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Alaska Humanities Forum is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization representing and serving Alaska as one of 56 state and territorial humanities councils across the United States.

The Forum's mission is to connect Alaskans through stories, ideas, and experiences that positively change lives and empower communities. Our work is focused across three main areas: cross-cultural learning for educators and youth, leadership development, and conversation programming.

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Creating Cultural Competence (C3)



Applications due May 15 *(following school district contract offer)*

Building connections between teachers, communities, and students.

“After teaching in several countries in Asia and Europe, this was the most unique and valuable orientation program that I have ever experienced. This program perfectly modeled the type of culturally-responsive teaching that Alaska teachers must embody and enabled participating teachers to explore the land and begin to understand 'the way of the human being (yuuyaraq).’”

"I had a great experience. I gained an understanding of the people who live in my village; who they are and how they live. I will use the words of wisdom I received from the Elders and incorporate these principles into the teaching of my students."

“I felt the immersion program with other teachers was truly the best way to introduce cultural concepts, while integrating aspects of our personal strengths & weakness within our journey in life, to date.”

The Alaska Humanities Forum partners with communities, Alaska Native organizations, and school districts across three rural regions. Please visit akhf.org/c3 for 2020 camp dates and locations for each region.



• **North Slope Region**
North Slope Borough School District

• **Northwest Arctic Region**
Northwest Arctic Borough School District

• **Southwest Region**
Kuspuk School District, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Lower Yukon School District, St. Mary's School District, Yupiit School District



For thousands of years, Alaska Native communities have developed rich and varied traditions that encourage the values of Sharing and Cooperation, Respect for Others, Hard Work, Respect for Nature, Spirituality, and Humor. Today, people in remote, rural Alaska constantly navigate the tension between sustaining their traditional culture and thriving in a changing world. The teachers who serve these communities are challenged to negotiate these tensions themselves, while adapting to a way of life that is unfamiliar, and discovering who they are within a new cultural context.

The Alaska Humanities Forum partners with communities, Alaska Native organizations, and school districts across three rural regions to provide the Creating Cultural Competence (C3) program. Newly hired teachers participate alongside Elders, culture bearers, local youth, and peers in a cultural immersion during the summer under the structure of a university-level multicultural studies course.

This journey invites teachers not only to learn about the culture of the community they'll become a member of, but also to develop a deeper understanding of their own racial, ethnic, and cultural identities and how those identities shape their values and assumptions about teaching. Through the C3 program, teachers build relationships that help them connect with the people, communities, and region where they will be teaching.

Cross-Cultural Experience

Orientation, immersion, and debrief to gain knowledge of the region as well as local communication, learning, and teaching styles.

Earn Graduate Credit

Free enrollment for teacher participants in multicultural studies course required for Alaska certification or renewal credits.

All Expenses Paid

Airfare, meals, and accommodations are covered by the program.

Experiential Learning

Cultural immersion experience with local Elders, youth, and community members alongside your peers.