

Admission and Registration

Admission of Students

Hawai'i CC is open to any high school graduate or person 18 years of age or older who can benefit from the instruction offered. Additional admission criteria may be imposed for individual community college programs.

Online applications and admission information may be obtained from high school counselors in Hawai'i or from the Admissions and Records Office (ARO), MC - Bldg. 378, or Hawai'i Community College-Pālanui, Student Services Office, PAL - Bldg. Ēlama, in Kailua-Kona, or online at

www.hawaii.edu/admissions

Completed applications and all supporting documents must be received by August 1 for the Fall semester, December 15 for the Spring semester, and June 15 for Summer session. Nonresident applicants are assessed a \$25.00 application fee.

International students requiring a student visa must submit all documents (see page 18) by May 31 for the Fall semester and October 31 for the Spring semester.

Successful applicants are reminded that acceptance *does not* imply that on-campus housing and/or financial aid is available. While the College will make every effort to assist, students must arrange for their own financial aid and housing.

Admission Procedures

1. Submit a completed application for admissions by the published deadline.
The Nursing program may have earlier admission deadlines. Admittance to the College is not acceptance into the Nursing program. Consult the program section of this catalog for further information.
2. For financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the UH Common Scholarship Application by March 1 each year. The FAFSA is available online at studentaid.gov/fafsa and the UH Common Scholarship Application is available online at www.hawaii.edu/tuition/scholarships/how-to-apply. For more information, see the separate section on Financial Aid.
3. If seeking on-campus housing, contact the University Housing and Residence Life office (808) 932-7403. Acceptance to the College does not guarantee on-campus housing.

Acceptance to Hawai'i Community College

Students are accepted into the College with a "classified" status by declaring a designated program or major of their choice. However, in a few cases the student may not be able to enroll in the beginning courses in the program because:

1. Certain prerequisites for the courses have not been met.
2. The program may be filled.
3. The beginning courses are not offered that semester.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail of their acceptance and given information regarding registration. Hard copy letters are available at the request of the student. Prior to registration for courses, the student is expected to:

1. Submit a TB (tuberculin) clearance within twelve (12) months prior to the first day of instruction, or TB clearance obtained on or after the age of sixteen (16), and proof of immunity to measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella (MMR); Tdap (Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis); and Varicella (Chicken Pox), directly to the Med+Proctor.

Note: Chest x-ray reports must be accompanied by proof of a positive skin test which includes the date placed, the date read, and induration. Proof of MMR immunity must be signed by a US licensed practitioner or stamped by a clinic.

2. Students who are unable to determine placement using the alternative placement qualifiers will be required to take the Accuplacer placement test to determine appropriate course placement. There are three sections to the test: Reading, Writing, and Math. Students have the option of taking all three tests at once, or each test individually. Placement tests are administered in Hilo at the Hale Kea Testing and Advancement Center on the Manono Campus. Appointments in Hilo can be made by calling (808) 934-2540 or by e-mailing halekea@hawaii.edu. In West Hawai'i, placement tests are administered through the Library and Learning Center on Pālanui Campus. Appointments in West Hawai'i can be made by calling (808) 969-8830. A valid UH student identification number is required in order to schedule an appointment. Also, a valid UH student ID or government issued picture ID is required and must be presented on the test days. Accommodations for students with disabilities can be arranged with Disability Services, (808) 934-2825 [v/t] or e-mail: hawccds@hawaii.edu
3. Attend a New Student Orientation and/or Advising session and Registration (SOAR) session. For details on time and place, call the Counseling Office in Hilo at (808) 934-2720, or the Office of Student Services in West Hawai'i at (808) 969-8816.

After registration for courses, the student is expected to:

1. Pay for all tuition and fees by the published deadline.
2. Attend classes regularly.

Some programs accept students only in the Fall semester. If the program is filled, students are unable to enroll in courses for their program. They will be advised to take other related courses. After one semester, the student usually will be able to take beginning courses in the program; however, in a few programs the waiting period may extend to a full academic year or more. Continuing students will be given priority in Fall semesters to enter the programs when space becomes available.

The following programs accept all students who apply: Administration of Justice; Business Technology; Creative Media, Early Childhood Education; Hawaiian Life Styles; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; Information Technology; Liberal Arts; and Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management.

The following Applied Technical Education programs will accept students on a first-come, first-served basis: Agriculture; Architecture, Engineering and Construction Technologies; Auto Body Repair and Painting; Automotive Technology; Carpentry; Culinary Arts; Diesel Mechanics; Electrical Installation and Maintenance; Electronics Technology; and Machine, Welding, and Industrial Mechanics.

Admission into the Nursing programs is on a selective basis. Refer to the Curricula and Programs section of this catalog for more detailed information.

Counselors and support program coordinators are available to provide information about the College and its programs and to assist each applicant in choosing a program that offers the maximum opportunity for self-development. Information is also provided to students via e-mail through their hawaii.edu account.

Change of Home Institution

Students wanting to change their home institution from another UH campus must submit a University of Hawai'i Change of Home Institution form. The deadline to submit a change of home institution request is the first day of instruction; please refer to the academic calendar for details.

Acceptance Rollover

A student who is accepted for one term (admit term) and does not register for the admit term, may "rollover" acceptance to a subsequent term (rollover term), provided the rollover term is within two (2) years of the admit term. Should the student wish instead to enroll in a term beyond the subsequent two (2) years, the student must reapply.

Residency Regulations for Tuition Purposes

Students other than statutory exempt individuals, who do not qualify as bona fide residents of the State of Hawai'i, according to the University of Hawai'i rules and regulations in effect at the time they register, must pay nonresident tuition. An official determination of residency status will be made at the time of application. Applicants may be required to provide documentation to verify residency status. Once classified as a nonresident, a student continues to be classified as such throughout their time at the College, unless they can present satisfactory evidence that changes the residency status.

