

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Core Themes and Objectives
for the 2012 re-accreditation self study

University of Alaska Fairbanks' Mission Statement

The University of Alaska Fairbanks, the nation's northernmost Land, Sea and Space Grant university and international research center, advances and disseminates knowledge through teaching, research and public service with an emphasis on Alaska, the circumpolar North and their diverse peoples. UAF—America's arctic university—promotes academic excellence, student success and lifelong learning.

The new accreditation process being implemented by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities requires each institution that is seeking re-accreditation to identify core themes. The themes can be viewed as elaborating or explaining the mission statement. For each theme, the institution is expected to establish a series of objectives and indicators. The indicators are data that the university will collect and present as evidence that it is fulfilling its mission. Below are the themes and objectives that the administration, faculty, and staff of UAF have chosen.

Educate: Undergraduate and Graduate Students

- ❖ Meet standards for learning outcomes of academic programs.
- ❖ Support degree-seeking students so they persist in their programs and graduate.
- ❖ Prepare undergraduate students for further study, future employment, and contemporary life.
- ❖ Enable Master's and Ph.D. students to master a subject area or advance knowledge.
- ❖ Involve baccalaureate students in extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

**Discover: through Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity including an
Emphasis on the North and its Peoples**

- ❖ Conduct and disseminate basic and applied research.
- ❖ Exhibit, perform and publish creative works.
- ❖ Engage graduate and baccalaureate students in research, scholarship and creative activity.
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership in research and artistic expression.

Prepare: Alaska's Career, Technical and Professional Workforce

- ❖ Prepare students for jobs in Alaska.
- ❖ Provide Alaskans opportunities to update their job skills.
- ❖ Help prepare secondary students for post secondary career pathways.

**Connect: Alaska Native, Rural and Urban Communities through
Contemporary and Traditional Knowledge**

- ❖ Partner with Alaska communities on issues of mutual interest.
- ❖ Provide higher education access for Alaska Native and rural populations.
- ❖ Engage students in learning about Alaska Native languages and cultures, and rural development.

**Engage: Alaskans via Lifelong Learning, Outreach, and
Community and Economic Development**

- ❖ Engage Alaskans in lifelong learning, cultural and athletic activities.
- ❖ Communicate research-based knowledge and engage the public in defining priorities.
- ❖ Promote positive youth development.
- ❖ Collaborate with businesses and agencies to diversify and grow local and state economies.