TOP 10 REASONS WHY MORE STUDENTS ARE CHOOSING TO START THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1. Affordability
The average annual tuition for a community college student enrolled full-time (12 credits per semester) is approximately $2,424 versus $9,404 at public four-year universities and $18,850 at private institutions. In addition, community colleges offer many financial aid and work-study opportunities to help students pay for their education.

2. Convenience
With seven college campuses, off-site education centers and an abundance of online/distance education classes, the community colleges offer convenient and flexible class times and locations. As part of the UH System, students can concurrently attend classes at any community college.

3. Open Access
To be eligible for enrollment at the community colleges, you need to be 18 years old by the first day of instruction or have earned a high school diploma or GED.

4. Teaching Quality
Community college classes are taught by faculty who care about teaching and student learning. The colleges are accredited by the same agencies that accredit major four-year universities.

5. Class Size
Community college classes are small, averaging 35 students per class, which allows for more interaction between students and instructors.

6. Transfer Options
The community colleges have numerous transfer agreements with baccalaureate programs at the four-year universities in Hawai‘i, as well as institutions on the mainland. Visit uhcc.hawaii.edu to learn more about how to start a four-year degree at the community colleges.

7. Support Services
To help students get the best out of their college experience, the community colleges offer many services, such as:
- Academic and Career Advising
- Child Day Care (at most campuses)
- Computer Labs and Wi-Fi
- Disability Support Services
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Free Parking
- Student Activities
- Free Tutoring Services
- University and Education Centers

8. Diversity
Students at the community colleges are the most diverse group of people in higher education, today. Students differ in age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and in many other ways.

9. More Choices
Collectively, the community colleges offer more than 260 degree and certificate programs in a broad range of technical/career programs that prepare graduates for immediate employment in the job market or transfer to a four-year university. The recent award of a $24.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor also supports the development of new programs, such as alternative energy technology, electric vehicle maintenance, biofuels process technology, sustainable construction, surgical technology, emergency medical services, health informatics, community healthcare, sustainable agriculture, plant bioscience, aquaponics, veterinary technology, post-harvest value-added processing, and more.

10. Access to Technology
Because of UHCC’s strong partnerships with industry and businesses, students have access to cutting-edge equipment and the most modern technology in their first two years of education. With hands-on training, UHCC graduates are well prepared for immediate employment.

About Us
The University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges (UHCC) is a statewide system of seven separately accredited institutions part of the larger ten-campus University of Hawai‘i System. UHCC provides open-door access to affordable, high-quality education in a variety of programs from career and technical to liberal arts education.

UH Community Colleges are known for hands-on learning environments with the latest equipment in state-of-the-art facilities, ensuring that graduates are prepared for the ever-changing workplace.
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Website: www.hawaii.hawaii.edu
University Center: hawaii.hawaii.edu/ucwh
Admissions: (808) 934-2720

Located in Hilo and administering Kona’s UH Center at West Hawai‘i, this Big Island community college offers more than 30 associate degree, certificate and non-credit programs ranging from health services and hotel operations to business and trades.

Website: www.honolulu.hawaii.edu
Admissions: (808) 845-9129

Honolulu CC is located near downtown Honolulu with additional off-site facilities for aeronautic, marine, automotive and heavy equipment programs. Honolulu CC offers a strong liberal arts curriculum in addition to a wide range of vocational and technological programs.

Website: www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu
Admissions: (808) 734-9555

On the slopes of Diamond Head, just minutes from Waikiki, UH’s largest community college started the Culinary Institute of the Pacific, promotes an international focus and provides programs in business, hospitality, health, legal education and arts and sciences.

Website: www.leeward.hawaii.edu
Admissions: (808) 455-0642

Located in Pearl City, Leeward CC offers strong liberal arts programs in performing, visual and digital arts, as well as math and sciences. Other programs include business, computer networking, culinary arts, TV production, engineering, automotive, teaching and pre-allied health. Leeward CC also operates a satellite campus on the Wai‘anae Coast.

Website: www.maui.hawaii.edu
University Center: www.umaui.net
Admissions: (808) 984-3267

A tri-island college, Maui provides comprehensive opportunities, special programs and three bachelor’s degrees on Maui. It operates the UH Center on Maui, education centers in Hana and on Lāna‘i and Moloka‘i and a pioneering television network that reaches rural areas.

Website: www.windward.hawaii.edu
Admissions: (808) 235-7451

At the base of O‘ahu’s Ko‘olau mountains in Kāne‘ohe, this community college specializes in creative arts, environmental sciences and Hawaiian studies. It is home to the Office of University Partners, offering bachelor’s degree programs with classes on the Windward campus through partnerships with baccalaureate institutions.