

## **MAT-SU COLLEGE**

A UAA Community Campus Profile

Mat-Su College is a community campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage. "Opportunities start here" is more than a slogan at Matanuska-Susitna College (Mat-Su College); it is our mission. Our aim is to transform student aspirations into realities.

As a Community Campus of UAA, Mat-Su College is located on 951 acres in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Mat-Su College serves as a major higher education hub for the communities of Wasilla and Palmer. A modern 102,676 square foot facility houses the majority of the educational activities. Mat-Su College is a student-friendly campus offering small class sizes and state-of-the-art facilities, including paramedic classrooms with a fully equipped ambulance bay, updated science labs, and a 520-seat performing arts theater.



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# ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 **NUMBERS**

- 1,787 students
- 26 full-time and 43 part-time faculty
- 39 full-time and 4 part-time staff
- 6 student employees/semester

### **PROGRAMS**

- 8 occupational endorsement certificates
- 2 licensure programs
- 8 associate degree programs
- Nursing and other UAA bachelor degree programs (partial completion)

My time at Mat-Su College helped me discover who I was on a personal level by surrounding me with professors who cared about my success and growth as a person. It also helped me prepare for my career in Information Technology by offering relevant courses on a schedule I could manage and encouraging an internship that led to me getting a job in my desired field.

-Arin Tampke, Computer Systems Technology Student

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

**1,787** Students took at least one for-credit course

A year after graduating, Mat-Su College program graduates (FY17 - FY21) were earning an average of \$31,192 annually, about 24 percent (\$5,973) more than they did one year before earning the certificate or degree. Program graduates (FY13 - FY17) working for 5 years were making 48 percent (\$14,871) higher wages on average than graduates who had only been working one year, showing that the earnings boost from a Mat-Su College 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)
\$25,220	\$31,192	\$46,063	\$14,871	48%



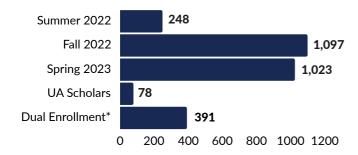


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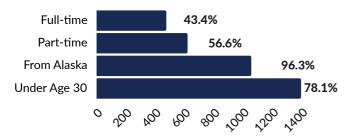
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### **ENROLLMENT PROFILE**

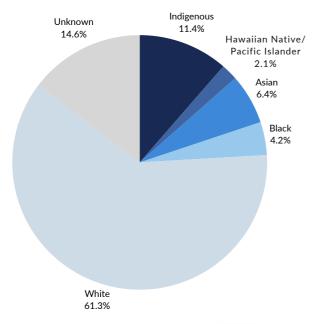


\*Dual enrollment refers to enrollment at the university by a student who is simultaneously enrolled in a K-12 (or homeschool) for which the student may receive credit at both the K-12 and postsecondary levels.

## STUDENT PROFILE



## **RACE/ETHNICITY**



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Community collaborations and educational engagement have been a landmark for Mat-Su College since it opened its doors 65 years ago. To remain relevant and to ensure the best possible support for our students, we have developed and maintain strategic partnerships with several local key organizations. In cooperation with the Mat-Su Borough School District we host the Health Programs Forum and the College of Engineering/Computer Science Showcase to engage with high school students and encourage meaningful dialogue about possible career paths. When we combine these community alliances with our Mat-Su Middle College School, Career & Technical Education, and Dual Credit Academic programs, it amplifies our ability to assist local high school and college-aged youth with a solid foundation upon which to build a successful college experience and future career. We are also active with the local Job Corps campus, providing students with hands-on experience in eight trades-related careers. Our goal is to provide opportunities now for future success.

Students can earn an associate degree, graduate with less student debt, and apply for entry-level positions in the community upon graduation. Mat-Su College prepares Valley students for employment in high-demand fields such as refrigeration and heating, health and human services, and veterinary technician (starting in Fall 2024). Aside from strictly economic benefits, Mat-Su College is also a community gathering place. The state-of-the-art Glenn Massay Theater (GMT) is the venue of choice for the local arts community and a popular location for community events. Thousands have enjoyed plays, concerts, and other events at the GMT since its opening in 2015. In addition, the Alvin S. Okeson Library is open to the public and provides library services for many of the area's residents. This focus on community helps make Mat-Su College the Valley's center for the arts and learning.

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The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) has been accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) since 1974.