



ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY — ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

# Strategic Partnership

## Who are we?

Alaska Pacific University and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium are two highly respected non-profit organizations who exist to meet the unique needs of Alaskans by providing unparalleled education and health services.

## What makes this a cohesive partnership?

Both entities share similar organizational Vision, Mission, and Values. While the missions of both APU and ANTHC will remain unchanged, this strategic partnership will allow the strength of each organization to continue while creating exciting new opportunities for growth and development in service to Alaskans.

## Alaska Pacific University

### Vision

A leading active learning community igniting personal passion, self-discovery, and a deep learning

### Mission

A small private liberal arts and sciences university providing personalized, experimental, hands-on instruction “in the field” with Alaska as its primary classroom.

### Values

- Applied research projects: faculty working collaboratively with students in relevant real world settings.
- Leadership, moral character, creativity, responsibility, and self-direction.
- Abilities: think critically, reason analytically, solve problems creatively, work in teams effectively.
- Student engagement, student-centered.
- Knowledge to spark personal, moral, and spiritual growth.
- Acknowledging and honoring the commitment to serve Alaska Native peoples.

## Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

### Vision

Alaska Native people are the healthiest people in the world

### Mission

Providing the highest quality health services in partnership with our people and the Alaska Tribal Health System

### Values

- Achieving excellence
- Native self-determination
- Treat with respect and integrity
- Health and wellness
- Compassion

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What will happen to APU?

APU will remain APU -- with its distinctive mission, degrees, and programs -- moving forward and growing educational opportunities for students through this strategic partnership with ANTHC. You will find the best education at APU, and for those already here, you will graduate from the degree into which you were admitted.

### Has APU been bought out?

No. APU has entered a strategic partnership with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. APU has delivered quality education for ANTHC and Alaska Tribal Health System (ATHS) employees for decades. ANTHC and APU wish to strengthen their longstanding partnership and improve their ability to provide meaningful educational and employment opportunities for ANTHC's and the ATHS's workforce.

### Are you going to become a Tribal college? When will you become a Tribal college?

Becoming a Tribal college is a multi-year process. The possibility will be thoroughly explored because of the benefits it might offer for our students and Alaska Native communities. If it makes sense to work toward this goal, a plan will be developed and implemented.

### What is a Tribal college or university?

Tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) are unique institutions that were initially created to serve geographically isolated regions that had no other local pathway for higher education. They serve American Indian students on and off reservations, as well as other students in rural areas that are distant from larger public institutions. TCUs focus on personalized attention, cultural relevance, and place-based experiential learning, much like APU!

Learn more about Tribal colleges and the partnerships they offer here: <http://www.aihec.org/who-we-serve/index.htm>

### Can non-natives still attend APU?

Yes. The partnership will enhance the diversity and educational experiences for Native and non-Native students alike.

### Will Early Honors go away?

No. The APU Early Honors Program continues! We offer an exceptional dual credit program for high school seniors, and we are committed to college attainment for all Alaskans.

### How are programs going to change?

We are looking strategically at workforce needs in Alaska and beyond. Existing APU degrees and programs align well within the partnership. APU constantly reviews degrees to keep them current and market-relevant. Opportunities for student research and internships will be expanded.

### Will your scholarships change?

Federal financial aid rules remain the same. We hope to be able to expand scholarships.

### Will there be a nursing program?

In the near future, we are looking at 'pipeline' programs such as post-CNA courses/degrees. All workforce needs are being evaluated.

### Will health now be the focus of APU programs? What about the sciences and outdoor studies?

Health is a state of physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. Health is related to many factors including individuals, communities, and the environment. APU has been offering courses related to health and wellness for many years. We are excited about expanding our degree opportunities for current and future students to include more health-related studies – particularly with our world-renowned partner, ANTHC.

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