

Project Authorization



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Project Number

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Project Title

University of Alaska Southeast Health Information Management Program

Performance Period

February 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014

Commission Amount

\$315,287.00

Match Source(s)

Match Amount

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Grant/Award, this Authorization:

Qualified Health Information Management (HIM) professionals are essential to the planning, implementation, maintenance and ongoing use of Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Health Information Exchange (HIE). The transition to EHRs and a nationwide health information exchange requires not only significant investment in technologies, but a significant investment in professional development to succeed. The government estimates that there is a need for 50,000 additional healthcare IT personnel to staff these initiatives.

Through this University of Alaska allied health initiative, certificates/occupational endorsements that can be achieved for participant completers are, Healthcare Information Technology Occupational Endorsement, Healthcare Privacy and Security Certificate, Healthcare Coding Certificate, and Health Information Management Associate of Applied Science. Total anticipated number of students participating in the UAS HIM program areas for award period: 200. Estimated number of rural-based students during award period: 65%

Program Goals:

- Continue to develop the current Healthcare Information Technology (HIT) Occupational Endorsement.
- Develop the curriculum for International Classification of Diseases Professional Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS) for academic programs and continuing education opportunities for the current coding workforce of Alaska. ICD-10-CM/PCS, a Federal Government initiative can be better explained at <https://www.cms.gov/ICD10/Downloads/ICD-10Overview.pdf>
- Develop career pathways model for (HIT) workers related to HIT, HIM, Health Care Reimbursement (HCR) and Computer Information and Operating Systems (CIOS) options.
- Continue development of HIT courses for continuing education opportunities for healthcare professionals; based on HIT needs assessment

Project outcomes:

- 200 students trained in HCR-HIM-HIT with a majority focused in rural areas.
- All curriculum updated from ICD-9 to ICD-10 and designed for distance delivery/expanded access for rural students
- Career pathways model for HIM workers and related positions developed
- Continuing education courses developed and offered for incumbent health care professionals

IN PROGRESS

PLANNED START DATE: February 01, 2011

PLANNED END DATE: June 30, 2014

CLOSE-OUT

PLANNED START DATE: July 1, 2014

PLANNED END DATE: September 30, 2014