

Are you Alaska Native or American Indian and interested in health research?

Are you a researcher or public health professional interested in Alaska Native health research?

Looking for an exciting way to start out your summer and experience campus life?

THE ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM AND THE ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

ALASKA INDIGENOUS RESEARCH PROGRAM: PROMOTING RESILIENCE, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Program dates:

May 4-22

Registration deadline:

April 3

Internship dates:

Undergraduate: May 18-June 19
Graduate: May 18-July 17

Internship application

deadline:
February 14

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 travel 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 FIT(S) YOUR EXPERIENCE:

Week One: May 4-8
Advanced research courses

Week Two: May 11-15
Research ethics courses

Week Three: May 18-22
Introductory research courses

Internship opportunities
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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 SCHEDULE

Participants should attend selected weeks in their entirety.

Week 1: May 4 - 8 (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 11 - 15 (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 18 - 22 (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.

Internship opportunities:

Program attendees are invited to apply for one of the six internships (three undergraduate and three graduate) offered at ANTHC to gain hands-on research skills and experience.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Those interested in attending can visit anthc.org/indigenous-research for Alaska Indigenous Research Program registration, travel scholarship application, and internship applications.

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

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