Flexible course delivery fosters successful completion for early childhood professionals living in both rural and urban areas of Alaska. All program and concentration area courses must be completed with a minimum C- grade or better, with the exclusion of all clinical practice coursework, which must be completed with a B grade or better. Completion of the CDEV B.A. will meet the requirements for both a major and a minor.

Minimum Requirements for Child Development and Family Studies Bachelor’s Degree: 120 credits

Learn more about the bachelor’s degree in child development and family studies (https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/child-development-family-studies.php), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Certificate, Rural Human Services

The rural human services program is designed to develop strong and healthy rural Alaska Native individuals, families and communities. The RHS program provides entry-level training for students preparing for careers as natural helpers/healers in village-based public, private and volunteer human service organizations. The curriculum draws extensively from Indigenous knowledge and wisdom about health and well-being and reflects a strong multicultural orientation that validates, incorporates and builds on Indigenous values and principles.

The certificate program is a concentrated course of study focused on rural behavioral health services. Both the Alaska Division of Behavioral Health and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium have designated many of the credits earned through the RHS program as satisfying credentialing training requirements.

The certificate program provides additional credentials for service providers who work in related fields and would like additional training in rural behavioral health services. Providers who may want such training could include health aides, family service workers, correctional workers and teachers. The RHS program is offered as a closed cohort with monthly, week-long intensives for two academic years.

Admission is open to anyone employed by a regional Native health corporation or local entity providing village-based human services, or to individuals recognized by their communities as natural helpers/healers. A high school diploma or GED and/or previous training or work experience in the delivery of village-based human services are recommended but not required.

This degree program is delivered collaboratively within the UA system.

Minimum Requirements for Rural Human Services Certificate: 32 credits

Learn more about the certificate in rural human services (https://www.uaf.edu/academics/programs/certificates/rural-human-services.php), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Minor, Human Services

Students in the human services program receive a skills-based education in a rapidly growing field. Human services professionals work in a wide variety of community and social service-related settings.

The Human Services Minor provides applied coursework to augment coursework in related fields such as justice, psychology, and social work. Human Services coursework partially fulfills the requirements for certification as a State of Alaska Chemical Dependency Counselor or Behavioral Health Counselor as well as the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Behavioral Health Aide certification.
Consortium Behavioral Health Aide certification. Contact the Human Services faculty advisor for additional information.

Minimum Requirements for Human Services Minor: 15 credits

**Programs**

**Degrees**
- A.A.S., Human Services (https://catalog.uaf.edu/associates/human-services/)

**Certificate**
- Certificate, Rural Human Services (https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/rural-human-services/)

**Minor**
- Minor, Human Services (https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/human-services/)