Definition of Hawai'i Residency: A student is deemed a resident of the State of Hawai'i for *tuition purposes* if the student (18 or older) or, in the case of a minor student, their parent or legal guardian has:

1. Demonstrated intent to reside permanently in Hawai'i;
2. Been *continuously physically present* in Hawai'i for the 12 consecutive months *prior* to the first day of instruction; and
3. Has *not* been claimed as a dependent (whether adult or minor) for tax purposes by their parents or legal guardians who are *not* legal residents of Hawai'i.

The following evidences of a person's intent to establish domicile in Hawai'i shall be considered:

1. Voting/registering to vote in the State of Hawai'i
2. Filing Hawai'i State Resident Personal Income Tax Return

Other information such as employment, carrying on of a business, ownership of residential property or continuous rental of a dwelling on a lease basis in Hawai'i, or the presence of immediate family members in Hawai'i may be considered. No single act is sufficient to establish residency in the State of Hawai'i.

The following rules of residency determination shall be applied in all cases:

1. The twelve months of continuous residence in Hawai'i shall begin on the date upon which the first overt action (see above) is taken to make Hawai'i the permanent residence.
2. Residency in Hawai'i and residency in another place cannot be held simultaneously.
3. Presence in Hawai'i primarily to attend an institution of higher learning does not create resident status. A nonresident student enrolled for 6 or more credits during any term within the previous 12-month period shall be presumed to be in Hawai'i primarily to attend an institution of higher learning. Such periods of enrollment shall not be applied toward the physical presence requirement.
4. The residency of unmarried students who are minors follows that of the parents or of the legal guardian. Marriage emancipates a minor.
5. Resident status, once acquired, will be lost by future voluntary action of the resident inconsistent with such status. However, Hawai'i residency will not be lost solely because

of absence from the State while a member of the United States Armed Forces, while engaged in navigation, or while a student at any institution of learning.

These considerations do not exhaust all of the factors that affect determination of residency. For more information, visit www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/residency or contact the Residency Officer at Hawai'i CC's Admissions and Records Office (ARO) (808) 934-2710.

Nonresident Students

Candidates for admission from outside the State of Hawai'i must meet all the requirements noted for Hawai'i applicants. Admission is also contingent upon the College's nonresident student enrollment quota. Therefore, out-of-state candidates should await written notice of acceptance before coming to Hawai'i. No special consideration can be given to students whose applications have not been accepted.

Once classified as a nonresident, a student continues in this status at Hawai'i CC until submitting satisfactory evidence that changes the residency status.

The maximum number of nonresident students that can be accepted by Hawai'i CC is limited by the Board of Regents policy. Students classified as nonresidents are required to pay nonresident tuition, unless exempted from paying such tuition through one of the statutory exemptions listed below:

1. United States military personnel and their authorized dependents during the period such personnel are stationed in Hawai'i on active duty
2. Members of the Hawai'i National Guard and Hawai'i-based Reserves
3. Persons who are legal residents of a district, commonwealth, territory, or insular jurisdiction, state, or nation which provides no public institution of higher learning may be eligible for a tuition exemption which allows them to pay 150% of the resident tuition
4. Employees of the University of Hawai'i System and their spouses and legal dependents
5. Hawaiians: descendants of the aboriginal peoples that inhabited the Hawaiian Islands and exercised sovereignty in the Hawaiian Islands in 1778
6. Veterans Post 9/11 GI Bill® or Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty using education benefits, who live in Hawai'i, or Individuals eligible to use transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill® educational benefits, who live in Hawai'i, or Individuals eligible to use transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill® educational benefits, who live in Hawai'i, or Individuals using Post 9/11 GI Bill® education benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, who live in Hawai'i, or Individuals using educational assistance under the Veteran Readiness and Employment program (formerly Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment), and who live in Hawai'i.

Misrepresentation: A student or prospective student who intentionally or willfully misrepresents any fact or any form or document intended for use in determination of resident status for tuition purposes will be subject to the regular disciplinary measures of the University of Hawai'i System.

Appeal Process: Residency decisions can be appealed by submitting an appeal application to the Residency Officer at Hawai'i CC's ARO. For more details, contact the Residency Officer at (808) 934-2710 before the beginning of the relevant semester. Please note that appeal applications will not be accepted after the deadline set each semester by the University of Hawai'i System Office of the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs.

Conversion Process: A student who is a non-resident for tuition purposes and wishes to convert his/her residency status to resident may submit an Application to Convert Residency Status. The Application to Convert Residency Status must be submitted to the Residency Officer **prior** to the first day of instruction of the semester for which the student wishes to convert their residency. For more information and to obtain the Application to Convert Residency Status, contact the Residency Officer at (808) 934-2710.

International Students

International applicants must comply with all regulations of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) as well as with applicable policy of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i and the policies of Hawai'i CC. For purposes of clarifying requirements for admission, international students who are not U.S. citizens and who have not been admitted to live in the U.S. permanently are designated as non-immigrants. Hawai'i CC is authorized under Federal Law to enroll non-immigrant students.

