.

Detailed Explanation (Format 3A):

[OEForm.pdf](#)

Statement of Endorsement from Industry or Advisory Council Representative:

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan:

Regents Program Approval Summary Form:

[OEFormSummary.pdf](#)

Notes:

Final Decision Date: 2010-03-19

Final Decision: Approved

Actions taken on request:

User	Level	Action	Notes	Date
brpike	Occupational Endorsement - Preparer	Submit		12-22-2009 10:18:33
brpike	Occupational Endorsement - College Dean's Office	Approved		12-22-2009 10:19:18
lrcurda	Occupational Endorsement - CRCDC Curriculum Council Chair	Approved		12-25-2009 20:16:36
jbharvie	Occupational Endorsement - Governance Office Review	Approved	Hi Ken, As before with the OE for CTT-Facility Maintenance, if you do not see the option of routing this electronically to Falk, then please let me know and I'll send him paper copies to review. After Falk's review, then you would log back in and route the OE	01-05-2010 09:45:54

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kfabramowicz	Occupational Endorsement - Curricular Affairs Chair	Approved	Hi Ken, As before with the OE for CTT-Facility Maintenance, if you do not see the option of routing this electronically to Falk, then please let me know and I'll send him paper copies to review. After Falk's review, then you would log back in and route the OE forward to Jon Dehn. Thanks, Jayne x7964 fysenate@uaf.edu	01-25-2010 17:08:02
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jdehn	Occupational Endorsement - Faculty Senate President	Approved	All, The plan looks fine, should mesh well with other efforts.	03-05-2010 18:22:42
smhenrichs	Occupational Endorsement - Provost	Approved	All, The plan looks fine, should mesh well with other efforts.	03-19-2010 14:29:52

bdrogers	Occupational Endorsement - Chancellor	Approved		03-19-2010 17:12:32
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