

IHS offers health program for Native students

Since 1981, three Alaska Natives have received their Master of Public Health degrees from the School of Public Health, University of Hawaii. Two other Alaska Natives are enrolled now.

The School of Public Health is funded by the Indian Health Service, Public Health Service to administer a graduate program which leads to the Mas-

ter of Public Health degree for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The program consists of graduate courses in the various specialties in public health — health services administration and planning, maternal and child health, public health education, biostatistics, epidemiology, public health nutrition, environmental and occu-

pational health sciences and management, population and family planning and international health.

Besides the academic program, support services are available to the Native American students. These include tutoring and counseling, and the opportunity to become a part of the family in the Special Educational Opportunities Pro-

gram, a special unit at the School for minority students.

Family activities include a lot of cross-cultural exchange, unique social activities and special rooms set aside for a lounge and tutorials.

Since Alaska and Hawaii are sister states, Alaska residents are considered "residents" for tuition purposes at the University of Hawaii. For this reason

educational costs are less than at any other university of the "lower 48."

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