International students requiring an I-20 for application for an F1 visa must submit the following:

- UH System Application Form
- \$25 Application Processing fee
- Supplementary Information Form for Undergraduate International Applicants (FSS).
- A current (within 90 days from date of application) bank statement from sponsor(s) signing the FSS Form - Section C Part II. The statement must indicate at least \$26,380 (US dollars) in available funds.
- **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** for international candidates whose native language is not English. A minimum TOEFL score of 61 on the Internet Based Test (iBT), or 500 (paper-based test) is required. Scores

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must be less than two years old and must be sent directly to Hawai'i Community College (code #4322) from ETS. For information about TOEFL, visit the website at www.toefl.com

A score of 5.5 on the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)** is accepted. For information about IELTS, visit the website at www.ielts.org

A score of Grade 2A on the **EIKEN (Test in Practical English Proficiency)** is accepted. For information about EIKEN, visit the website at

www.eiken.or.jp/eiken/en/eiken-tests/overview

International students who do not meet the English proficiency requirement to enter Hawai'i CC's credit classes can begin their studies at the Intensive English Program (IEP). After successfully completing this program, students may enter Hawai'i CC credit classes without an English proficiency score. (Policy Haw 7.220)

<https://hawaii.hawaii.edu/ovcadmin/admin-manual/haw7>

All application materials must be received by the deadlines listed in the academic calendar.

All nonresident international students must demonstrate proof of enrollment in a health and accident insurance program before enrolling in courses. The intent of this requirement is to protect international students against the high cost of unanticipated health care expenses resulting from accidents or illness.

In compliance with public health regulations, new students must show evidence that they are free of active Tuberculosis (TB) and immunized against Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Varicella; and Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (TDAP) prior to enrollment.

Once admitted, the nonresident international student with a valid student F-1 visa must maintain a minimum course load of 12 credits each consecutive Fall/Spring semester in order to remain in status with the USCIS.

Hawai'i CC complies with all applicable requirements of other federal and state entities as may be required by law or by rules and regulations.

Veterans and Dependents

Hawai'i CC is an approved educational institution for education and training under the Veterans' Educational Assistance Act (GI Bill®), the Veterans Readjustment Act, and the Dependents' Educational Assistance Program. Information regarding eligibility, entitlement, and types of training authorized may be obtained from the Veterans Administration Regional Office. For more information, call 1-888-442-4551 or, visit the website at www.va.gov for information and to apply for benefits. For assistance with the application process, contact the campus VA Representative at (808) 934-2720.

After applying with the VA, Veterans and military-connected students wishing to activate their education benefits at the College should contact the VA Representative at Hawai'i CC, Manono Campus, at (808) 934-2720.

Chapter 31 Disabled Veterans may seek additional supports and services by contacting the Disability Services by phone at (808) 934-2825 [v/t], or by e-mail at hawccds@hawaii.edu

Veteran's Information: The U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs approves applications and makes decisions about eligibility, payments, and issuance of checks. Visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website www.va.gov for more information and to apply for benefits. The VA pays for classes applicable to declared majors only. Veterans should review the College catalog carefully and consult with an academic advisor/counselor before registering to ensure that all courses apply to their intended Hawai'i Community College degree or certificate. Recipients of veterans' benefits who have attended other colleges are required to have all previous course work evaluated for possible transfer of credit. Students must submit prior transcripts to the Hawai'i CC ARO and must participate in a Veteran's Orientation to activate their educational benefits with the College. Hawai'i CC will complete a transcript evaluation and provide the student with an assessment. If credit is granted, the student's program of education will be decreased in time and cost accordingly. All records of prior education will be kept with the student's record and provided to the VA or the State Approving Agency upon request. Hawai'i CC requires participation in a Veteran's Orientation to activate their educational benefits with the college.

A Certificate of Eligibility (COE) verifies a student's eligibility for Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits. Students planning to use these benefits must obtain a COE and submit it to Hawai'i CC's Admissions and Records Office (ARO) before the first day of the semester.

Each Veteran's Affairs School Certifying Official (SCO) is responsible for certifying and monitoring Veterans' enrollment, academic progress, and other academic information.

Students receiving VA educational benefits must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or percentage of 2.0 each semester. A VA student whose CGPA or percentage falls below 2.0 at the end of any semester will be placed on academic probation for a maximum of two consecutive terms of enrollment. If they remain in probationary status for a third consecutive term or longer, their VA benefits will be discontinued until they return to good academic standing.

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Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33): Chapter 33 payments for tuition and fees are paid directly to the College approximately six weeks after receiving certification from the campus VA School Certifying Official (SCO). Refunds due to changes in registration after the first day of the term will be sent to the student. Refunds due to non-attendance will be sent to the VA. If funds are returned to the VA because the student did not officially withdraw from the College, those students will be responsible for all tuition and fee charges incurred.

Yellow Ribbon Program: Hawai‘i Community College participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program. For more information, call (808) 934-2710.

Hawai‘i National Guard Tuition Assistance: Resident members of the Hawai‘i National Guard may be eligible for partial tuition assistance from the Department of Defense in addition to federal educational benefits. This assistance is activated through the Guard Unit.

Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts MyCAA: Payments are paid directly to the College. Students must bring or send a copy of their approved Financial Assistance Form to Hawai‘i CC’s Business Office at least 48 hours prior to the payment deadline. This will ensure that an invoice is sent and grades will be posted for classes into which they are registered. An updated approval form is required each semester.

If the MyCAA program does not make a payment for tuition for any reason after being billed by the College, the student will be responsible for paying any unpaid balances.

Public Law 115-407, Sections 103 and 104: In accordance with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679(e) of title 38 (Public-Law 115-407), a student who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness & Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits shall be permitted to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a Certificate of Eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 (a “Certificate of Eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs’ website – eBenefits, or an authorization form for Chapter 31) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution, or
- 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the Certificate of Eligibility.

Public Law 116-315, Section 105: Hawai‘i CC complies with Chapter 36 of Title 38 U.S.C. § 3672(b)(2)(A) and 3675(b)(4) which requires accredited institutions to be eligible for and participate in the Federal Student Aid program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to be eligible to receive GI Bill® funds.

