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One system — seven community colleges

The seven University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges are part of one system, yet each College offers a unique experience and has special strengths.

- **Hawai‘i Community College**, serving the Big Island, has a long-standing reputation for excellence in providing community work-based learning in its academic programs. From their award-winning Model Home program through internships and clinical instruction to the new service learning initiative, students in all majors are exposed to hands-on experiences as part of the educational process.

- In the heart of bustling Honolulu, **Honolulu Community College** is known for its technical and technological trades such as marine technology, pilot training, aeronautics, automotive technology, and computer networking and electronics.

- At the foot of Diamond Head and minutes from Waikiki Beach, **Kapi‘olani Community College** excels in hospitality and culinary arts education as well as liberal arts studies, health care education programs and business education.

- On the lush island of Kaua‘i, **Kaua‘i Community College** boasts a reputation in solar power research and development along with its solid core of academic studies. Culinary arts, office administration and early childhood education are just a few of the many award-winning programs offered.

- **Leeward Community College**, overlooking Pearl Harbor, has a longstanding reputation for excellence in liberal arts, business, pre-engineering and education. New programs in
television production and the performing arts are also turning heads.

• Overlooking the majestic West Maui mountains, Maui Community College offers a full spectrum of academic and professional studies. It is renowned for its culinary arts, nursing, telecommunications and sustainable energy technologies, computer engineering technology and visitor industry training.

• At Windward Community College at the base of Oahu’s Ko'olau Mountains, liberal arts and Hawaiian studies are focal points. The college also attracts talented students in drama, photography, ceramics and writing.

• The family of UH Community Colleges includes the Employment Training Center (ETC). ETC offers vocational and remedial education, counseling, and support services for under-educated and unemployed adults, at-risk youth, and others who need assistance in the transition to further education or to work.

• Education Centers on Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai are extensions of the colleges that bring our programs into some of Hawai'i's outlying communities.

• The UH Community Colleges also serve the islands through University of Hawai'i Centers on Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. These centers offer UH system courses and programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

All of the UH Community Colleges offer a two-year Associate in Arts degree and credits are transferrable towards a baccalaureate degree at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Hilo or West O'ahu, and other four-year universities that have established partnerships with the Colleges. All Colleges also offer Associate in Science degrees and Certificate of Completion training in career areas ranging from emergency medical technician to commercial airline pilot. Overall, more than 70 degree and certificate programs are available through the UH Community College system. Established in 1964, the UH Community Colleges have grown into a major force in education and economic growth in Hawai'i, serving more than 100,000 people annually through our credit and non-credit courses.
"I chose Leeward Community College for its smaller, intimate environment. It was an exciting time with people from varied backgrounds sharing experiences and assorted points of view. It opened up my world."

Emme Tomimbang
Television Producer
Graduate of Leeward Community College

DIVE

One of the major strengths of the University of Hawai'i Community College system is its diversity. Hawai'i's mid-Pacific location and unique multicultural heritage have helped the UH Community Colleges to achieve one of the most ethnically diverse enrollments in the United States. This diversity enriches the educational experience, promotes personal growth, strengthens our communities and prepares students for a global environment.

The UH Community Colleges' open door policy of accepting any adult who wants to learn is sometimes a challenge, given the diversity of our population and our limited resources. Yet, as learning institutions, it is our mission to reach out to people who are in need of hope and new opportunities — no matter their age, income bracket, ethnicity or educational level.

Our student enrollment closely reflects the cultural diversity of Hawai'i and successfully attracts many non-traditional students, women, and minorities who are often underrepresented in colleges. Our students are not only the high school graduates who find the nurturing atmosphere of the neighborhood college essential to their development, they are also single parents who finally overcome dependence on welfare and go on to become attorneys, doctors and professionals. They are people in mid-career who seek change and advancement in their chosen field. They are refugees who arrive here speaking no English and achieve their dreams of becoming successful business owners. They are people with physical or learning disabilities who receive the help they need to become contributing members of their communities.

You'll see our diversity:

• Within our student population
Hawai'i's ethnic diversity, rich cultural heritage and central Pacific location add to the diversity of our students.

• Throughout our faculty
About 50 percent of the full-time faculty are women and almost half of our instructors are of Asian/Pacific ethnicity. Through this diversity, our instructors bring experiences from across the globe into the classroom.

