

CONTINUING EDUCATION and TRAINING

At Kapi'olani Community College, lifelong learning is an approach and way of thinking that threads through departments and programs. KCC is a leader in the lifelong learning movement, offering courses and customized training programs that attract both the career-oriented and leisure learner.

The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the average worker changes careers three times and changes jobs at least seven. There is and will continue to be a strong need to train and retrain workers as technology and the needs of society change with increasing speed. It is not realistic to think that today's students can be trained in skills and offered knowledge that will serve a lifetime in the workforce.

While the majority of students enrolled in Continuing Education and Training courses are career-oriented, many attend for personal development and enrichment. A goal of the College is to provide forums showcasing cultural activities and new ideas, and programs highlighting the natural and cultural beauty of Hawai'i.

KCC offers to the public a wide array of seminars, workshops, and continuing education courses designed to meet the needs of Hawai'i's employers in both the private and public sectors. Customized training programs also address the needs of specific organizations. Quality professional training opportunities and leisure classes are provided through programs that include:

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER EDUCATION

Attempting to address the serious lack of qualified sign language interpreters in Hawai'i, this program offers a variety of continuing education courses in American Sign Language and interpreting. Courses are also offered for working interpreters to upgrade and enhance their skills.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Geared toward providing training for O'ahu's private and public sector workforce, this program offers courses in supervisory skills, communication, estate planning, professional development, marketing and entrepreneurship. Other programs focus on accessibility standards, design and construction standards, and workplace environment.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

An extensive selection of short courses is continuously offered in word processing, spreadsheets, database management, desktop publishing, Internet and other state-of-the-art microcomputer programs. The continuing education computer training facility is an excellent setting for "hands-on" education with personalized instruction.

CULINARY

Expanding public programs enriching the cultural life of the community are underway at Kapi'olani Community College. Continuing Education courses in fine arts, recreation, language, and local cuisine are available. An extensive selection of continuing education culinary courses is offered for local, national, and international participants.

CULTURE AND ARTS

Continuing Education classes in Culture and Arts include Performing Arts and Studio Arts and Crafts. Performing Arts courses such as international dance styles, guitar, and Taiko drumming, allow participants a wide variety of ways to express themselves in performance. Studio Arts classes including Japanese Brush Painting (Sumie), Japanese Gift Wrapping, Box and Card Making, Paper Engineering, Watercolor, Western Calligraphy, and others promote creative expression among participants.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Today's emphasis on health and wellness is reflected in this program's diverse offerings. Classes range from Adult Residential Care Home Operator and Entrepreneur in Long-Term Care to Phlebotomy and Medical Terminology. Aimed at meeting the community's diverse health education needs, courses for fitness, skill building, and professional development are offered. The Health and Fitness program also offers customized training in health promotion and para-professional skills for business and industry.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

One of the most successful and significant developments in the area of international education at Kapi'olani Community College has been the growth of cross-cultural programs where students in Asia, the Pacific, and Hawai'i are involved in student exchange activities. Each year, Chiba University of Commerce, Kagoshima Prefectural College, Nagasaki International University, Nakamura International Hotel School, Jikei Gakuen and other major academic institutions in Japan, send college students to KCC to participate in international customized training programs with students and faculty from Japan, Korea, China and other countries in the world. The culinary training facilities at Kapi'olani have been utilized for the past 25 years by a number of cooking schools from Japan, providing Japanese students between the ages of 14 and 21 with first-class educational opportunities in American cuisine. Japanese culinary schools participating in this program include: Nagoya Cooking Academy, Yokosuka Culinary Institute, Ecole de Cuisine et nutrition Hattori, Asahikawa Culinary Institute, and other cooking academies. KCC's continuing education foreign student programs strive to promote international relationships that will strengthen Asian-American-Hawaiian awareness through personal experience.

INTERPRET HAWAI'I

Offering a wide array of courses, travel adventures, performances, tours, and tour driver training, Interpret Hawai'i programs focus on the Islands' precious heritage. Interpretative Walking Tours give residents and visitors the opportunity to step back into Hawai'i's past and experience history.

LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This rapidly expanding program of classes focuses on aspects of international cultures. Language classes are available for various ability levels from introductory to advanced. Business courses focus on the cultural aspects of entertaining, doing business, and developing relationships. Cultural programs include ikebana, tea ceremony, and gift-wrapping. Languages such as Japanese, Italian, French, Spanish, Korean and Chinese are offered as well as extensive customized training for business and industry.

NEW MEDIA ARTS

New Media Arts offers a variety of continuing education classes. The New Media Arts curriculum prepares students for employment in the fields of animation, interactive computer graphics, interface design including Web design, information architecture, and the converging industries that require advanced skills in multimedia design and production. It is also intended to serve professionals updating and refining their job skills. The program integrates classroom instruction with hands-on skills in a learning environment that encourages the collaborative process inherent in professional multimedia design and production.

REAL ESTATE

Designated as a continuing education provider by the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission, the Office of Continuing Education and Training provides courses in real estate law and ethics, contracts, finance, landlord and tenant codes, investment analysis, and property management.

TRAVELEARN

TravelLearn is committed to serving sophisticated travelers who want to go beyond the "seeing" and "doing" of most commercial tour programs. Kapi'olani Community College is one of 80 colleges and universities across the nation that offer this unique study tour. For administrators, educators, and the community, TravelLearn offers educational tours that promote professional development and personal enrichment through on-site lectures, seminars, and field excursions. Participants can travel to China, Eastern Europe, Egypt, Ireland, and other countries in the company of knowledgeable, articulate, and enthusiastic professionals who discuss the history, culture, and current issues facing the people in these countries.

VISITOR INDUSTRY TRAINING

The visitor industry component of Continuing Education and Training conducts professional development activities for housekeepers and culinary personnel seeking to upgrade their skills and work toward professional certificates and designations. A series of classes offered throughout the year enable full-time employees the opportunity to complete courses and receive designations in one to two years.

WELLNESS OF BODY AND MIND

Wellness continuing education classes include Iyengar Yoga, Tai Chi, Zen Meditation, and Golf. Such courses offer the community basic, introductory paths to physical and mental wellness utilizing both local and international approaches.

THE GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CENTER

The Gallaudet University Regional Center was established at Kapi'olani Community College in 1988 in cooperation with Gallaudet University. As an educational institution and resource center that serves deaf and hard-of-hearing people around the world, Gallaudet provides a full range of academic, research, and pre-college programs. The Regional Center in Hawai'i serves deaf and hard-of-hearing persons, their families and friends, and professionals in the field by offering programs, informational resources, and a videotape and assistive listening devices lending library.

For more information on any of these programs, please call the Office of Continuing Education and Training at 734-9211.