

Dental Health Aide Therapist Sponsorship

What does a DHAT do?

DHATs provide preventive dental services, restorative dentistry and simple extractions.

Will successful completion of the training program result in a college degree?

YES! The program is associated with Ilisagvik College and can result in an Associate's Degree.

What are the prerequisites for the program?

High School Diploma or equivalent prior to July 2022.

How long is the DHAT Training Program?

Two years of formal education followed by a preceptorship that typically lasts around six months.

Where does the training take place?

The first year is in Anchorage and the second year may be based in Anchorage or Bethel. The preceptorship will be in Bethel.

When will the training begin?

July 2022.

What exactly does the sponsorship pay for?

Tuition, Housing, Living Allowance and Travel Assistance will be supplied during the two years of formal education. Candidate will be paid as a YKHC employee eligible for YKHC benefits when they start their preceptorship.

Is there any obligation to YKHC after the training is complete?

Yes! Upon completion of training, the candidate will be expected to work for YKHC for four years.

How does the application process work?

Candidates must apply online by going to www.ykhc.org/dhat.

When will the application be open?

Applications are open now and will be open until **March 25, 2022**.





Transition to a Tobacco-Free Campus, cont.

What is third-hand smoke and why is it also prohibited?

Third-hand smoke is residual nicotine and other chemicals left on a variety of surfaces, including hair, clothing, and hands from tobacco smoke. This residue reacts to common indoor pollutants to create a toxic mix.

Second and third-hand smoke present serious health risks. If you are a tobacco user and are concerned that you may be impacted by this part of the policy, you may want to consider choosing an off-site location to smoke where you can access a change of clothes, or use a smoking jacket that you dedicate for this purpose to limit the exposure of third-hand smoke to your other clothing. Also, always wash your hands after using tobacco.

Who can I talk to if I have more questions about our transition to a Tobacco-Free Campus?

If you have more questions about this transition, feel free to contact Victoria Galanopoulos, Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Manager, via e-mail at Victoria_Galanopoulos@ykhc.org or by phone at ext.6244.