Public Law 116-315, Section 1018: Hawai‘i CC complies with Public Law 116-315, Section 1018. VA beneficiaries are provided a College Financing Plan displaying the variety of costs and financial aid options for their chosen educational program. For additional information, contact the Financial Aid office at (808) 934-2712 or hawccfao@hawaii.edu or contact the School Certifying Official at (808) 934-2710 or hawvet@hawaii.edu.

Hawai‘i CC complies with **Title 38 U.S.C. § 3679(e)** and will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual’s inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Secretary under chapter 31 or 33 of this title.

Transfer Students

Transfer students are those who were previously enrolled at a college or university other than Hawai‘i CC. If a course is not in the UH System articulation database, the ARO, counselor, or the student may initiate the articulation process to have the coursework considered for transfer. A student who is transferring to Hawai‘i CC from a non-UH institution, and who would like credits earned at the external institution evaluated for transfer, should arrange to have their official transcripts (sealed/unopened) sent **directly** to the ARO from the transferring institution. Transcripts that were issued to the student will not be accepted as official. The transcript(s) must be printed in English. Any transcript that is not printed in English will not be evaluated. All materials submitted become the property of Hawai‘i CC.

Each summer, the ARO will review all transfer credit evaluations completed during the academic year and remove the record of transfer credits for students who never enrolled at Hawai‘i CC. The original transcript(s) will be maintained for three years following enrollment at Hawai‘i CC, or one year after receipt if there is no history of enrollment at Hawai‘i CC.

A course will be processed for possible transfer credits if the course was completed with a grade of “D” (not “D-”) or better. However, for AAS, AS, and certificate programs, a course with a “D” grade will not be accepted when a “C” or better is required for that course for graduation. When applicable, transfer credits may be counted towards the specific requirements of a program; otherwise, they will be counted as general electives. However, neither grade points nor Grade Point Averages (GPA) earned at other institutions are used in the computation of the Hawai‘i CC cumulative GPA. (Policy Haw 7.208)

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Transferring Credits from External Institutions to Hawai'i CC

Credits earned from postsecondary institutions may be transferred to Hawai'i CC if the following criteria are met:

1. The official transcript is from an accredited institution recognized by Hawai'i CC.
2. The transcript is in English or translated into English by a certified translator.
3. The earned grade for the course is at least a "D" (not "D-").

Credits earned concurrently from other institutions within the UH system will be transferred to Hawai'i CC at the close of the semester if the course is already in the Hawai'i CC articulation database. If credits are not transferred, the student should submit the "Authorization Form to Access UH System Credits per Campus" to the Hawai'i CC ARO.

To transfer credits from non-UH institutions, students should have an official transcript (sealed/unopened) **sent directly** from the transferring institution to the Hawai'i CC ARO. The ARO will transfer courses which are already in the UH articulation database. If a course is not in the UH articulation database, the ARO, counselor, or the student may initiate the articulation process to have the coursework considered for articulation and transfer.

Acceptance of external credit(s) is at the sole discretion of the receiving campus. Coursework/credits already taken at Hawai'i CC can not be replaced by any transfer coursework. The higher grade for an external course cannot replace the lower grade for the same course taken at Hawai'i CC. Hawai'i CC coursework, including Hawai'i CC in-progress course(s), override any external transfer coursework. The ratio for converting quarter-system credits to semester-system credits is 3:2. Transfer courses with a "D" (not "D-") or higher grade may be accepted for transfer. Grades for transferred courses are not computed in the Hawai'i CC cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). The student's GPA is not transferrable from one campus to another. This is to ensure that students meet the appropriate Hawai'i CC graduation standards.

Transcripts received by Hawai'i CC become the property of Hawai'i CC, and the original(s) will not be forwarded to other institutions nor returned to the student. Transfer credit may be awarded for upper-division courses numbered 300 or higher. (Policy Haw 7.209)

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To verify that credits have been transferred, students may check their STAR report. At the end of each academic year, students with no academic history with Hawai'i CC will have all transfer credits removed.

Auditors

Auditors must fulfill all requirements for regular admission. Persons wishing to participate in courses as auditors may apply for the privilege by completing and submitting the Auditor's Form no earlier than the first day of instruction. Permission of the instructor is required. Tuition is charged for the audited course(s). (Policy Haw 7.207)

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Returnees

Any student who terminates their enrollment at Hawai'i CC during the semester and returns the following semester is considered a continuing student. A student who terminates their enrollment and does not register for the next semester may return without submitting an application provided they return within three terms from the last term of registration. A student who does not enroll for three or more successive terms must reapply for admission.

Unclassified Nondegree Students

A person who wishes to take courses at Hawai'i CC, but does not wish, or does not qualify, to enroll in a degree program, may apply for admission as an unclassified student. Most types of financial aid programs or campus student employment are not available to unclassified students. International visa students are not eligible for unclassified nondegree status. An unclassified student may declare a major and become a classified student by completing the Change of Major Form. The form is available at the ARO website at www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/admissions

Early Admission Program

The Early Admission Program is intended to encourage highly motivated and academically and/or vocationally talented high school students to advance in their schooling by supplementing their regular high school work with selected college courses. Interested applicants must comply with the regular admissions application procedure and deadlines. Continuation in the Early Admission Program depends upon the maintenance of a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and approval of the College in consultation with the high school counselor.

A student seeking early admission should contact a Hawai'i CC counselor for guidance and explanation of the application process.

Interested high school students should first contact their high school counselor for program information, forms, and consultation. Students in the Early Admission Program do not qualify to receive veteran's benefits or federal aid.

Health Requirements for Registration

PRIOR to registration for in-person classes or on-campus activities, State of Hawai'i Department of Health regulations require students to submit proof of health clearance for Tuberculosis (TB); Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Varicella; and Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (TDAP). Health Clearances must be signed by a US licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), or Physician Assistant (PA).

Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance: The student must present to the Admissions and Registration Office one of the following: Mantoux tuberculin skin test result of the diameter, T-spot, Quantiferon Gold In-Tube, or Negative Risk Screen issued within 12 months before first attendance or on or after 16th birthday. If the diameter of induration is 10mm or more, then a negative chest x-ray is also required. The certificate of TB examination (PPD) and chest x-ray must be issued by a US practitioner.

Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella Immunization (MMR): All students born after 1956 must present proof of immunity to MMR. A student is considered immune to MMR by submitting documented proof, signed or stamped by a licensed practitioner, of:

- having received two (2) doses of the MMR vaccine at least one month apart, on or after the first birthday; or
- having received one (1) dose of the MMR vaccine and one (1) dose of the measles (rubeola) vaccine at least one month apart; or
- laboratory (blood test) evidence of Measles and Rubella signed by a US licensed MD, DO, APRN, or PA may be substituted for a record of immunizations. A Mumps laboratory test is not accepted.

Varicella Immunization: All students born before 1980 in the US will be exempt from the Varicella Immunization requirement. For all other students, two doses of the Varicella vaccine is required. Documentation of the vaccine will need to be signed or stamped by a US licensed MD, DO, APRN, PA, or clinic, and must be presented for school attendance. This record must include complete dates (month/day/year) for each immunization.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (TDAP) Immunization: One dose of the TDAP vaccine is required. Documentation of the vaccine will need to be signed or stamped by a US licensed MD, DO, APRN, PA, or clinic, and must be presented for school attendance. This record must include complete dates (month/day/year) for each immunization.

A student enrolled at another college in the State of Hawai'i is presumed to have met the health requirements for registration as long as the student can provide a copy of the required health documents that were presented to the original college.

Student Health Insurance

Supplemental health and accident insurance is strongly recommended. The UH Medical Plan is designed for students and is generally less expensive than most other health insurance plans. Applications can be obtained from the Nurse-Educator located at UC - Bldg. Campus Center, or from the Information Center in MC - Bldg. 378.

Health requirements for registration: F1 Visa international students must demonstrate proof of enrollment in a health and accident insurance program before any such student shall be permitted to enroll. The intent of this requirement is to protect international students against the high cost of unanticipated health care expenses resulting from accidents or illness. (Policy EP 7.301) <https://hawaii.edu/policy>

Placement Testing

Contact for appointments:

Hale Kea Advancement and Testing Center (HKATC)

MC - Bldg. 387, Room 101

Lisa Fukumitsu, Student Success Coordinator

Ph: (808) 934-2530

e-mail: halekea@hawaii.edu

www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/halekea

The Learning Center (TLC)

UC - Bldg. 334, Room LRC 115

Ph: (808) 934-2530

www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/tlc

Hawai'i Community College-Pāalamanui

Karen Au, Educational Specialist

Ph: (808) 969-8830

Placement Testing in mathematics, reading, writing, and ESL is highly recommended as a placement qualifier under multiple measures at Hawai'i CC. Placement testing is a way to assess students' current skill levels and determine the courses in which students are eligible to register.

All test scores are valid for two years. Students who have active test scores in the student information system will be charged a \$25 fee for each retesting session, regardless of how many tests they retake during any one session.

Students with a disability requiring accommodations to take the placement test should contact Hale Kea in advance for assistance.

Exceptions (Policy Haw 5.501)

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1. Students with prior degrees:

a) Students with an associate's degree place into Eng 100 and Eng 102 and satisfy the writing and reading requirements for any course that specifies placement in Eng 100 and/or Eng 102 as prerequisites. Students with an associate's degree place into Math 82X and satisfy the mathematics requirements for any course that specifies Math 82X as a prerequisite.

b) Students with a bachelor's degree place into Eng 100 and Eng 102 and satisfy the writing and reading requirements for any course that specifies placement in Eng 100 and/or Eng 102 as prerequisites. Students with a bachelor's degree place into Math 100, 103, 115 and satisfy the mathematics requirements for any course that specifies Math 100, 103, 115 as a prerequisite.

NOTE: This is for placement purposes only to assist students with registration and meeting Hawai'i CC course prerequisites. This placement should be entered as a Human Evaluation preliminary to entry of the student's transfer credit evaluation. Unofficial transcripts can be used for placement purposes only. Official transcripts must be used to grant transfer credit for courses completed to meet Hawai'i CC program and graduation requirements.

2. Students enrolled at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo:

a) UH Hilo classified majors place into Eng 100 and Eng 102 and satisfy the writing and reading requirements for any course that specifies placement in Eng 100 and/or Eng 102 as prerequisites. UH Hilo classified majors place into Math 82X and satisfy the mathematics requirements for any course that specifies Math 82X as a prerequisite.

b) UH Hilo unclassified students utilize Multiple Measures placement qualifiers of Hawai'i CC.

c) UH Hilo ESL students are placed into Hawai'i CC ESL courses based on a combination of their placement qualifiers, ESL placement scores, and collaboration between UH Hilo ELI faculty, UH Hilo English Department faculty, and Hawai'i CC ESL faculty.

3. Students who meet UH Mānoa **SAT/ACT** entry requirements are placed as follows:

Eng 100 and/or Eng 102:

- A score of 480 or higher on the Critical Reading section of the SAT test AND a score of 510 or higher on the Writing section of the SAT test
- A score of 18 or higher on the English section of the ACT test and a score of 18 or higher on the Reading section of the ACT test

Math 100/103/115:

- A score of 510 or higher on the Math section of the SAT test
- A score of 22 or higher on the Math section of the ACT test

4. Students placed through articulation agreements with the Department of Education:

For placement purposes, the college will recognize current articulation agreements between the State of Hawai'i Department of Education and the UH System.

Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR)

Counseling, Advising and Support Services Center

MC - Bldg. 379, Room 5A

Ph: (808) 934-2720

Hawai'i Community College-Pāalamanui

Office of Student Services

Ph: (808) 969-8816

Upon acceptance to Hawai'i Community College, all students will be required to attend either mandatory orientation or mandatory success advising. Students should check their STAR account to determine their requirement. Students will not be able to register for classes until this requirement is met.

Students who are required to attend orientation must sign up in advance for one of the orientation sessions. Orientations are offered both virtually and in-person. At orientation, students will:

- learn about student resources,
- become familiar with college terminology and online tools used to track their progress towards graduation,
- meet fellow students and supportive faculty and staff, and
- register for classes.

Students who are required to attend success advising must schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor. Students may schedule an appointment online through STAR Balance at star.hawaii.edu/appointment or by calling the Counseling Office (Hilo) or the Office of Student Services (Pāalamanui).

To assist in the registration process, it is important that students bring certain personal documents when receiving services on campus:

- Driver's license (or other photo ID), and
- Copies of transcripts (if classes were taken outside of the University of Hawai'i System)

For students who early register, see the Academic Calendar for payment deadline. For students who register after the payment deadline, payment of tuition is expected at the time of registration. If an outside agency is paying tuition, the student must notify the Financial Aid Office and the Business Office that they have tuition assistance in order to secure registration.

Non-payment of tuition and fees may result in a financial obligation, which must be paid prior to registration for future semesters.

All students should have adequate funds for books, supplies, and housing to ensure their smooth adjustment to college. Some classes may also have lab fees and additional costs for tools.

Credits

Courses are assigned semester credit values determined by the number of hours of study per week required of the student in and outside of the classroom or laboratory. Credits are granted in recognition of work successfully completed in specific courses. A 15-week lecture course that meets one hour a week is assigned 1 credit and normally requires two hours of out-of-class student work for each credit. Each laboratory credit requires three hours of laboratory for each assigned credit. Each lecture/laboratory credit requires two hours of a combination of lecture/laboratory for each assigned credit and normally requires 1 hour of out-of-class student work for each credit. Although credits for a course are usually fixed, there are some variable credit courses. The amount of credit(s) given for a variable credit course must be approved by the instructor.

Registration, Withdrawals, and Other Changes

PLEASE NOTE:

Students who register and decide later to not attend must officially withdraw by the published deadline. Students still enrolled after the withdrawal deadline will have appropriate tuition and fees posted to their account even if they have stopped attending classes. Students with unpaid balances will be obligated to pay. Failure to pay will create a hold on the account affecting other transactions with the college such as: future registration, transcript requests, and receipt of a diploma/certificate.

Registration

Registration dates and deadlines are listed in the Hawai'i CC Academic Calendar at the front of this catalog.

Concurrent Registration

Hawai'i CC students may register concurrently for classes offered by the other community colleges in Hawai'i, provided prerequisites and requirements for each class are met. Students should contact the institution offering the class for assistance with registration.

All mandatory fees at Hawai'i CC and the other institution(s) will be charged as applicable.

If you are receiving financial aid from Hawai'i CC and are taking classes at other colleges in the UH System, your enrollment is not automatically protected from disenrollment due to non-payment. Check with the other college(s) concerning their enrollment protection policies and procedures.

Policies on Adding and Withdrawing from Classes

Current practices will reflect procedures in place guided by the online STAR registration system and campus policies. Information is subject to change.

To Add a Class: Students must meet any prerequisite and corequisite requirements.

Classes may be added online through the STAR registration system at www.star.hawaii.edu until the 100% Tuition Refund Withdrawal deadline (see academic calendar). After the add

period, please contact the Admissions & Records Office (ARO) for instructions on how to submit a registration request. (Policy Haw 7.330)

<https://hawaii.hawaii.edu/ovcadmin/admin-manual/haw7>

For classes that are less than the full semester in length, classes may be added up to and including the day before to the start date of the class.

To Drop/Withdraw from Classes: Classes may be dropped online through the STAR registration system at www.star.hawaii.edu until the withdrawal deadline (see academic calendar).

Financial Aid recipients should consult with the Financial Aid Office regarding possible repercussions resulting from registration changes. (Policy Haw 7.330)

<https://hawaii.hawaii.edu/ovcadmin/admin-manual/haw7>

Information regarding registration deadlines may be obtained through the students' MyUH Services. Students who fail to withdraw officially may receive an "F".

Refer to the Hawai'i CC Academic Calendar at the front of this catalog for published deadlines.

Tuition and Fees 2025-2026

Tuition is charged according to the number of semester hours carried by the student. Classified students, unclassified students, and auditors pay the same tuition.

Per Credit

Resident	\$ 131.00
Nonresident	345.00

Hilo and Non-Hilo Classes

Student Activity Fee: for all students

10 or more semester hours	15.00
9 or fewer (per semester hour)	1.50

Student Government Fee: for all students

10 or more semester hours	10.00
9 or fewer (per semester hour)	1.00

Publications Fee: for all students 5.00

Late Registration Fee 30.00

Add/Drop Fee

online	free
in-person.....	5.00

Special Fees and Charges:

Nonresident Application Fee	25.00
Payment Plan Fee (per semester per plan)	30.00
Nursing Professional Fee (per semester)	200.00
Diploma/Certificate Fee	25.00
Transcript of Record	5.00
Rush	15.00
Replacement of laboratory equipment (items broken or lost).....	Cost of Item
Check tendered to the College or any department therein and returned for any cause	25.00
(NOTE: After 3 returned checks, the University will not accept another check as a form of payment.)	
Cost of textbooks and other class supplies	varies, for approximate cost, visit www.bookstore.hawaii.edu/hilo

Tuition disclaimer statement: All tuition and fee charges at the University of Hawai'i campuses are subject to change in accordance with requirements of State law and/or action by the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents or Administration.

