

**Board**



**of Regents Notice of Intention to  
Suspend Program Admission  
University of Alaska**

The following information will be sent to the University of Alaska (UA) Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) Committee chair regarding a notice of intent to suspend admissions or discontinue/reduce/add/change a program. The ASA Committee members have seven calendar days to communicate to the UA Vice President for Academics, Students & Research (VPASR) that he/she wishes to discuss the program at the next ASA Committee meeting. If a committee member sends the notification to the VPASR, no action to the program will occur prior to that discussion.

**Submitted By:**  UAA  UAF  UAS

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Name:** Drafting Technology AAS

**Program Type:**

Undergrad Cert.  Associate  Baccalaureate  Master's  Doctorate

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate  Graduate Certificate  Workforce Credential

Occupational Endorsement

**Program Change:**

Future discontinuation or reduction of the program Proposed Date: one year

Committee recommendation is to suspend program while Occupational Endorsement is developed to better meet students needs. Meanwhile, AAS students will be taught out.

Addition or major change of the program\* Proposed Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Workforce Credential, Occupational Endorsement or Grad Cert only)

Temporary suspension with anticipation to reinstate program Reopen Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for program change (attach backup):**

Academic Council Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_ VPASR: \_\_\_\_\_

Transmitted to ASA Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Provost Notified of Non-objection: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY

### STRENGTHS:

- High student demand and employment; steady majors and increased graduates.
- New Occupational Endorsement (upcoming) expected to increase interest in the AAS & Certificate.
- Strong graduate placement and requests for interns from local firms.
- This is the only drafting specific program in the State.
- Local business support: Advisory board with local firm representation and donations from local firms.
- Partnerships/synergy between related programs: Shared CADD classroom with Construction Management program.
- DRT student enrollment supports Construction Management program (25% of DRT required courses are CM courses).
- Program graduates remain and work in Alaska.

### WEAKNESSES:

- Funding decrease has led to a lack of structural support.
- There are no FTE faculty - courses are taught by local professionals and technicians, and students are assisted by CM program coordinator and staff.
- FTE DRT program coordinator position was not filled due to budget.

### OPPORTUNITIES:

- High demand and support from employers.
- Expected continued local and national demand for drafters and positions have higher wages than other occupations.
- Increased partnerships to improve access for students: Strengthen relationship between CM and DRT and secondary education partnerships/dual enrollment.

### THREATS:

- Reduced funding impacts frequency of hardware replacement (no loss of software function yet).
- Cost of program (tuition and fees) 2x the national average for comparable programs in other institutions.
- Employment opportunities before graduation increase time to completion and impact program graduation rates.

### CENTRALITY TO MISSION:

- The program contributes to the university's mission to educate and prepare students with an emphasis on local needs. The program educates students in local design and construction for northern climates and prepares students for technical positions of employment in design and construction.

### INDICATORS OF QUALITY:

- Support and collaboration with local firms.
- Local professionals and technicians teach as adjuncts.
- Local firms request interns and employ graduates.

**COST-EFFECTIVENESS:**

- Tuition and fees generally support the program (93% of expenditures in 2019, 137% of expenditures in 2018).

	MAJORS	DEGREES
Drafting Technology Certificate	FY15: 10/ FY19: 5	FY15: 1/ FY19: 2
Drafting Technology AAS	FY15: 22/ FY19: 28	FY15: 1/ FY19: 8

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**Drafting Technology Certificate:**

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation (6 votes, 1 abstention)		

**Drafting Technology AAS:**

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Suspension (6 votes, 1 abstention)	until OE is developed and students are taught out & then delete	One year