Workforce Drivers

Opportunities at UAA

Challenges for UAA

Find Your Healthy!

- Physical Therapy one of the 20 fastest growing occupations in the country (U.S. Department of Labor)
- Alaska Department of Labor forecasts 70 physical therapy openings between 2015-2022
- 27 physical therapy positions were under recruitment in Alaska in early October 2014
- Program developed in response to advisory board recommendations and community need
- Only university Physical Education program in Alaska

- Poised to partner with UAA College of Health and industry to expand the pre-physical therapy track
- Serves the community through state-of-the-art Human Performance Lab
- Emphasizes community involvement, both students and faculty
- Advised by strong industry partnerships

- Number of students outpace openings for work-based learning opportunities or internships
- Student and community demand outstrips available facilities, equipment and faculty
Join us in Building Alaska’s Workforce!

Advise
- Share labor market trends and best practices
- Review program goals, objectives, outcomes
- Participate in program evaluation

Assist
- Employ students
- Assist with alumni development
- Help procure funding
- Contribute equipment, supplies, or funding
- Share workplace experiences with students
- Provide internships
- Deliver classroom presentations
- Sponsor a student organization

Advocate
- Solicit greater industry engagement
- Share success stories; promote programs
- Participate in award ceremonies
- Gather legislative support
- Collect information on new legislation

Join Us Today!
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UAA Health, Physical Education & Recreation
By the Numbers

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Only university Physical Education program in Alaska

52%
Graduates move on to next level of postsecondary education

5th
Place earned by UAA’s first-ever team in the American College of Sports Medicine National Quiz Bowl (academic competition for kinesiology majors)

2,000
Number of Community Engagement hours logged by Physical Education majors in the past school year

73,500
Number of physical therapists needed nationwide

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