

Are You an Aspiring Apprentice?



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What does it mean to be an apprentice?

Apprenticeship is one of the oldest methods of career preparation. It means you are an employee and you earn while you learn. An apprentice spends some of the time learning the occupation on the job under the supervision and training of an experienced worker and some of the time in a classroom or online for related technical training. The entire apprenticeship may take from one to four years. Apprenticeship leads to a great career with a promising future and no educational debt.

How do I prepare?

- Research health care occupations that appeal to you;
- Talk to people who work in the occupations;
- If you are in high school, talk to your school counselor about a health career program of study;
- If you are out of high school, take advantage of a pre-apprenticeship training opportunity;
- Use the [Alaska Career Information System \(AKCIS\)](#) to help you research occupations and apprenticeship programs;
- Use [ALEXsys](#) to find and apply for apprenticeships and other jobs;
- Obtain an entry-level health care job to gain some basic skills and experience.

Who do I contact for assistance?

Contact an [Alaska Job Center](#) Apprenticeship Specialist who can help you identify apprenticeable occupations and help you prepare for your future.