

Soil Testing Course

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The Tanana Valley Community College is offering a course in "Soils Testing and Inspection" beginning March 6. The course includes sections on construction environment, elementary surveying, permafrost problems in construction, and soils technology and testing.

Registration is being taken weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm at the Hutchison Career Center on Geist Road. For further information call 479-2261.

Instructor Larry Katkin is employed by Bechtel as a field engineer of soils, and is currently involved in planning the trenching for pipe along the pipeline.

When asked why he wanted to teach the course Katkin said, "The industry needs qualified people that understand earth work and soils technology. The State Highway Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Bechtel are all in need of qualified persons in this field."

The field of soils inspection is basically one of quality control — of the enforcement of technical specifications. Graduates of this course might well be employable on such various projects as road building, construction of airports, and preconstruction investigation of pipeline right-a-ways.

Soils inspection and testing is another job oriented course in keeping with TVCC's policy of offering what the community needs.