Historically, Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) individuals have been underrepresented among researchers and health scientists, and there is a need for Western-trained researchers to be culturally grounded, respectful and responsive in meeting the health needs of AN/AI communities.

The goal of this unique research program is to increase the health research capacity of AI/AN individuals and communities by providing cross-cultural research education.

The overarching learning objectives of the research program are:

- Understanding Indigenous and Western ways of knowing as a foundation for Alaska Native health research
- Understanding how to integrate Indigenous and Western methodologies
- Understanding community-based participatory research and how it aligns with the research process
- Understanding the principles of ethics in Indigenous health research
- Describing the impact of historical trauma on health research among AN/AI Peoples
- Recognizing varying levels of community engagement and ownership of AN/AI health research

The program offers:

- Three weeks (five days a week, eight hours a day) of courses on the APU campus at no cost
- Breakfast and lunch on program days
- Limited number of scholarships that cover airfare as well as room and board on the APU campus
- College and professional development credit
- Internship opportunities to gain more skills and research experience

Choose the week(s) that best fits your experience:

- Week One: May 6-10 Advanced research courses
- Week Two: May 13-17 Research ethics courses
- Week Three: May 20-24 Introductory research courses

Attend up to three weeks of courses covering:

- Indigenous and Western research methodologies
- Community-based participatory research
- Culturally responsive community engagement and communication
- Health research ethics
- Health research and historical trauma

Program Starts: May 6
Internship Dates: May 28-June 28
Registration Opens: February 15
Application Deadline: April 5

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Week 1: May 6 – 10 (Advanced level)

This week is designed for experienced researchers and health professionals. Courses will cover Indigenous and Western knowledge and ways of knowing, decolonizing research practices, Indigenous research methodologies, bringing together multiple perspectives in research, community-based participatory and culturally responsive research as well as historical trauma and research.

Week 2: May 13 – 17 (All levels)

This week is designed for all levels of research experience. Courses will cover the history of research in Alaska, historical trauma, decolonizing research practices, tribally driven health research and research review, human subjects research principles, Institutional Review Board (IRB) review as well as culturally responsive dissemination practices and principles of community based participatory research.

Week 3: May 20 – 24 (Beginner level)

This week is designed for those who are interested in health research with little to no experience. Courses will cover introduction to Indigenous and Western research methods, exploration of different types of health research, the One Health perspective, introduction to community-based participatory research, culturally responsive communication and dissemination, introduction to history and ethics health research in Alaska as well as how to integrate Indigenous methods into public health.

Internships: May 28 – June 28

Those attending Week 3 are invited to apply for four internship openings at ANTHC to gain hands-on research skills and experience.

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Limited program space, scholarships and internships available. Program closes when all spaces are filled.

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