



Report of Project Activities

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Business Partnerships



DENALI TRAINING FUND

PROGRESS REPORT

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: University of Alaska
NAME OF PROJECT: Allied Health Training Phase IIB
REPORT PERIOD: October 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Pharmacy Careers: These quarter three courses were completed in the pharmacy technician series. The number of students exploring this program continues to grow. Fall semester registration was 69 students. Intro to Pharmacy: 36, Pharmacology for Technicians I: 23 & Pharmacy Formulae/Concentrations: 10

The Transcribed Occupational Endorsement in Pharmacy Technology has completed the UAA process, adding an additional 1 credit for a total of 16 credits. A flyer was produced to use for marketing purposes listing the details of this coursework. The Trainee Success Coordinator interacted with Maniilaq and Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation in efforts to inform/recruit additional students.

Medical Laboratory Careers: These quarter three Clinical Lab Assistant courses and two phlebotomy courses were offered online with a total of 17 students registered. These courses are offered on a six month schedule to recognize rural lifestyles and the need for more time than the traditional semester. The new faculty member taught these classes successfully utilizing the interactive, synchronous web-conferencing software, Elluminate Live as well as Blackboard. He also traveled to Kotzebue and the YK Delta to meet students and make personal connections.

Radiographic Careers: The second Limited Radiography cohort of 14 students completed their second class fall semester 2006. The bulk of this group resides in Southeast Alaska; many are SEARHC employees, 1 in Emmonak and 2 in Anchorage. The third cohort of 12 students completed the first class in the series this fall –St Mary's, Bethel, Emmonak, Holy Cross, Anchorage and Big Lake. The additional faculty took over teaching the Limited Radiography series, doing well with both the web-delivered didactic and the added synchronous web-conferencing "class time" with Elluminate Live. The Rad Tech program director completed the fourth class in this series and thus was able to complete the Occupational Endorsement through the UAA system.

PCA/CNA Courses:

- Local CNA course taught to class of 10 students.
- PCA to CNA Bridge course completed for online delivery. Course approval from State Board of Nursing received. Pilot students completed all coursework and the majority have already taken and passed State CNA exam.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

Pharmacy Careers: A final 1 credit special topics course was completed as part of the Occupational Endorsement for Pharmacy Technicians. This course is intended to create several topics whereby pharmacists can communicate in an eLive session with pharmacy technician students or practicing technicians looking for CEU. There are 10 pharmacists from around the state preparing to “speak” at the class already. This has created a good discussion even before the class begins.

A group of students from the Bethel region enrolled last fall and will continue this next semester. After the Director and Student Success Coordinator trips to Kotzebue and Dillingham, another rural student has signed up for the spring semester.

Medical Laboratory Careers:

Spring 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 will end in February at which time we expect 13 Phlebotomy Occupational Endorsement completers.

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. Work has begun on the course development planning for distance delivery of the AAS degree.

This Spring semester adjuncts have been hired to teach 2 regular classes to allow release time for two full time faculty to complete development of two courses.

Legislation will be proposed in Alaska this coming session for three levels of licensure for the Medical Laboratory Technology field. We will follow this action closely.

Radiographic Careers: The fourth cohort of Limited Radiography students will begin their class series Spring semester. With the addition of the faculty member, the Rad Tech program is preparing to rollout the AAS degree to a Bethel cohort of 3 in Fall 2007. The applicants for this highly competitive program are being supported by Kuskokwim Campus and UAA to complete needed pre-requisites and General Education requirements so they can apply to the program next May. The trainee success coordinator will be instrumental in supporting this effort.

The pending licensure legislation from last Legislative session is expected to be resubmitted this coming session. Again, with the additional faculty that began this fall, the Rad Tech program is aligned to respond to state need if the bill passes in May 2007.

PCA/CNA Courses:

- PCA to CNA Bridge evaluation report to state workgroup. Adjust any necessary course materials for online bridge course and make available to all interested UA campus programs.
- Local PCA or CNA course to be offered in Sitka.
- Review student success in CNA course when used in conjunction with web-based activities.

PROBLEMS, DELAYS OR CONCERNS EXPERIENCED:

Are the grant activities progressing as planned? If not, what is the cause? Identify if there are any areas the Alaska Workforce Investment Office can provide assistance

Pharmacy Careers: There are no delays or problems arising from this activity

Medical Laboratory Careers: The National organizations representing Medical Laboratory Technologist field are preparing to change requirements and licensure/exams at the AAS level. Our faculty are watching these changes closely, and re-designing the distance AAS accordingly.

Radiographic Careers: No issues to address.

PCA/CNA Courses:

- Activities are progressing as expected.
- Ongoing activity to locate rural sites suitable for PCA and CNA students which have capability to offer lab and clinical experience.
- Able to secure approved sites and clinical instructors, as outlined by State Board of Nursing, for students in the pilot areas.

POSSIBLE PROBLEM RESOLUTIONS AND TIMEFRAMES:

For any problems identified, describe how you will resolve them and how long it will take.

Pharmacy Careers: No issues to address.

Medical Laboratory Careers: The National changes will be known in the next 6 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

PCA/CNA Courses:

- Will have State workgroup evaluate overall student success rate with pilot and make any necessary changes to course before campus-wide delivery. All pilot course activities will be completed no later than Spring 07 semester.

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



Karen Perdue, AVP-Health

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Date