Building Alaska’s Skilled Workforce

Workforce Development Priorities

Economic and Community Development: Respond to emerging industries, identifying solutions for workforce issues and meeting the needs of employers, communities and the state.

Career Pathways: Prepare individuals for careers and advancing over time to successively higher levels of education and employment.

High Demand Jobs: Respond to shortages and projected demands in Alaskan industries.

TVEP Results

Through TVEP the University of Alaska has:

- Trained hundreds of Alaskans for jobs in the oil & gas and mining sectors
- Tripled the number of nurses trained in Alaska
- Doubled the number of engineering graduates
- Created workforce development plans for the health, education, mining, oil & gas, and maritime industries
- Opened opportunities for apprenticeship and competency-based training to count toward a degree

Impact of TVEP Funds

The Alaska Legislature established TVEP in 2000, designating a portion of the Unemployment Insurance receipts for career and technical education. Funds are distributed to the University of Alaska and other Regional Training Centers. TVEP provides for high-demand career and technical education training that is industry-specific. Without reauthorization this session, this program will sunset at the end of fiscal year 2021.

The University of Alaska is a major recipient of TVEP funding. Preparing a qualified workforce is a core part of UA’s mission. Reauthorization of this program is vital for UA’s technical education mission.

UA’s Mining and Petroleum Training Service offers a hands-on, 280-hour mine training camp. The underground mine training curriculum consists of utility work, jackleg drilling, introduction to scaling/ground control, and operation of the heavy equipment with an emphasis on mine-specific standard operating procedures and completion of forms used at mines throughout Alaska.

TVEP helps UA develop the workforce of tomorrow, today.