



Employees who successfully complete the program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate how to support clients to make informed decisions.
2. Apply communication strategies to establish a collaborative relationship benefiting clients and patients.
3. Evaluate and use various client assessment processes.
4. Research and identify available resources in their own community.
5. Demonstrate how to plan and implement individualized support plans.
6. Assist clients to maintain & use skills related to activities of daily living.
7. Examine the role of advocacy and its uses and limitations.
8. Articulate and explain the role of the care provider in securing a safe and appropriate environment.
9. Demonstrate use of appropriate documentation within the profession.
10. Demonstrate skills in providing appropriate behavioral support for vulnerable individuals.
11. Demonstrate knowledge of ethical and legal issues in providing support to vulnerable populations.

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Direct Support Specialist

■ Apprenticeship Program ■



**High Growth Job Training
 Long-Term Care
 Apprenticeship Program**



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What is the Direct Support Specialist Apprenticeship?

A structured system of training designed to prepare new or incumbent employees to work with individuals who are beneficiaries of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

Successful Completion

- ▶ Become a certified skilled worker recognized by the US Dept. of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.
- ▶ Receive a "Direct Support Specialist Occupational Endorsement" from Prince William Sound Community College.

Sources of funding

- ▶ Individuals participating may be eligible for the Alaska Job Center's educational support and financial aid. Some Scholarships are available through employers or the Center for Human Development.
- ▶ Participating employers may be eligible for a wage match for new employees participating in the program.

**FIRST COURSE BEGINS
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**Intro to Long-term Care
and Community-Based Supports
and Services**

The steps:

1. Contact Jan Hinde for the registration timeline.
2. Contact your local Alaska Job Center, Career Support and Training Services office.
3. Complete a one-page application form.
4. Register with Prince William Sound Community College.

Commitment:

The course is scheduled to meet for 1.5 hours a week for a total of 8 weeks.

Homework and time outside of the audio conferences is required to meet the academic requirements for a 2-credit course.

The Direct Support Specialist Apprenticeship Program is comprised of two parts, it takes 18-24 months to complete and offers:

- ▶ On-the-job training provided by a skilled worker trained as a mentor/coach.
- ▶ A series of classes offered through Prince William Sound Community College for academic credit.
- ▶ All classes taught by professionals who work in the field.
- ▶ All classes are offered through distance delivery (audio/web) during a 1.5 hour session each week for 5 to 10 weeks depending on credits.
- ▶ All participants enrolled in the program receive individualized support.
- ▶ All coursework is applicable to the 60-credit AAS Degree from PWSCC.