

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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FEDERAL AWARD: \$479,490

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments (CATG) is a Tribal consortium of ten Gwich'in and Koyukon Athabascan tribes from the upper Yukon River drainage in the eastern Alaskan interior. This NACTEP 3-year Project continues and expands on the successes achieved in the previous NACTEP Project. Career Pathways provide industry recognized credentials and Occupational Endorsements, with some course-work credits applicable to Certificate and AAS Degrees at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This provides smooth transitions into the lattice and ladders of Certificates and Degrees in higher education at the University. Students are encouraged to pursue education beyond the Occupational Endorsement and Certificate level, while being employed. This project offers student support services, an annual orientation, internships, and financial assistance for distance education courses and local intensives.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Continue to implement the five developed, and 1 new, Career Pathways that address the needs of CATG region employers and lead to high growth, high wage employment.
- Identify and build 2 additional career pathways into the program as identified by stakeholders and students.
- Provide assistance to at least 50 students each semester who are actively seeking career-enhancing credentials in one of the identified Career Pathways.
- Schedule and deliver courses in partnership with I-AC to Yukon Flats students so that 50% will obtain a credential (Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, or Associates Degree) by the end of the project period.
- Increase student success & employability through semester-based seminars for 20 students each semester.
- Increase student persistence and completion through outreach for on-site student support services and recruitment in 5 villages each year.
- Institute consistent communications with each active student to provide ongoing support and outreach in the form of

- When necessary provide students with tutors and or tutorial services, job counseling, and mentoring from staff, consultants, community members and peers.
- Keep regional employers abreast of upcoming tribal members' training completion.
- Each student, as part of their career preparation will participate in a 6-week on-the-job training or internship experience in their career field.
- A minimum of 60% of those who complete a credential in their training program will obtain or retain job placement and/or continue on to the next level of career path training or higher education.
- To establish 3 CTSOs aligned with existing CATG NACTEP Career Paths before the end of before the end of the 2015-2016 SY to engage up to 30 secondary students in CTE Career Paths.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS: Secondary and Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AREAS:

PROGRAM

CERTIFICATION

Business Endorsement	Certificate, AA Degree
Construction Trades Technology	Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, AAS Degree
Education	Certificate, AAS Degree
Emergency Services	Industry Certification Certificate, AAS Degree
Health and Human Resources	Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, AAS Degree
Technical Trades	Industry Certification
Tribal Management	Occupational Endorsement, Certificate, AAS Degree

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

- Financial Assistance (tuition, books, and fees)
- Internships in Career Pathway
- Annual Academic Orientation
- Student Support Services
- Distance Education and Local Intensives

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 11

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:

- University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)
- College for Rural & Community Development (CRCD)
- UAF Interior-Alaska Campus, UAF Fort Yukon Center
- Regional Employers
- CATG, Yukon Flats School District,
- 10 Tribal Governments of the CATG Consortium in the Yukon Flats
- Tanana Chiefs Conference

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is accredited through the North Central Association (NCA) Higher Learning Commission