

## 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 noncredit 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 noncredit 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 noncredit 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. Noncredit courses in fine arts, recreation, language, and local cuisine are available. An extensive selection of noncredit

culinary courses is offered for local, national, and international participants.

### HEALTH AND FITNESS

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 summer, Kansai University, Ryukyu University, Okinawa Christian Junior College, Osaka Information and Computer Science College, and Dong A. Foundation send college students to KCC to participate in "English As A Second Language" courses and related cultural and social activities. 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, Sakimura Culinary School, Yokosuka Culinary Institute, Kobe Kokusai School, Ehime Gakuen, RKC Professional Cooking School, Shimoda Gakuen. KCC's noncredit 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.

### JAPANESE BUSINESS, LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This rapidly expanding program of classes focuses on all aspects of Japanese culture. Language classes are available for all 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, gift-wrapping, and karaoke. Other languages such as Korean and Chinese are offered as well as extensive customized training for business and industry.

### 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, 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.

## **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.