



**Taking the
next step**

**With
Confidence**

KPC - Kenai Peninsula college

UAA system - KPC, UAA, UAF, UAS all apart of state of Alaska University

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

APS - Alaska Performance Scholarship

ACT/SAT - American College Testing/Scholastic aptitude test

Workkeys - taken through Kenai job Center, series of three tests, needed for APS

Accuplacer - Language arts placement test for KPC

ALEKS - math placement test for KPC

Associates degree- 2 year degree, requires 48 credit hours either science or arts

Bachelor degree - 4 year degree, requires 96 credit hours, emphasis is major

Certificate - more specific training and take less time

Undergraduate degree - both Associate and Bachelor are considered undergrad

WUE - Western Undergraduate Exchange - helps lower out of state tuition with some schools.

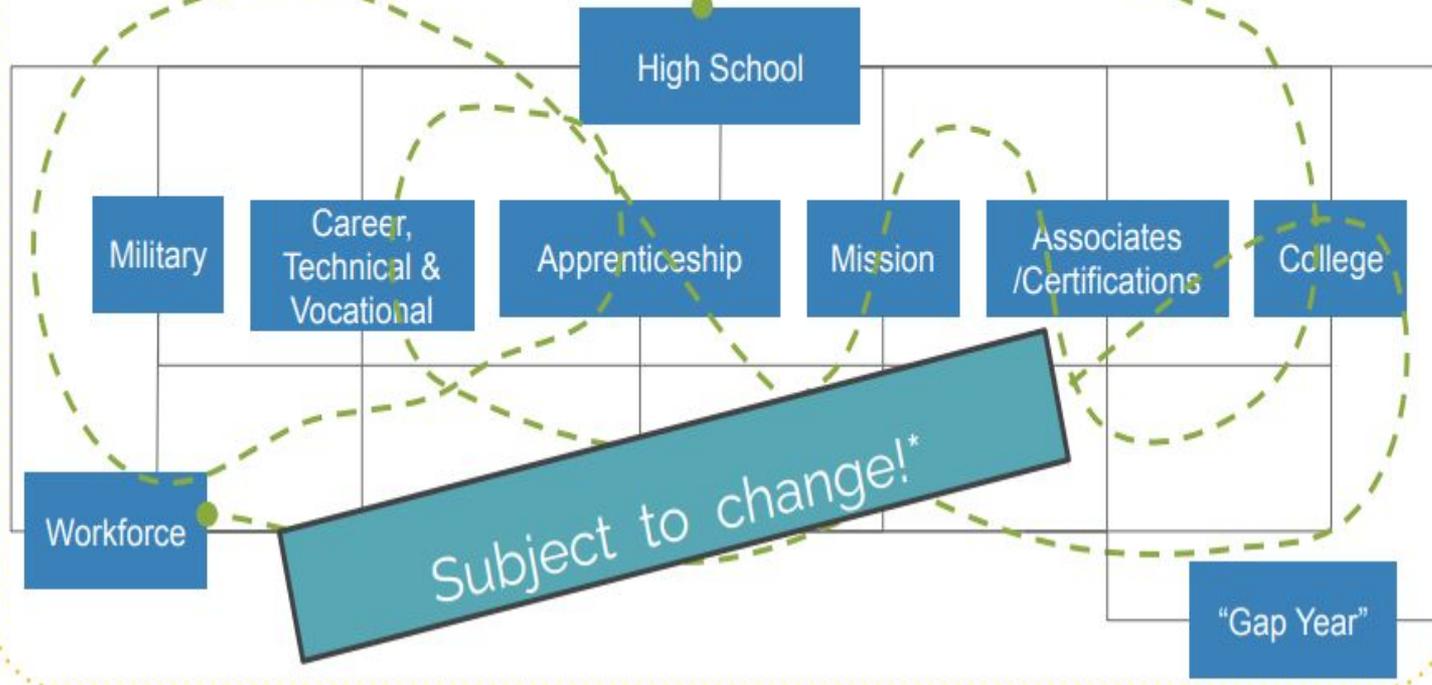
Jumpstart - program offered by KPC and the Borough to reduce tuition

Bulldog packet - scholarship applications/essay/resume

Where are we headed?