• Forms of instruction
From traditional classrooms to satellite transmitted courses offered via television, Worldwide Web and Internet-based instruction, being flexible and innovative helps us provide access to all who want to learn.

• Programs
We offer more than 70 fields of study and work closely with business, industry, and government agencies to create diverse educational opportunities that support growth in our communities.
To properly serve this diverse student population, the UH Community Colleges offer a wide variety of programs and learning formats. Students who want to earn a baccalaureate degree often find the convenience and affordability of the Community College the best way to start their advanced education.

Students interested in two-year programs in technological and professional careers receive thorough training in the latest practices and trends. They also get personal and career counseling, often gain internship experience, and find employment in their field of study while working toward their degree or certificate.

The nurturing environment of the Community College helps motivated students achieve goals that may have seemed impossible to them in larger, more impersonal institutions. Our Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society students consistently win national recognition; our culinary students often bring home trophies from national competitions; our graduates often excel as candidates for the baccalaureate and higher degrees they pursue at other institutions; and our health, legal assistant and automotive technology programs are highly regarded nationwide.

For those who wish to enhance job skills or attain professional and personal goals, non-credit courses in a multitude of areas are available year-round on our campuses. Business management, culinary arts, English as a Second Language, Hawaiian culture and Japanese language training—more than 180,000 people annually enjoy these and many other specially designed short-term courses offered at the work site or on our campuses.

We eagerly embrace partnerships with business, industry, government agencies, and other universities to develop new educational programs geared toward training or retraining Hawai‘i’s workforce. We work to meet their schedules, budgets and proficiency goals.

People who have encountered difficulties in getting an education find help through the Colleges and at ETC, where they can complete their high school education and get a start in an advanced field of study. In short, they get a second chance.

Our diversity enables us to reach out to people with a wide range of needs and offer a healthy, effective learning environment to help them succeed.

The diversity of our students and faculty is enhanced by the diversity of our curriculum. Here, a fashion technology student learns garment marking on a state-of-the-art computer-based equipment.
The Community College system is great when you're starting out. Everybody at Kaua'i Community College was so supportive of the students. And I found the caliber of teachers to be outstanding!”

Stephanie J. Castillo
Award-winning Documentary Filmmaker
Attended Kaua'i Community College

Saying ahead of today’s ever-changing technologies is a challenge for even the most competitive company. The UH Community Colleges recognize this important facet of today’s business environment and are dedicated to providing students with up-to-date skills to meet these demands.

Our sophisticated equipment and modern facilities offer program and degree candidates valuable hands-on training and give students an important head start when entering the job market. Providing students with the practical experience in the latest processes, methods and knowledge of their chosen field is essential to our mission. New facilities such as Honolulu Community College’s world-renowned marine maintenance facility at Sand Island and the multi-media and business computer labs and network media center at Maui Community College exemplify the Colleges' state-of-the-art interactive learning environments. Many of our programs have won state and national awards for the quality of instruction, the success of the students and the valuable impact their work has on their profession. Their achievements, in large part, are due to UH Community Colleges’ highly trained and dedicated faculty. Our faculty are leading professionals and educators in their field. They are very active in their professions and involve their students in career-related activities, competitions and service learning projects in the community.

Radiologic technology, respiratory care, nursing, emergency medical technician, and mobile intensive care technician are a few of the health-related professions students can receive training in at the UH Community Colleges.
The UH Community Colleges also make use of technological advances to increase their accessibility throughout the State. We have developed an advanced distance education system using mediums such as video, interactive television, the Internet and the Worldwide Web. Students on Maui and the other neighbor islands regularly complete coursework offered from Oahu via HITS (Hawai‘i Interactive Television System)—and vice versa. Because of their convenience and effectiveness, the demand for these new educational tools continues to grow. New access locations at UH Educational Centers and on all the campuses have made it possible for students to complete their studies from virtually any island. The Web and Internet play an increasing role in our colleges and our lives. We are dedicated to remaining in the forefront in development and usage of these sophisticated new technologies.

At the UH Community Colleges, students receive an education that provides valuable workplace skills and a sound educational foundation that will carry them well into the new century. Perhaps that is why we are the top-rated vocational education institution in Hawai‘i and the Pacific Basin.

Many of Hawai‘i’s TV industry professionals got their start at the UH Community Colleges.

