RURAL HUMAN SERVICES
(RHS)

College of Rural and Community Development
Department of Social and Human Development (https://www.uaf.edu/rural/academics/departments/)
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RHS F110 Cross-cultural Bridging Skills
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Issues and impacts relevant to effective cross-cultural communication. Understanding barriers to effective cross-cultural communication in rural settings and development of effective cross-cultural communication skills from an Indigenous perspective. Development of bridging and networking skills that integrate Indigenous values and principles. Course taught on site/ intensive. Enrollment in RHS program required.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F115 Issues of Personal Development
2 Credits
Dynamics and impacts of personal development issues relevant to the delivery of rural human services focusing on understanding types, application and processes of personal development. Facilitating personal development through processes that integrate or reflect Native values and principles. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F120 Family Systems I
2 Credits
Survey of historical forces that exerted influence on Alaska Native families, the impacts of those forces and discussion of their contemporary effects from a Native perspective. Focus on developing options and strategies for developing healthy Native families as the foundation for healthy Native communities.
Special Notes: Students must spend one week in intensive study at the selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F130 Processes of Community Change
2 Credits
Rural social development contemporary foundations and relevant issues from a Native perspective. Developing understanding and skills necessary for facilitating positive individual, family and community development from an ecological systems approach. Emphasis on developing the skills necessary to identify, develop and mobilize individual, family and community resources in rural Native communities.
Special Notes: Students must spend one week in intensive study at the selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F140 Alaska Native Values and Principles
1 Credit
Traditional Native values and principles, their applicability to today’s world and issues relevant to their integration into today’s lifestyles. Developing understanding and skills necessary for facilitating formulation of positive world views within Native individuals, families and communities. Explores the role of spirituality in a variety of Alaska Native cultures.
Special Notes: Student must spend three days in intensive study at selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F150 Introduction to Rural Counseling
2 Credits
Identification and examination of issues relevant to delivery of rural counseling services. Opportunities for development of basic rural counseling skills with emphasis on integration of Native values and principles, exploring strategies that facilitate positive individual, family and community growth and development through enhancement of healthy lifestyles in rural Native communities.
Special Notes: Students must spend one week in intensive study at the selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F220 Rural Counseling II
2 Credits
Identification and examination of issues relevant to delivery of rural counseling services. Opportunities for development of basic rural counseling skills with emphasis on integration of Native values and principles, exploring strategies that facilitate positive individual, family and community growth and development through enhancement of healthy lifestyles in rural Native communities.
Special Notes: Students must spend one week in intensive study at the selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F250 Family Systems II
2 Credits
The dynamics and issues relevant to personal healing and recovery from a Native perspective focusing on developing the understanding and skills necessary to healing and recovery in Native individuals, families and communities. Focuses on achieving healthy lifestyles through self-understanding based on truth, grieving and positive proactive repositioning.
Special Notes: Students must spend one week in intensive study at the selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F260 Addictions: Intervention and Treatment
2 Credits
Differences and similarities between Native and Western counseling skills. Issues relevant to the development and delivery of basic rural counseling skills and services. Focuses on identifying and building on individual, family and community strengths as the foundation for development of intervention strategies. Addresses the importance of integrating Native traditional values.
Special Notes: Students must spend one week in intensive study at the selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
RHS F265  Interpersonal Violence
2 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Types, causes and impacts of interpersonal violence focusing on
developing an understanding of interpersonal violence and development
of treatment options and intervention strategies from a Native
perspective. Emphasis on the development of treatment options and
intervention strategies that integrate Native values and principles.
Special Notes: Students must spend one week in intensive study at the
selected delivery site.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F275  Introduction to Recovery and Mental Illness
2 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Overview of mental illness and recovery issues. Emphasis on issues for
practitioners in small, rural communities in Alaska.
Prerequisites: RHS F150.
Recommended: RHS F250, RHS F115.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F285  Case Management
2 Credits
Identification and discussion of issues, components, procedures,
responsibilities, skills and processes for case management in rural
settings with diverse populations. Emphasis on case management
processes unique to rural and village Alaska and to the fields of mental
health, addictions and interpersonal violence. Explore essential case
management oral/written communication skills.
Special Notes: Students must be willing and able to work independently
outside the classroom and in the community.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F287  Rural Human Services Practicum
4 Credits
Offered Fall
Personal and professional development, self-analysis and growth.
Emphasis on developing the understanding and skills necessary to
integrate Native healing theory and problem-solving into the delivery of
rural human services. Taken as part of the final sequence of courses
in the Rural Human Services certificate program, practicum provides
students with 100 hours of supervised learning experience in an approved
rural human service organization/agency.
Special Notes: Students must be willing and able to work independently
outside the classroom and in the community.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1.5 + 0 + 7.5
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

RHS F290  Grief and Healing
2 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Exploration of the dynamics of grief and healing from an Alaska Native
perspective. Special emphasis on Native values and principles focused
on developing culturally relevant, understandings, awarenesses and
professional skills.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus