

# **KENAI PENINSULA COLLEGE**

A UAA Community Campus Profile

Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) is committed to excellence in education, training, and life-long learning by offering accessible opportunities in a supportive environment.

As a Community Campus of UAA, more than 4,059 students find their place at KPC each semester and pursue unique academic goals in a variety of disciplines and degree programs. Students have the choice to study at one of KPC's three locations — beautiful Soldotna, Homer, and Seward as well as take courses through KPC's expanding virtual college.



## **ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 NUMBERS**

- 3,271 students
- 27 full-time and 116 part-time faculty
- 52 full-time and 15 part-time staff
- 15 student employees/semester

#### **PROGRAMS**

- Adult basic education and GED programs
- 7 occupational endorsement certificates
- 3 certificate programs
- 7 associate degree programs
- UAA bachelor degree programs (partial completion)

Programs like Middle College allow students to gain an enormous head start in their careers and prevents financial debt, as students start without having to pay for the full tuition and fees. Now, instead of having to pay for up to six years of college for a bachelor's and master's degree, I only have to fund four years. While many students decide not to go as big as I did in terms of getting their associates, students who take only a few college classes, or even only one, still benefit. It opens up job opportunities, teaches responsibility, and helps students explore their interests.

-Willow Patrick, Middle College Class of'24

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#### **HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS**

3099 Students took at least one for-credit course

176 Students took at least one non-credit course

A year after graduating, UAA Kenai Peninsula program graduates (FY17 - FY21) were earning an average of \$56,388 annually, about 34 percent (\$14,270) more than they did one year before earning the certificate or degree. Program graduates (FY13 - FY17) working for 5 years were making 58 percent (\$32,724) higher wages on average than graduates who had only been working one year, showing that the earnings boost from a UAA Kenai Peninsula credential increases over time.

One Year before	One Year after	Five Years after	Salary Increase	% Increase
Graduation	Graduation	Graduation	(One Year to Five)	(One Year to Five)
\$42,118	\$56,388	\$89,112	\$32,724	58%



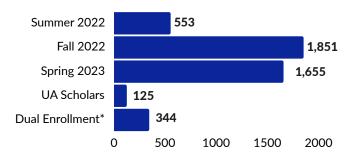


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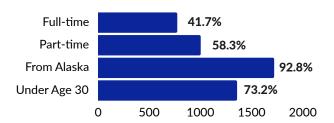
# **FAST FACTS | ACADEMIC YEAR 2023**

### **ENROLLMENT PROFILE**

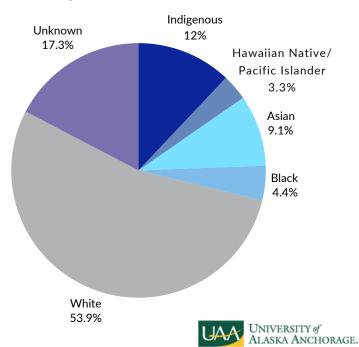


\*Dual enrollment refers to enrollment at the university by a student who is simultaneously enrolled in a K-12 (or homeschool) for which the student may receive credit at both the K-12 and postsecondary levels.

#### STUDENT PROFILE



# RACE/ETHNICITY



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Kenai Peninsula College offers 19 associate programs and certificates. With a strong workforce focus, Kenai Peninsula College provides career pathways in high demand areas such as Paramedical Technology, Process Technology, Welding, Corrections and more. KPC's programs provide flexible course offerings that allow students to study online or in person, accommodating students' schedules and locations. AAS degrees in Paramedical Technology and Process Technology allow students to engage in lectures and learning online while offering short-term lab-intensives where students come to campus for necessary handson training for these fields. The Paramedic program boasts a nearly 85% pass rate (above national pass rate) on the National Registry exam. KPC offers education in the liberal arts, in healthcare fields, in business, in Native language instruction, and more.

# **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

KPC's Middle College and Jumpstart programs have robust enrollment and continue to grow each year, with Kenai Peninsula Borough high school students making up 12% of KPC's total headcount. These programs, in collaboration with local government and the school district, encourage students to explore opportunities for higher education in the local community. Students earn college credit at a discounted rate, building on foundational courses and specialized training as well. For example, students can study to become Emergency Trauma Technicians or Certified Nurses' Assistants. The pathways to explore are numerous, and students can chart their courses in many different two and four-year degrees, in collaboration with other campuses within the university system.

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