Technology thrives at UH Community Colleges

- On a national average, according to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, approximately 25-26% of the individuals who take the Radiologic Technology exam fail to pass it, and the exam is given three times per year. Kapi‘olani Community College students have enjoyed a 100% pass rate for the past four years, indicating the quality of instruction received by the students.

- Graduates of Maui Community College’s Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology program have been recruited into high-tech jobs at Space City (located at Haleakala Crater), at the Pacific Disaster Center in Kahului, and have been scouted by headhunters as far away as the mainland.

- Windward Community College has established an educational training and environmental monitoring center named Hoa‘aina which uses remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS) to promote skills needed to study coral reefs and coastal processes. Training in the use of these modern tools of technology complements the ancient Hawaiian heritage of aloha‘aina (a cultural harmony with our land). The Hoa‘aina program is located in Windward’s new science building which also houses other high-tech facilities such as the Aerospace Exploration Lab and a weather satellite tracking station.
World-renowned chef Andre Sohner shared his enormous culinary talents with Community College culinary faculty and students during a recent visit to Hawai‘i.

PARTNE

When Cisco Systems, Inc. came to Hawai‘i to find a regional partner for its Networking Academy, Honolulu Community College eagerly accepted the role. Honolulu Community College instructors joined Cisco Systems on the mainland for training and, upon their return, made arrangements with participating Hawai‘i high schools to bring networking technologies into their classrooms. As Cisco’s Regional Networking Academy, Honolulu Community College provides technical support throughout the year to help high school students learn how to design, build and maintain computer networks. The high schools become local Cisco Networking Academies and offer students the computer skills that will prepare them for the increasingly technology-dependent economy into which they will emerge. These students will also be well prepared for entry into the Community Colleges’ more advanced computer-related educational programs.

Collaborative partnerships with business, government and community organizations stimulate and support economic development in our state. They are an important vehicle to ensure that Hawai‘i has a skilled workforce available, and that our workforce has the educational resources necessary for Hawai‘i to compete in the larger global economy.

The UH Community Colleges work closely with businesses and industries to assess their needs, establish new programs and modify exist-
"I knew I needed an associate's degree to advance in my career. So, I enrolled in the accounting program at Maui CC. It was a perfect place for me to restart my college education."

Georgina Kawamura
Budget Director, Maui County
Graduate of Maui Community College

SHIPS

ing curriculum to meet new demands. These partnerships include:

- **Collaborative programs** with Hawai'i's Department of Education to provide educational camps, remedial education, and Community Schools for Adults.

- **Partnerships** with Work Hawai'i, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, corporations such as AT&T, United Airlines and others, let the UH Community Colleges provide educational opportunities to disadvantaged youth and welfare recipients through school-to-work and welfare-to-work programs. Upon successful completion of their training, candidates are often guaranteed employment, thus reducing welfare rolls.

- **Contract training** in association with businesses such as airlines, communications companies, hotels, restaurants, retail outlets, financial institutions, beauty and fashion industries, and government, helps companies increase profits, improve customer services and realize their employees' full potential. Training is offered at the work site or at the various campuses.

- **Regulatory and certification training** with state and federal government agencies. Training and testing in areas such as real estate, commercial drivers' training, nursing, hotel housekeeping, civil defense, hazardous waste handling, and tour driver training help participants achieve the certification necessary to excel in their professions.

Since computers have become an essential tool of the graphic arts industry, today's communication arts students learn computer skills as well as the theories and practices of graphic design and advertising.
Being responsive to community needs is an essential part of the Community Colleges’ mission. We take an active role in retraining those who are displaced due to changes in business climate, the economy or industrial growth. We also respond to business needs for trained workers in specific fields and skills.

Being responsive means more than just being accessible and offering people new, marketable skills, however. Being responsive means helping our communities find solutions to the challenges of our changing world. By collaborating with businesses to offer retraining programs, partnering with government agencies to train the unemployed and under-educated, and listening to the needs of our people, we can help resolve today’s issues and chart our future. A recent problem in Hawai‘i was an upsurge in crimes against tourists. In response, Honolulu Community College’s administration of justice department developed a non-credit course to increase awareness of the problem and teach tourist-related businesses how to respond and safely prevent such incidents.