Post-Secondary Education/Training Paths



Senior Year 'Typical' Timeline



*Things don't always happen
in this exact order

Fall

- Take/retake ACT, SAT or other necessary tests
- Explore your options & identify schools - note when applications open + deadlines
- Learn about financial aid
- Complete the FAFSA
- Apply to schools
 - *be sure to send them your FAFSA
- Apply for scholarships
- Start the Bulldog Packet

Spring

- Continue to apply to schools if need be
- Bulldog Packet + other scholarships
- Finish taking those tests if you haven't!
- Review, accept/decline financial aid awards from school
- Meet with an advisor from your school
- Apply for housing
- Graduate & send final transcripts
- Register for classes
- Orientation
- School - woohoo!

Alaska Performance Scholarship

Class of 2017 & Beyond
ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP
 To apply for the APS and other financial aid opportunities, students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by June 30th of each year. VISIT: studentaid.gov

Required Curriculum (for all levels)
 Students can choose either curriculum option:

Option 1: Math & Science Curriculum	Option 2: Social Studies & Language Curriculum
Science (3 credits)	Science (3 credits)
Math (3 credits)	Math (3 credits)
Social Studies (4 credits)	Social Studies (4 credits)
Language Arts (4 credits)	Language Arts (4 credits)
	World Language (2 credits)

Level 1
 UP TO \$4,755 per year
 Required GPA: 3.5 or greater
 Required Testing: ACT/SAT: Use APS for Degree or Certificate
 ACT 25 SAT 1210*
 WorkKeys: Use APS for Certificate Only
 WorkKeys 13

Level 2
 UP TO \$3,566 per year
 Required GPA: 3.0 or greater
 Required Testing: ACT 23 SAT 1130*
 WorkKeys: Use APS for Certificate Only
 WorkKeys 13

Level 3
 UP TO \$2,378 per year
 Required GPA: 2.5 or greater
 Required Testing: ACT 21 SAT 1060*
 WorkKeys: Use APS for Certificate Only
 WorkKeys 13

ON TRACK TO QUALIFY? Get ready to put your APS award to work!
 Download Initial Award and Continuing Eligibility Checklists at APS.alaska.gov

Questions? Visit APS.alaska.gov

Required classes
2 routes

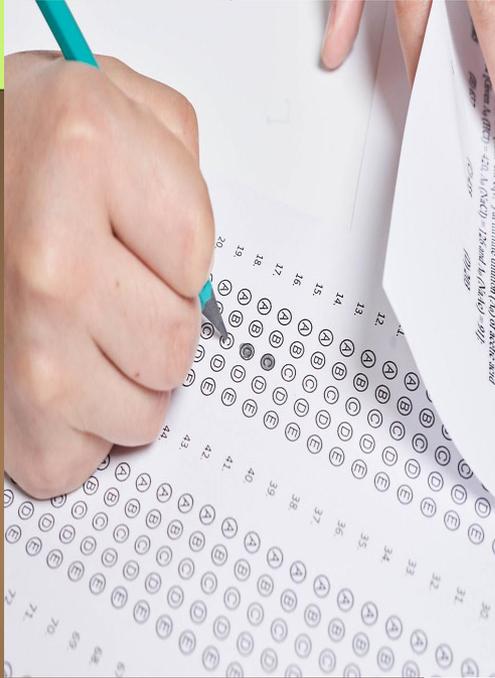
Required GPA
3 levels

Required testing
ACT/SAT or workkeys

- Can be used for both college and career track.
- Can be deferred for up to one year.
- Can be used for up to 4 years or 4 programs.

