

**University of Hawai'i Community Colleges**  
**Aging and Disabilities-Related Activities and Initiatives -- November 2006**

**Hawai'i Community College**

Elizabeth Ojala, RN, Nursing Department

- The Nursing Department provides its RN, LPN and non-credit state-approved Nurse Aide with aging issues integrated into the curriculum.
- The Nursing Department also provides its credit-based Adult Residential Care Home Operator Licensing Course twice a year.

**Honolulu Community College**

Sharon Ota, Vice Chancellor

- Certificate in Human Services is being offered. Practicums and internships have been critical aspects of the program to help students apply what they learn in class. The program prepares them as paraprofessionals and for entry into the School of Social Work at UH or HPU.
- The nationally recognized SeniorNet Program using senior volunteers to teach other seniors is based at HonCC.
- Maintains the "Emeritus College TV series" on Olelo Public Television, which features senior issues. Coordinated the "Take Charge of Your Money series that was aired on Hawaii Public Television last year. Plans call for the updating of the programs.

**Kapi'olani Community College**

Dennis Kawaharada, Dean

- KapCC has received state funding to develop a long-term care (LTC) training initiative and to support the development of similar initiatives at the other community colleges. Plans call for (1) expanding paraprofessional and family caregiver training opportunities in both its credit and non-credit offerings and (2) promoting active aging among retirees.
- The College has conducted job profiling of adult residential care home, assisted living, and adult day care workers to better define what skills are needed to provide appropriate training. This will also help to develop the curriculum further.
- Community workshops (grant-funded) on LTC for paraprofessional workers, with classes held at KapCC and LeeCC were developed.
- KapCC is conducting a national survey of aging and long-term care initiatives at other community colleges to search for stellar models and to network
- The College offers continuing education in LTC skills for LPNs and RNs.
- KapCC worked with the Wai'anae Health Academy to support the recruitment and training of students for its Occupational Therapy Assistant program.
- KapCC provides the Kupuna Connections TV program – a statewide broadcast on Hawaii public television on aging and LTC issues and solutions on a weekly basis.

- The College has integrated aging and long-term care issues and volunteer opportunities into its Service Learning Program for students.

### **Kauai Community College**

John Isobe, Continuing Education & Training.

Victoria Mathis, GNP, RN

- Free Healthy Aging Series organized by the Nursing Department for the community.
- “Service Learning” - RN students teach about senior nutritional issues at Neighborhood Centers
- The Nursing Department plans to expand its Wellness Center to incorporate more healthy aging clinical services for aging faculty and older students. The Free Healthy Aging Community Series may be incorporated as part of the Wellness Center.
- The Office of Continuing Education and Training will be reviewing and assessing the feasibility of offering the following programs on a noncredit or hybrid credit-noncredit basis on campus: (1) Medical Office Receptionist, (2) Pharmacy Technician, (3) Medication Administration for Caregivers and (4) Certified Nurses Aide
- KauCC is presently in discussions with the County’s Office of Community Assistance to provide basic computer training at the various County Neighborhood Centers as part of their Senior Program and to encourage life long learning.

### **Leeward Community College**

Michael Tagawa, Dean

Charlene Akina, Office of Community Education & Training .

- LeeCC will offer 4 Nursing Assistant Courses per year. We are currently in process for certification of our 150-hour curriculum.
- Medical Assistant Program offers as a fast track non-credit 320-hour curriculum for those interested in physician offices and health facilities.
- LeeCC is focused on creating rapid response initiatives to support workforce development training including but not limited to aging and long-term care and to share its curriculum and programs with the other community colleges.
- LeeCC plans to implement the ARCH Modules 12, 13, & 14.
- Wellness classes are offered in raku, ikebana, and qi gong, etc.
- Workforce development programs Healthcare and CDL are offered for seniors looking to start a second career or upgrading professional skills with certification.

### **Mau Community College**

Nancy Johnson, RN, Nursing Department Chair

- MauCC has been designated by the State Department of Health to help create a standardized nurse aide curriculum for institutional care facilities.
- MauCC has created Community-based health certificate programs for Community Health Workers, Elder Care/Personal Care Attendant, Medication

Assistant, Adult Residential Care Home Operators and Health Unit Coordinators.

- The MauCC Nursing Career Ladder Program provides preparation at three levels of competency: Nurse Aide, Practical Nurse, and Registered Nurse.
- MaiCC has been a leader in advocating and demonstrating the value of Tele-home care, which connects health care providers with patients at home. MCC is a recent recipient of a national grant to do further development in this area.

### **Windward Community College**

Gerri Kabei, Coordinator, Continuing and Community Education

Jane Uyetake, Program Coordinator

- Educational field trips, health and fitness, leisure, arts, and computer courses are offered specifically for seniors.
- WinCC Employment Training Center offers a Nurse Assistant Training Program. Students learn the fundamentals of safe and knowledgeable care giving in the classroom and supervised clinical training. CPR training and nursing procedures such as taking vital signs, positioning, bathing, and dressing are taught to prepare students for the Hawaii State Nurse Assistant Competency Evaluation Testing Program for state certification. Students are often employed by long-term facilities.
- Free community workshops are offered to the general public. Many topics deal with the aged such as Caregiver Coping, Alzheimer's Disease Treatments, Driver Safety, Identity Theft, Senior Safety, Sage Watch, Legal Issues, Elder Abuse Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Services from the City & County of Honolulu, Elderly Affairs Division