Being responsive also means recognizing the educational needs of students matriculating to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, West O‘ahu or Hilo. When UH Mānoa expressed concern that students entering its four-year engineering program had little or no background in the critical thinking and problem-solving skills the coursework
required. Leeward Community College developed a pre-engineering program. Now students get practical, hands-on experience and are introduced to basic engineering theories early in their college career.

Being responsive means acting quickly and offering as much as possible to promote economic development opportunities when they arise. When deciding on the location for its new $24 million wide-body maintenance facility, Continental Airlines knew Hawai‘i could supply the workforce needed once it saw Honolulu Community College’s aeronautics maintenance program in operation. As part of their commitment to do business within the State, Continental offers career scholarships for aeronautics students and has donated considerable amounts of training equipment and tools to the college.

Being responsive has enabled the UH Community Colleges to become a major player in the area of workforce training and community-oriented education. We are truly a community educational center — providing learning opportunities across the spectrum.

The Employment Training Center is a valuable addition to the Community College system. It provides an important intermediate step for youths and adults seeking remedial assistance and introduces them to office and computer skills, vocational programs and opportunities in higher education.

IVENESS

Providing learning opportunities is our hallmark

"If there was a catalyst for my interest in journalism, it would be my instructor at Windward Community College. It all snowballed from there."

Bill Mossman
Editor, Sun Press Newspaper
Graduate of Windward Community College
Because today’s global economy requires students to have an understanding of the interdependent nature of the world’s economic, cultural and political systems, we have developed international agreements with many colleges across Asia and the Pacific. More than 45 agreements link us to partner institutions throughout Japan, Taiwan R.O.C., the People’s Republic of China, Korea, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Some of these educational agreements span more than two decades and have grown into unique and valuable associations.

Through study abroad programs, faculty have led students on journeys across the globe to study art in Italy, discover culture in Japan, learn language in China and more. As new technologies have become available, our international exchanges are also being created right in the classroom. Using long-distance teleconferencing, Kapi‘olani students have shared ideas with Adelaide Institute of Vocational Education in Australia. Maui students are developing language courses on the Web and Internet, sharing technology and culture with students from Kure National College of Technology in Japan. Today, international boundaries dissolve through these dynamic relationships in which faculty and student exchanges, and cooperative projects bring the world to our doorstep.

All seven UH Community Colleges engage in international education programs and encourage international students to consider UH Community Colleges as a pathway to their advanced education. Through our credit and non-credit programs, we offer English as a Second Language (ESL) to our foreign students so that they may enhance their English language Hawai‘i’s unique heritage and rich history enhance our international efforts. Cultural exchanges such as the American Samoa Community College Choir’s participation in a concert held at Maui CC (above) are an important facet of education at our Colleges.
"In Japan, the instructors don’t give feedback on the assignments we do — they just grade them. Here, we get a lot of comments and suggestions."

Yoshishide Suzuki
Kansai University exchange student studying at Kapi‘olani Community College

(above right) Students participate in Kapi‘olani CC’s annual International Festival.

 skills while pursuing their education in Hawai‘i.

The University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges also offer short-term, non-credit courses to Hawai‘i’s visitors. Edu-tourism is the catchword for the UH Community Colleges’ commitment to promoting Hawai‘i’s largest industry through educational programs for visitors. Hawaiian regional cuisine, Web and Internet courses, Hawaiian culture and history, tropical horticulture, tropical and marine life, doing business in Hawai‘i and many other specialty focus programs are available to groups and individuals wishing to enhance their experience of our islands.

These agreements and international study opportunities have paved the way for students to expand their personal and educational horizons beyond Hawai‘i’s shores and give the world a taste of Hawai‘i’s unique culture, rare beauty, friendly aloha spirit and exciting educational offerings.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

The University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges have partnerships and exchange agreements with more than 45 colleges and universities across the globe. These include:

• Kansai University, Japan
• Peking University, People’s Republic of China
• University of Ryukyus, Okinawa
• Adelaide Institute of Vocational Education, South Australia
• Okinawa Women’s Junior College, Okinawa
• Kagawa Junior College, Japan
• Beijing Union University, People’s Republic of China
• Koriyama Women’s University, Japan
• Taegon Vocational Junior College, Korea
• Bow Valley College, Canada
• Christchurch Polytechnic, New Zealand
University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges

Employment Training Center
Hawai‘i Community College
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Kapi‘olani Community College
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