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# University of Alaska Southeast

*Partnerships in building a healthcare workforce*

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# UAS in Brief:



JUNEAU CAMPUS



KETCHIKAN CAMPUS



SITKA CAMPUS

**Three campuses: One university**  
**servicing all of Southeast Alaska**

## ■ Our Mission

- Student learning & success
- Building a workforce for Southeast Alaska

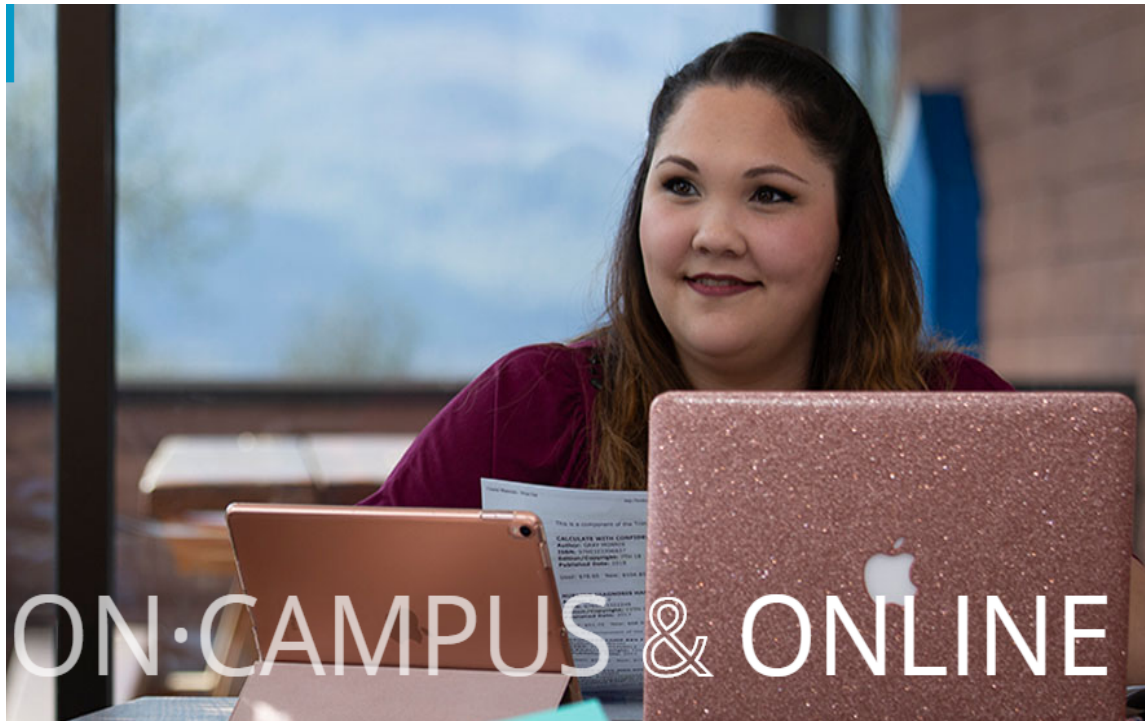
## ■ Student Profile

- Total students: 2,500
- 71% part-time; 68% female
- 20% Alaska Native
- Median age: 27 years
- 51% credits earned online



# UAS in Brief:

## What makes UAS special?



- Students come first
- Fully accredited
- Quality education
- Close to home
- Affordable
- Flexible online options
- Focused on workforce needs in Southeast Alaska



# UAS in Brief:

## Programs of Excellence

- Teacher Education & Educational leadership
- Marine Biology & Undergraduate Fisheries
- Environmental Science
- Business Management & Accounting
- Masters in Public Administration
- Maritime Trades
- Mine Training / Mine Mechanic
- Power Technology
- Alaska Native languages / Northwest Coast Arts
- Interdisciplinary undergraduate programs
  - Social sciences and liberal arts
- **Nursing & Allied Health occupations**