All tuition and fees are to be paid at the time of registration. For a full refund and/or cancellation of charges, students must officially withdraw from classes by the end of the late registration period. After this deadline, students with unpaid balances **will be obligated** to pay.

Tuition Payment Plan

An installment plan is available to students who cannot pay in full by the published deadline. A non-refundable plan fee will be charged per student per semester to participate. More information is available at www.hawaii.edu/myuhservices

Tuition Refund Policy

Any refund can be directly deposited into a savings or checking account. To do so, students must first sign up for eRefund through the MyUH Services at www.hawaii.edu/myuhservices

Semester-length classes

1. 100% refund for complete withdrawal only if made on or before the Tuesday of the second week of instruction.
2. 100% refund for change in status or tuition rate if made before the first day of instruction, unless otherwise stipulated by Federal regulations.
3. 50% refund for withdrawals if made after the first week of instruction but on or before the end of the refund period, unless otherwise stipulated by Federal regulations.
4. 0% refund if withdrawals or change in status or tuition rate is made after the 50% refund deadline, unless otherwise stipulated by Federal regulations.

Part-term classes

Students enrolled in classes that do not run the entire semester should consult with the Business Office (808) 934-2740 because different dates apply.

Fees

100% refund will be provided when the complete withdrawal is made on or before Tuesday of the second week of instruction. No fees will be refunding after this date.

Financial aid recipients may be subject to a federal refund policy as required by federal regulations. Financial aid recipients may have all or part of their tuition refund returned to Title IV program(s). Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Reminder: See the Hawai'i CC Academic Calendar in the front of this catalog for Registration and Refund dates and deadlines.

Education Tax Credits

The U.S. Congress established federal tax credits for qualified college tuition and related expenses under the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. More information about these tax credits as well as other education-related tax credits is available on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at www.irs.gov/individuals/education-credits or review the IRS Publication 970 online at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf

With the exception of nonresident aliens, all students who are charged qualified tuition and related expenses from January 1st to December 31st of a given tax year will receive a 1098-T Tuition Statement. This form reflects amounts billed (not paid) for qualified tuition and related expenses and amounts paid for scholarship and grants during the calendar year. Any registration charges for a Spring semester posted to a student's account on or before December 31st of the previous year will be reflected in the following calendar year's 1098-T form and not during the calendar year when that Spring semester occurs. Students may view their 1098-T through their MyUH Services. Additional information may be found online at www.hawaii.edu/fmo/student-accounts/#1098T

Nonresident alien students are generally not eligible to claim education tax credits. However, under certain conditions, some nonresident alien students may be eligible to claim tax credits. Nonresident alien students, who feel they are eligible to claim the tax credit and can provide documentation of their status, should contact the Business Office at (808) 934-2746.

Important note about Social Security Numbers (SSN)

Students must provide the University of Hawai'i with a Social Security Number. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 requires the University to collect and use students' Social Security Numbers (SSN) or **Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN)** to report annually to the IRS any qualified and related expenses billed to students, as well as any scholarship and grant payments made to students. If the University does not have a valid SSN on file, students will be asked to submit a Form W9-S. Forms are available in PDF format at the IRS website at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9s.pdf

Bookstore

200 W. Kāwili St.
UC - Bldg. Campus Center
Ph: (808) 932-7394
www.bookstore.hawaii.edu/hilo

The Bookstore is located in Hilo adjacent to the UH Campus Center Dining room on the first floor. Visit the website for current business hours. The bookstore is closed Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Textbooks, other educational materials and equipment, software and computer related items, convenience and personal items, gifts, and clothing are sold at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Bookstore. VISA, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted.

Textbooks can also be ordered online from the UH Hilo Bookstore website. Orders can be delivered or picked up at the bookstore.

Students taking Distance Education (DE) classes from other University of Hawai'i campuses may purchase books online from the specific campus.

Child Care

The Hawai'i Community College Children's Center is located on the Manono Campus in Hilo. It is a nationally accredited site that provides early education and care for children 18 months to 5 years of age and serves children of students, faculty, and staff from Hawai'i Community College and UH Hilo. Community children are accepted on a space available basis. Tuition rates apply.

The Center, offering a high quality developmental approach to early childhood, also serves as a training site for adult students. Under the supervision of qualified instructors and staff, the Center provides students with hands-on laboratory experience as well as consistent opportunities to practice skills needed to become early childhood professionals in the community. For more information call (808) 934-2630.

Parking on Campus

200 W. Kāwili St.
UC - Bldg. Auxiliary Services (AUX), Room 101
Ph: (808) 932-7001
<https://hilo.hawaii.edu/auxsvc/parking>

In Hilo, the Manono (Lower) Campus does not require a permit. Parking is open except in labeled/reserved stalls; all vehicles must park in appropriately marked spaces.

Parking for the Upper Campus will be in "non-instructional day" status for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026. This means parking is allowed in all spaces without permits, but remains restricted in marked Reserved stalls and in the fire lanes located at the Campus Center Plaza, Athletics New Gym, Library Lanai, and the Student Life Center. Handicap Parking remains strictly en-

forced. All parking in Handicap stalls requires a State of Hawai'i Disabled Parking Placard.

Overnight public parking is not allowed and vehicles are subject to being towed off campus beginning at 11:00pm. Overnight parking is allowed to Student Housing Residents with assigned Housing parking permits. Overnight Parking Permits for non-housing students, faculty and staff may be issued (free of charge) on a case-by-case basis by the Campus Security Office or the Parking Office.

