

### Career and Technical Education in Hawai'i

- Hawai'i is unique in that there is only one school district that covers all K-12 public schools and one postsecondary system that covers both community colleges and four-year colleges. Hawai'i delivers CTE through comprehensive high schools and seven community colleges.
- Hawai'i has implemented a robust dual credit program that serves all students, including those in CTE programs. The various initiatives have increased the number of students who enroll in college, increased the percentage of economically disadvantaged students who enroll and persist in college, narrowed the gap for economically disadvantaged graduates, and doubled the number of graduates with college credit since 2011.
- Learn more at [www.hawaii.edu/cte](http://www.hawaii.edu/cte) and [www.acteonline.org/hawaii](http://www.acteonline.org/hawaii).

In school year 2015-2016, Hawai'i served **29,654** CTE high school students and **8,935** CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2016, Hawai'i received **\$5,496,906** in federal Perkins funding—the same as in 2015 and \$625,000 less than in 2010.

### Exemplary CTE Programs in Hawai'i

- ***Honolulu Community College's Music and Entertainment Learning Experience (MELE) program*** is collaborating with the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Manoa and the University of Hawai'i at West Oahu in the creation of the Hawaiian language version of the hit animated Disney movie *Moana*. The three institutions above are all part of the Academy for Creative Media System (ACM). The movie is being recorded at the MELE sound studio at Honolulu Community College, and the students and alumni are manning the sound boards as the vibrant movie plays on monitors and the actors record their lines. "We could not be more excited to offer this unique educational opportunity for students and faculty from multiple UH campuses to work directly with the professionals at Disney Animation and Hawai'i's own Auli'i Cravalho in bringing *Moana* to Hawai'i in the Hawaiian language," said Chris Lee, founder and director of ACM. "This extraordinary project would not be possible without collaboration between the various programs at UH." *(Profile provided by Hawai'i ACTE)*
- ***Kaua'i Community College's nursing program*** has been awarded accreditation for eight years, the longest period possible, by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). "To receive reaffirmation of ACEN accreditation for the next eight years is a testament to the nursing faculty who are dedicated to their pursuit of providing a quality nursing program for our Kaua'i community," said Tammie Napoleon, health education chair and nursing faculty. Nursing faculty Sharon Ehlers, Maria Fabro, Sandra Knighton, Tammie Napoleon, Charlene Ono, Kurt Rutter and Maureen Tabura feel a sense of tremendous accomplishment and validation that the program is doing a good job. Other programs at the University of Hawai'i are looking to Kaua'i CC as a model of excellence as they prepare for their accreditation visits. Second-year student and nursing club president Brittney Barreira was interviewed by ACEN as part of the accreditation process. Her passion for nursing started with a rewarding job experience at Hale Kupuna Heritage Home, a skilled nursing and intermediate long-term care facility in 'Oma'o, Kaua'i. She will earn her associate of science degree in nursing in May 2018 and plans to earn her bachelor of science degree in nursing while working on O'ahu. *(Profile provided by Hawai'i ACTE)*

In school year 2015-2016:

- **99** percent of Hawai'i CTE high school students graduated
- **91** percent met performance goals for technical skills
- **100** percent went on to postsecondary education, the workforce or the military
- **94** percent of Hawai'i CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills

*Data from the U.S. Department of  
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