

## H-1B Rural Healthcare Grants

### Alaska Primary Care Association

**Organization Type:** Primary Care Associations

**Project Name:** *APCA H-1B Rural Healthcare*

**Award Amount:** \$1,231,238

**Target H-1B Healthcare Occupations:** Community Health Workers, Certified Clinical Medical Assistants, Pharmacy Technicians, and Home Health Aids

**Credential(s) Awarded:** Occupational certificates, credentials, degrees, continuing education credits, and undergraduate certificate training

**Summary of Program Activities:** The **Alaska Primary Care Association's** *APCA H-1B Rural Healthcare* will expand H-1B Rural Healthcare employment and training programs in three rural Alaska regions: Bering Strait, Mat-Su Valley, and South Central. The H-1B Rural Healthcare project seeks to minimize barriers to healthcare training, as dispersed populations, high transportation costs, and limited local infrastructure. The project will address the lack of training opportunities for rural healthcare careers by developing a robust, community-based experiential training to create a pipeline programming for future healthcare professionals and provide continuing education for adult healthcare professionals. The project will develop a new Registered Apprenticeship Program for Pharmacy Technicians and Home Health Aids. It will continue to provide an undergraduate certificate training program and Registered Apprenticeship Program for Community Health Workers, and the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Registered Apprenticeship program. For example, a new Certified Clinical Medical Assistant training program will be developed for employer partner Sunshine Community Health Center. The project will also support the *Preparing Alaskans for Training in Health Careers (PATH) Academy* pre-apprentice training and continue to support Alaska's Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) with AHEC Scholars. The grantee plans to award occupational certificates, credentials, and degrees to participants who complete training. The target populations to be served include underrepresented populations, specifically Alaska Natives, women, people of color, veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.

### The Rural Healthcare Partnership

**Employer Partners:** Norton Sound Health Corporation, Sunshine Community Health Center; **Education and Training Providers:** University of Alaska, Anchorage, College of Health; Alaska Pacific University; University of Alaska, Alaska's AHEC; **WIOA Entities:** Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Alaska Workforce Investment Board; **Other Entity:** Providence Health and Services

**Geographic Scope:** Statewide

**Opportunity Zone:** Yes

**Service Area:** The Alaska rural regions of Mat-Su Valley, Nome/Bering Strait, and South Central Alaska

**Proposed Total Participants Served:** 440

**Target Population:** Unemployed, Underemployed, Incumbent Workers

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