At Hawai'i CC-Pālanui, all parking is open except in designated and marked stalls.

At the Kō Education Center, there are two upper parking lots and one lower parking lot all equipped with accessible stalls. There is one Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station in the main upper lot. All parking is open except in designated and marked stalls.

University Housing

University Housing
University of Hawai'i, Hilo
200 W. Kāwili St.
UC - Bldg. PB-11, Room 1
Ph: (808) 932-7403
fax: (808) 932-7402
e-mail: uhhouse@hawaii.edu
<https://hilo.hawaii.edu/housing>

On-Campus Housing

The University Housing at UH Hilo is committed to providing an atmosphere where personal growth can occur in an environment that complements the educational objectives of the university. Residents, student staff, and professional staff carry out this commitment by adhering to concepts of responsible freedom, which encourages active participation in the residence hall community. Numerous opportunities for self and group development are available to the residents through participation in the areas of educational, recreational and social programming, community governance, and the development of residence hall policies and procedures. On-campus housing at UH Hilo is open to both UH Hilo and Hawai'i CC students registered for a minimum of 12 credits in the current or upcoming term.

Residence Halls

University Housing has five residence halls: Hale 'Alahonua, Hale Kehau, Hale Kauanoe, Hale Kanilehua and Hale 'Ikena. Each of the five residence hall options have different floor plans and amenities for students to consider. All residence halls have shared community areas such as lounge spaces and laundry facilities for residents to use.

All residents assigned to live in Hale Kanilehua, Hale Kauanoe, Hale Kehau, and Hale 'Alahonua residence hall buildings are required to select and purchase one of the meal plan options. Students who live in Hale 'Ikena are not required to purchase

one of the on-campus meal plan options, but have the option of purchasing a resident meal plan if they choose.

It is the intent, goal and responsibility of University Housing to provide a safe, secure, educational community and residential experience for all students living on campus. All students living on campus should be aware of the Policies and Procedures within the residence community.

These policies are in addition to or in conjunction with the policies stipulated in the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and Hawai'i Community College Student Conduct Codes. Any violation of campus policies can result in disciplinary sanctions and jeopardize the status of a student at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and/or Hawai'i Community College, as well as the privilege of being a part of the residential community living on campus.

Special Housing Accommodations

UH Hilo has a variety of on-campus housing configurations designed to meet the needs of students who require special housing accommodations. Applicants requesting special housing accommodations should indicate on their housing application the type of special housing accommodation that is needed. The student's housing assignment will be made in collaboration with the Disability Services Office, to determine the applicant's special housing accommodation. All decisions will be made in alignment with the housing terms of determining a student's housing assignment. A resident student with a qualifying disability and approved housing accommodation will not be charged a higher rate due to the accommodation.

Applicants requesting special housing accommodations **must** work with and be approved by the Hawai'i CC Disability Services office before formal housing accommodations can be implemented. University Housing staff will work closely with the applicant to ensure the appropriate special housing accommodations are in place. Disability Services can be contacted at (808) 934-2825 [v/t]; or by e-mail at hawccds@hawaii.edu

Housing Application Procedures

Students who are interested in living on campus and want to apply for on-campus housing should click on the Apply Today link on the UH Hilo University Housing website:

<https://hilo.hawaii.edu/housing>

Any student currently assigned and living on campus must complete and clear ALL mandatory health requirements and health holds prior to checking into the residence communities at UH Hilo. All medical documentation of all health clearance requirements must be submitted through Med+Proctor and cleared by Student Medical Services (SMS) before the student is able to schedule their check in date and time. Please visit the UH Hilo Student Medical Services website

<https://hilo.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/health>

or the Med+Proctor Support Page

<https://support.medproctor.com>

for more information on how to properly submit medical/immunization records.

Students 16 to 21 years of age applying to live on campus for the first time are required to have been vaccinated with MCV otherwise known as MCV Meningococcal Conjugate.

Students applying to on-campus housing must log on to the portal using their hawaii.edu username and password. Students who have been accepted to UH Hilo or Hawai'i CC will be allowed to apply. To complete the housing application, students will need their student ID number, and credit card or debit card information to pay the \$10 Housing Application fee. Housing assignments are made according to the Board of Regents (BOR) assignment priority, date of receipt of when the housing application was completed, non-refundable housing application fee. BOR policy gives priority to all traditional first year students. For priority processing considerations, housing applications must be received by the University Housing by the designated deadline.

<https://hilo.hawaii.edu/housing/ImportantDates.php>

University Housing reserves the right, and at their discretion, to make changes to the current policies and procedures to align with both state and county mandates, expectations, and guidelines. All on-campus housing applicants must be accepted into a classified program of study before being eligible to be assigned to an on campus residence hall. Assignments are for the semester or remaining portion.

Admission to the University does not assure students of on-campus housing. Receipt of a housing application and a housing application fee by the University Housing Office does not guarantee on-campus housing.

Housing Rates

Housing and Meal Plan rates will be applied to the semester of the academic year for which the student applies. For current housing rates for the current academic year, go to the University Housing website at:

<https://hilo.hawaii.edu/housing>

Meal Plan and Board Program

The food service and meal plan program is administered by Sodexo Dining Services. There are four meal plan options from which students may choose. All residents assigned to live in Hale Kanilehua, Hale Kauano, Hale Kehau, and Hale 'Alahonua residence halls are required to select and purchase one of the meal plan options. Unlike the aforementioned residence hall buildings, selecting a meal plan is optional for residents of Hale 'Ikena.

For more information and meal plan and board rates, visit the Sodexo website at

<https://uhh.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan>

and

<https://uhh.sodexomyway.com/en-us/meal-plan/faq>