<https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/3/APS/Pubs/APS-Approved-Institutions-and-Programs.pdf>

Test Dates



SAT testing at KPC:
November 5th
March 11

SAT testing at NMHS:
March 11th

ACT testing at KPC:
April 25th

WorkKeys at Kenai Job Center :
Anytime

Accuplacer at NMHS -

ALEKS - anytime/anywhere

Resources for test prep

ACT.org

Collegeboard.org

Kaptest.com

Khanacademy.org



Next steps:

- Complete interest inventories (AKCIS) through Canvas
- Attend college presentations
- Tour schools
- Attend College and Career Fair October 11th
- Talk with EVERYONE
- Research



Resources

AKCIS - career assessment provided by the district

<https://acpe.alaska.gov/PLANNING/AKCIS>

Can also be accessed through **One Stop/Clever** on KPBSD.

Net Price Calculator through Dept of Education

<https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>

Helps determine overall cost of school.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

<https://www.bls.gov/>

Most accurate stats on current labor market for salary, job demand and status in Alaska and outside.

Alaska Job Center

<https://jobs.alaska.gov/offices/>

Great assistance for those entering the labor market right after graduation.

OCCUPATION	GROWTH RATE, 2021-31	2021 MEDIAN PAY
Nurse practitioners	46%	\$120,680 per year
Wind turbine service technicians	44%	\$56,260 per year
Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers	41%	\$24,440 per year
Motion picture projectionists	40%	\$29,350 per year
Cooks, restaurant	37%	\$30,010 per year
Data scientists	36%	\$100,910 per year
Athletes and sports competitors	36%	\$77,300 per year
Information security analysts	35%	\$102,600 per year
Statisticians	33%	\$95,570 per year
Umpires, referees, and other sports officials	32%	\$35,860 per year
Web developers	30%	\$77,030 per year
Animal caretakers	30%	\$28,600 per year
Choreographers	30%	\$42,700 per year
Taxi drivers	28%	\$29,310 per year
Medical and health services managers	28%	\$101,340 per year
Logisticians	28%	\$77,030 per year
Physician assistants	28%	\$121,530 per year
Solar photovoltaic installers	27%	\$47,670 per year
Animal trainers	27%	\$31,280 per year
Physical therapist assistants	26%	\$61,180 per year

170[%]

Increase in wages for the average worker with a 4-year degree

\$1,000,000

Additional lifetime earnings for a worker with a 4-year degree

10

Years to recoup the cost of a 4-year degree, on average

47[%]

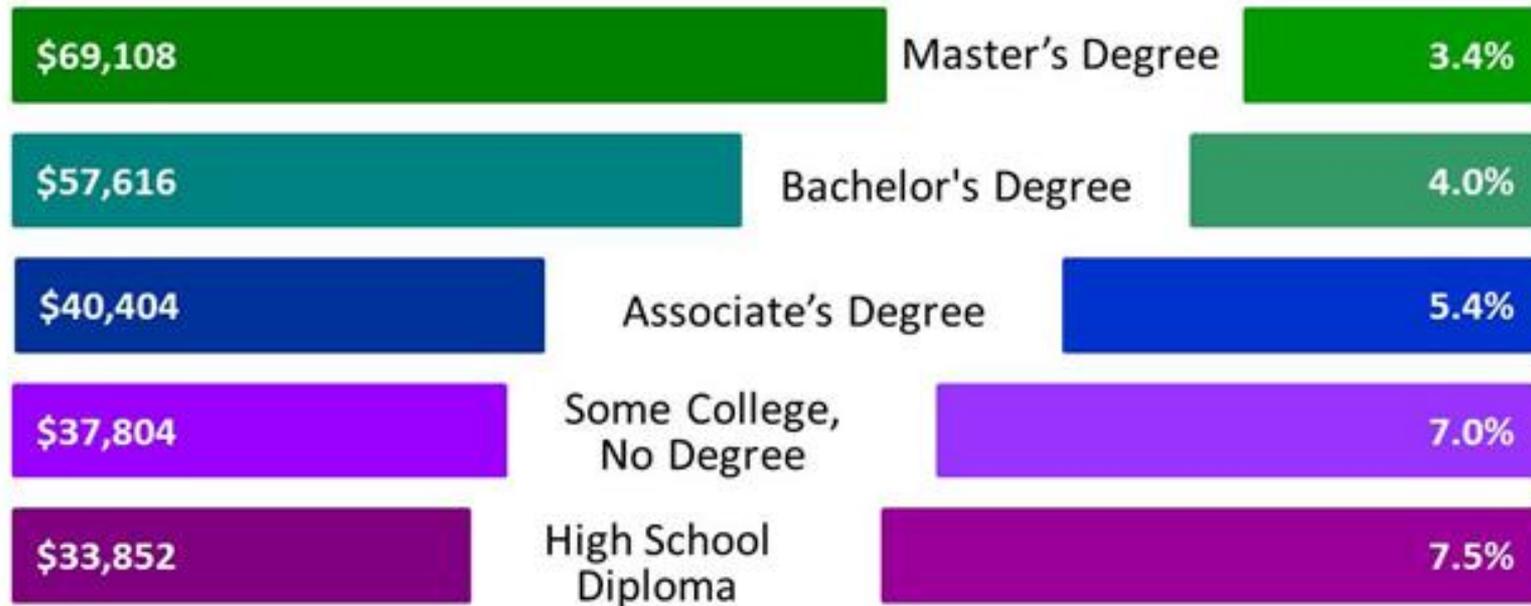
Less likely to be unemployed with a 4-year degree than just a high school diploma

