



**University of Hawai'i Community Colleges Update for the Workforce Development Council**  
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**Workforce Training**

University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCCs) provide degree programs and short-term non-degree training in a wide variety of fields.

UHCCs are currently registering students in degree programs for Summer and Fall. The deadline for fall admission is August 1; apply at [apply.hawaii.edu](http://apply.hawaii.edu).

UHCCs are also offering federally funded training in healthcare, technology and skilled trades: ***uhcc.hawaii.edu/training***. The U.S. Department of Education *Reimagine Workforce Preparation* grant, secured in partnership with the Workforce Development Council, supports the "Hana Career Pathways" initiative that provides short-term training leading to industry credentials and opportunities for advancement in the targeted sectors. Some training is also supported by a federal EDA grant, "Hawaii's Recovery: Utilizing Hawaii's Talent and Innovation to Build a More Resilient and Sustainable Hawaii." New training that being offered includes: Professional Medical Coding, Project Management Professional Training and Certification, National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Certification Exam and Intro to HEVs.

UHCCs and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations have agreed upon a new process for UHCCs to meet WIOA reporting requirements for noncredit classes. DLIR Workforce Development Division staff briefed noncredit directors on the process for requesting approval of noncredit training programs as Eligible Training Programs (ETP) to increase the UHCC trainings available to WIOA participants.

**Sector Partnerships**

UHCCs are active participants in sector partnerships convened by the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

The Technology Sector Partnership aims to have a qualified local applicant for every IT job in Hawaii. The April 26, 2022 kick off meeting brought together 107 industry leaders to launch the partnership. Two significant activities of the partnership have been an [IT Workforce Study](#) (December 2021) and a UH IT Career Fair which engaged 47 employers and 260 students in the April 29, 2022 event.

As part of Healthcare Sector Partnership, UHCCs, together with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, are iterating new models to address employers' critical workforce needs. These include an employer-embedded model to upskill employees in entry-level direct patient care roles to Licensed Practical Nurses (led by Maui College).