



Report of Project Activities

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Business Partnerships



DENALI TRAINING FUND

PROGRESS REPORT

<p>NAME OF ORGANIZATION: University of Alaska NAME OF PROJECT: Allied Health Training Phase IIB REPORT PERIOD: April 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007</p>

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Pharmacy Careers: The Spring semester ended this quarter with 5 courses offered in the pharmacy technician series, including the newest 1 credit course for Special Topics. This course is intended to create several topics whereby pharmacists can communicate in an Elluminate Live session with pharmacy technician students or practicing technicians looking for CEU. There are 10 pharmacists “speaking” to the class. Spring semester registration was 60 students. Intro to Pharmacy: 24, Pharmacology for Technicians II: 14, Techniques of Pharmacy Practice: 9, Pharmacy Formulae/Concentrations: 7, Topics in Pharmacy: 6

The transcribed Occupational Endorsement (OE) in Pharmacy Technology has completed the UAA process adding an additional 1 credit for a total of 16 credits. Five students completed the OE. The flyer describing this program developed last quarter was distributed to several other organizations.

Medical Laboratory Careers: This quarter 3 Clinical Lab Assistant courses and 3 phlebotomy courses were offered online with a total of 18 students registered. These courses are offered on a 6 month schedule to recognize rural lifestyles and the need for more time than the traditional semester. The courses that began in January will end in July. Seven students completed courses and received the Occupational Endorsement in Phlebotomy.

Work began on the course development planning for distance delivery of the AAS degree. This semester adjuncts have been hired to teach 2 regular classes to allow release time to complete transfer/development of two courses existing courses to distance.

Radiographic Careers: The first Limited Radiography cohort of 4 students completed the fourth and final course of the sequence; most students are from the YK region including Bethel, Aniak, and Emmonak. They will all receive the UAA Occupational Endorsement (OE). The second cohort of 12 students completed their third class of four. The bulk of this group resides in Southeast Alaska, many are SEARHC employees located in Haines and Petersburg. The third cohort of 4 students completed the second class in the series—St Mary’s, Bethel, Aniak, Kake, and Wasilla. The fourth cohort completed their first class with 2 students from Fairbanks and Glennallen. The Rad Tech program director taught the newly created fourth class in the Limited Radiography series.

CNA/PCA:

The PCA-CNA bridge course pilot has been completed with a total of 35 students completing the course and becoming eligible to apply for the State CNA Exam. Students in the Anchorage, Wasilla/Palmer, and Soldotna areas who completed all of the required coursework and clinical hours, were able to take the State Certification Exam. The students, who have taken the exam, have a very high success rate. To date, one student has not made arrangements to take the exam, and one other student needed to re-take the skills portion of the exam.

The State PCA Workgroup met in Anchorage on January. The workgroup was able to review the results and make decisions on the most productive method to make this course available to any UA campus wanting to offer this method of delivery.

The State Nurse Aide Registry has given clinical instructor approval to two RN's in Wasilla and Soldotna. As other areas of the state become a site for offering this course, clinical instructors will need to be approved by the BON prior to beginning any instruction to students, along with any clinical facility also being required to have BON approval as a clinical site for students.

The CNA course is currently being reviewed as to the feasibility of incorporating some distance delivery methods with local face to face courses in an effort to make the training available to as many non-traditional students as possible.

The Health Workforce Project Assistant is being certified in order to assist in labs and clinical for this program. This will allow more student enrollment per semester and allow more students in each lab and clinical site.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

Pharmacy Careers: The program is complete now, courses have all been offered at least 3 times except the Special Topics, now being delivered for the first time. The sequence is working and will be offered in this regular way from now on.

Medical Laboratory Careers:

Fall semester we will offer the Phlebotomy Procedures 101, Clinical Chemistry for Clinical Assistants, and Microbiology for Clinical Assistants in distance form. The 6 month class length is planned to start in July and end in December with the semester. An additional course in Specimen Processing will start in August at the regular semester start date and end in February. The Student Success Coordinator will continue working with the key faculty to recruit students beyond the existing tribal health organizations that have enrolled their employees/students.

Legislation is before the Alaska Legislature for 3 levels of licensure for the Medical Laboratory Technology field. It did not move out of its first committee this Session. We will follow this action next Legislative Session.

Radiographic Careers: The fifth cohort of Limited Radiography students will begin their class series Fall semester. With the addition of the faculty member, the Rad Tech program is preparing to rollout the AAS degree to a Bethel cohort of 2 in Fall 2007. The students selected for this highly competitive program are being supported by Kuskokwim Campus and UAA to complete

needed General Education Requirements. A Memorandum of Agreement has been developed between the two campuses and meetings held to plan for the fall. The trainee success coordinator will be instrumental in supporting this effort.

The pending licensure legislation from last Legislative session did not move out of Committee this session.

CNA/PCA Courses: Course offerings will continue on community needs basis as to the availability of student interest and employment opportunities. The CNA program has had a steady enrollment and community interest for each semester the course has been offered. A more intensive advertisement campaign will be considered to support bringing this training to more remote areas in need of qualified healthcare workers.

Currently, for the Sitka Campus Fall Semester, there have been a total of 12 students meeting pre-enrollment criteria and those students are working on securing funding for tuition and fees associated with the course.

PROBLEMS, DELAYS OR CONCERNS EXPERIENCED:

Pharmacy Careers: No issues to address.

Medical Laboratory Careers: The National changes will be known in coming months, though implementation is likely 1-2 years away but changes to our existing AAS will incorporate the obvious changes in the distance course development to prevent repetitive work in the future.

Radiographic Careers: No issues to address.

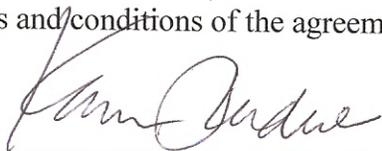
CNA/PCA Courses: There have not been any delays or concerns since we have obtained course approval from the State Board of Nursing.

POSSIBLE PROBLEM RESOLUTIONS AND TIMEFRAMES:

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CNA/PCA Courses: We will continue to work with the Board of Nursing for suggestions and input on improvements to the current courses.

Certification: I certify that the above information is true and correct and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.



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