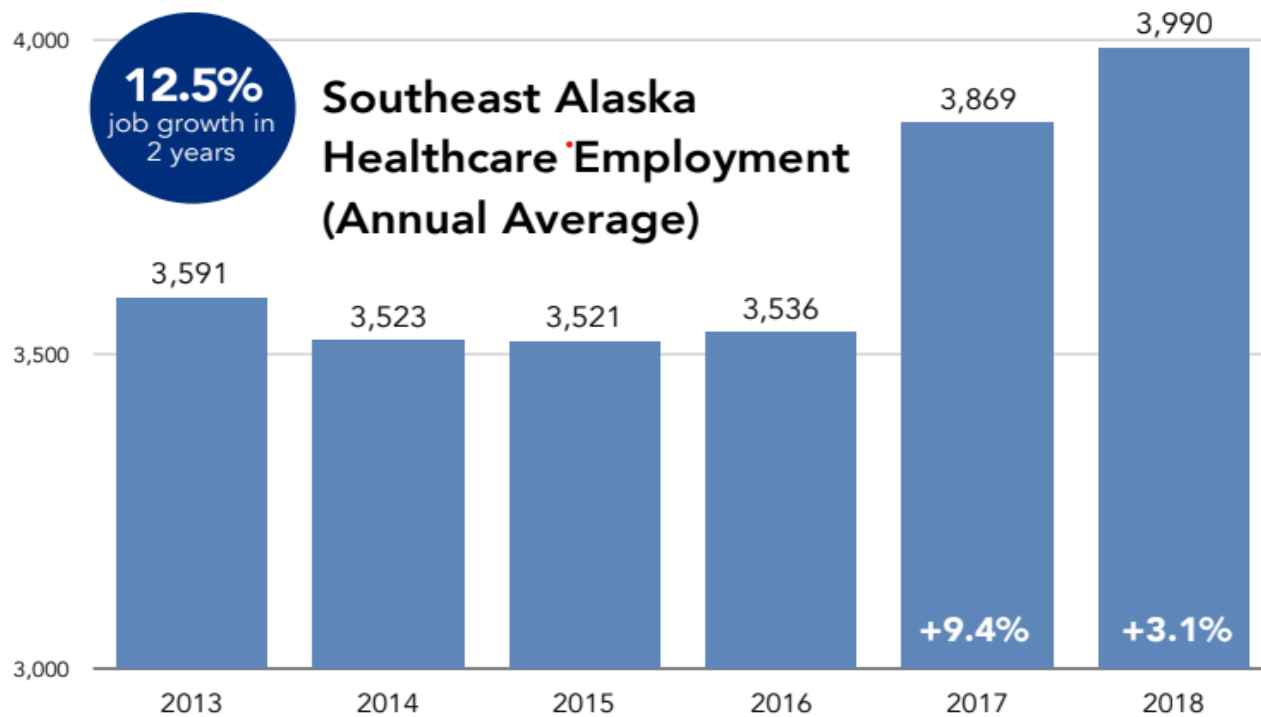
# Looking ahead: Healthcare workforce needs in Southeast Alaska



Courtesy of Raincoast Data

# Healthcare employment is growing in Southeast Alaska

## Southeast Health Care Jobs

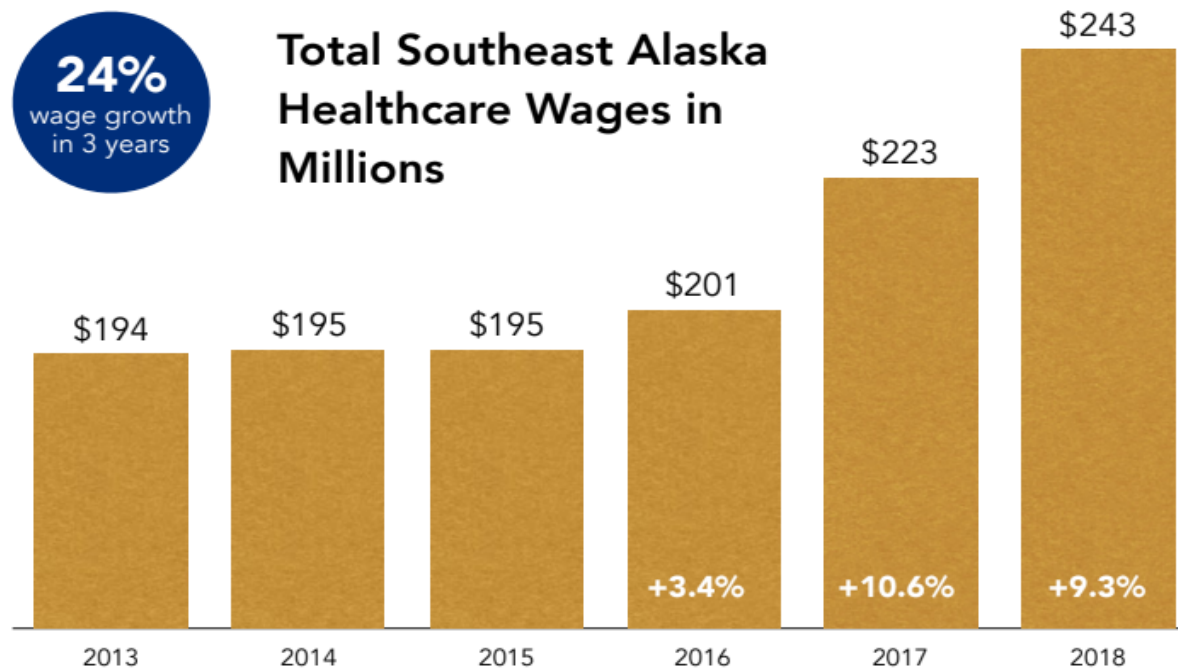


# Earnings from healthcare employment are growing in the region

## Southeast Health Care Earnings

**24%**  
wage growth  
in 3 years

Total Southeast Alaska  
Healthcare Wages in  
Millions



# Current UAS Healthcare Programs:



- **OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS**
  - Healthcare Information Technology
  - Certified Nurse Aide
  - Emergency Medical Technician
- **WORKFORCE CERTIFICATES**
  - Health Information Management
  - Healthcare Privacy and Security
  - Medical Assisting
  - Pre-Nursing Qualifications
  - Pre-Radiologic Technology Qualifications
- **ASSOCIATE DEGREES**
  - Nursing (partnership with UAA)
  - Health Sciences
- **PATHWAYS TO ADVANCED EDUCATION**
  - Physicians, Pharmacy, Dental Hygiene



