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H-1B Rural Healthcare Grant

On February 1, 2021, Alaska Primary Care Association was awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, for the H-1B Rural Healthcare Grant Program. This federally funded, four-year grant will be utilized to alleviate rural healthcare workforce shortages by supporting sustainable employment models and training programs. The Alaska Primary Care Association is primarily focusing on three rural Alaskan regions: Bering Strait, Mat-Su Valley, and South Central.

To date, this project has developed a new Registered Apprenticeship Program for Pharmacy Technicians and Home Health Aids/Direct Support Professionals. Additionally, APCA continues to provide an undergraduate certificate training program and Registered Apprenticeship Program for Community Health Workers and Certified Clinical Medical Assistants. The project also supports the pre-apprenticeship training program, Preparing Alaskans for Training in Health Careers (PATH) Academy. Through a partnership with UAA, this project supports eligible health professions students in the AHEC Scholar's program administered by Alaska's Area Health Education Centers (AHEC). Other eligible health professions students enrolled in APCA's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program are also supported through the H-1B grant.

APCA proposes to serve 440 individuals throughout this grant period. In 2021, a total of 145 participants were served. Seven of those participants completed training programs and received at least one recognized credential. Of those that completed, three entered training related employment and four incumbent workers advanced into new positions within their organization.

Learn more about our eligible training programs here:

[Apprenticeship](#)

[AHEC Scholars](#)

[Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#)



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