More likely to have higher pay, more money and less unemployment. It is an investment in your future.

2013

Median Annual Income

Unemployment Rate



Cost of college In UA system

cost of tuition and fees:
\$9,800

Cost of room and
board:
\$10,000-12,500

Cost of 4 year degree:
\$79,200

Cost of Tech School

	TUITION (2)	TECHNOLOGY FEE (1)	STUDENT SERVICE FEE (1)	ROOM AND BOARD (4)	BOOKS (PROVIDED BY AVTEC) (1&2)	SUPPLIES (PROVIDED BY AVTEC)(2)	ITEMS NOT PROVIDED BY AVTEC (3)	TOTAL COST
Business and Office Technology	\$4,286	\$325	\$125	\$10,804	\$1,489	\$320	\$0	\$17,349
Construction Technology	\$2,858	\$325	\$125	\$5,402	\$328	\$1,700	\$1,100	\$11,838
Culinary Arts	\$4,286	\$325	\$125	\$10,804	\$1,517	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$23,057
Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technologies	\$4,286	\$325	\$125	\$10,804	\$586	\$6,930	\$6,500	\$29,556
Industrial Electricity	\$4,286	\$325	\$125	\$10,804	\$1,090	\$2,760	\$1,800	\$21,190



They both drive down
the road but the
experience is
different.

1. Scholarships - [Scholarships - Kenai Peninsula Borough School District](#)
2. In state tuition or live at home - online is an option
3. Work - during school and in the summers
4. Live more inexpensively - move out of dorms
5. Work with advisory to make sure you are getting out of school what you can and are on target to graduate - have a plan
6. Talk a jumpstart course
7. If going out of state - check with WUE schools first
<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>
8. UA Study abroad program - <https://uaf.edu/academics/study-abroad.php>
9. Establish residency

Local scholarships

What scholarships are awarded based on the Bulldog Packet?

Scholarships are looking for:
1. Potential success
2. Strong academics
3. Community service
4. Leadership skills

- North Kenai Community Club \$1000 \$8,000
- Nikiski Fire Station 2 x \$1000
- Kenai Chamber of Commerce 2 x \$400/ \$650/ \$800
- Nikiski Senior Center - Thelma McConnell 2 x \$2000 2 x \$3000
- Shayna Marie Prichard Scholarship *trades 3 x \$1500
- Les Rappe Scholarship *trades 2 x \$2500
- (Could be others as well)

Resume + letter of recommendation + transcript



Where to find this information

Home About ▾ Staff Parent ▾ ▾ Students ▾ Athletics ▾ Newsletter ▾ Spirit Shop Events Find It Fast ▾



Nikiski Middle & High School

Home / Students / Seniors – Important Dates...

Seniors – Important Dates and Information



Class of 2019

Transcripts

To order a transcript, create an account in [Parchment.com](https://www.parchment.com) and select where you would like the transcript sent.

Your next move





Remain
calm

**It's just
one step
at a time.**