# Understanding future healthcare employment needs in SE Alaska



**Thank you to those who participated:**

- Southeast Conference
- Raincoast Data
- Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association
- UAA Nursing Program
- Bartlett Regional Hospital
- SEARHC
- PeaceHealth Ketchikan
- Petersburg Medical Center
- Senior Citizens Support Svces
- SE Alaska Pioneer Homes
- Southeast Alaska Area Health Education Center



ALASKA STATE HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME ASSOCIATION

**Bartlett** **SEARHC**  
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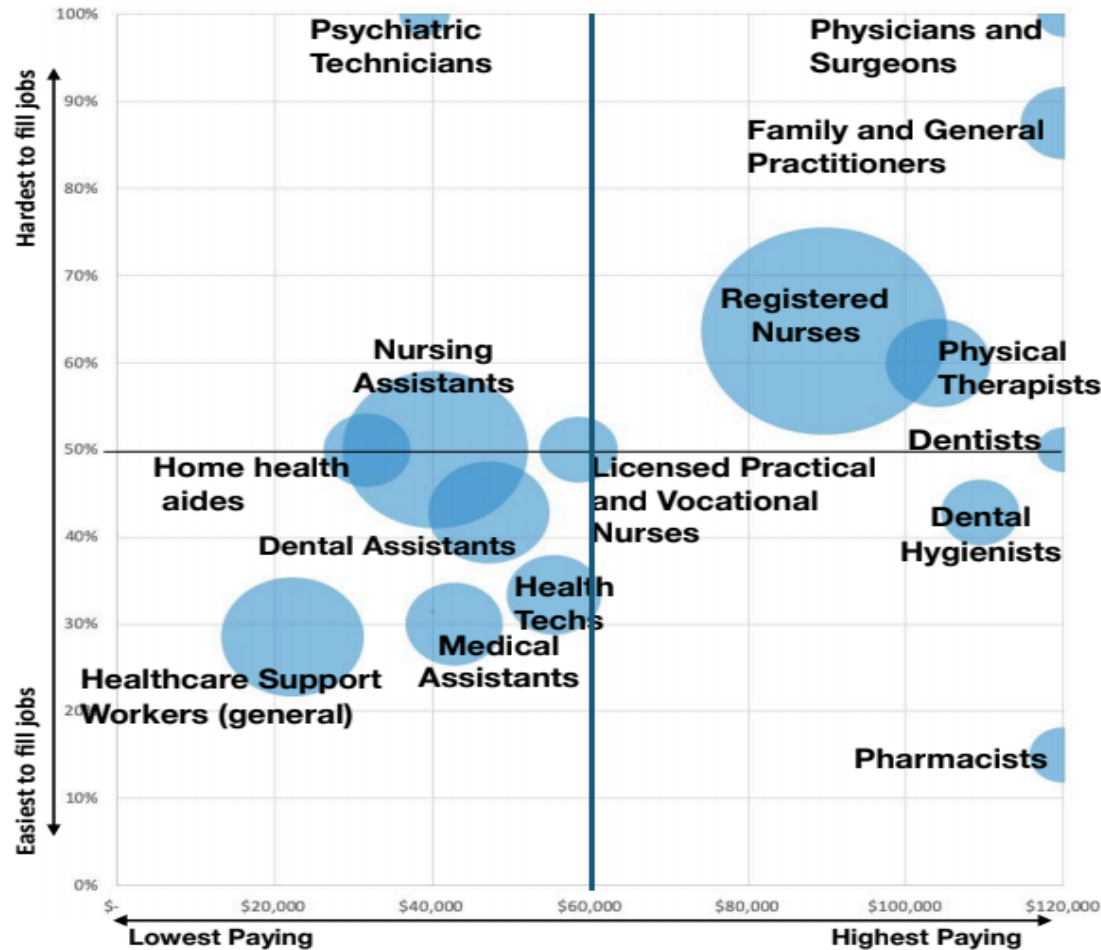


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# A Bright Future: Excellent healthcare employment opportunities

Graphic of Health Care Workforce 5 Year Development Needs

Size of bubble = total workers needed over the next 5 years to account for worker churn and job growth



# **Planning for future healthcare employment needs in SE Alaska**

## **Next Steps**

- **Creating career pathways with K-12 partners**
- **Coordinating closely with regional partners**
- **Expanding partnerships with employers**
- **Investing in nursing and allied health program expansion**





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# Thank you!

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