

K4.200 Institutional Mission

1. Purpose

The broad educational purposes of Kapi'olani Community College are expressed in the institutional mission statement. The mission statement communicates to students and the general public the intended student population served by the College and the commitment of the College to achieving student learning.

The mission statement for Kapi'olani Community College is consistent with the broader mission statements established for the University of Hawai'i system and the community colleges as an integral component of the University system.

Specifically, the Board of Regents has established that:

*The primary mission of the University of Hawai'i system is to provide environments in which faculty and students can discover, examine critically, preserve and transmit the knowledge, wisdom, and values that will help ensure the survival of the present and future generations with improvement in the quality of life.
(BOR Policy, Section 4.1.c)*

*The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges are open-door, low-tuition institutions offering associate degrees and certificate programs in academic, technical, and occupational subjects.
(BOR Policy, Section 4.1.c (1)(a))*

2. Related University Policies

These policies on mission statement are derived from or related to the following University of Hawai'i policies:

- a. Board of Regents Policy, Section 4-1
Mission and Purpose of the University of Hawai'i
- b. University of Hawai'i Systemwide Executive Policy E4.201
Integrated Long-Range Planning Framework

3. Components of the Mission Statement

The Kapi'olani Community College mission statement shall define the College's mission and incorporate the vision, purposes, and common values of the University system, emphasizing a fundamental commitment to access and quality. The mission statement shall also highlight the University and the College's special advantage and distinction in Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific affairs. In addition, the mission statement shall clearly differentiate Kapi'olani

Community College from other components in the University system in terms of instruction, research and service roles, campus type, degree levels, populations served, student selectivity, and any special College distinctions.

4. Periodic Review of the Mission Statement

By Board of Regents policy, the mission statement must be reviewed at least every fifteen years. Kapi'olani Community College policy is to review and revise as needed the mission statement each six years in conjunction with the creation of the new strategic plan.

The periodic review of the mission statement shall include a process soliciting broad input and consideration from among the faculty, staff, students, and community members.

Under unusual circumstances, the mission statement may be reviewed more frequently in response to proposals for significant new programs or activities that are not included within the currently approved mission statement.

5. Mission Statement Approval

The University Board of Regents must approve the mission statement.

Prior to submittal to the Board of Regents, the following entities must approve the College mission statement:

- Faculty Senate
- Staff Council
- Student Congress
- Policy, Planning and Assessment Council
- Chancellor

6. Mission Statement Dissemination

The Kapi'olani Community College mission statement shall be widely distributed, including, but not limited to, publication in the:

- College catalog
- College website
- College strategic plan
- Employee handbooks

University of Hawai'i
Kapi'olani Community College

Mission Statement

Kapi'olani Community College...

- ◆ is a gathering place where Hawai'i's cultural diversity is celebrated, championed and reflected in the students, faculty, staff, administration and curriculum.
- ◆ is a nurturing workplace of choice for strong and caring faculty, staff, and administrators committed to a shared vision and set of values.
- ◆ strives to be the first choice for education and training for Hawai'i's people.
- ◆ provides open access, and promotes students' progress, learning and success with low tuition and high quality instructional programs, student development and support services, and selective areas of excellence and emphasis.
- ◆ prepares students to meet rigorous baccalaureate requirements and personal enrichment goals by offering a high quality liberal arts program.
- ◆ prepares students to meet rigorous employment and career standards by offering 21st century career programs.
- ◆ prepares students for lives of ethical, responsible community involvement by offering opportunities for increased civic engagement.
- ◆ leads locally, nationally and internationally in the development of integrated international education through global collaborations.
- ◆ uses human, physical, technological and financial resources effectively and efficiently to achieve ambitious educational goals.
- ◆ builds partnerships within the University and with other educational, governmental, business, and non-profit organizations to support improved learning from preschool through college and lifelong.
- ◆ uses cycles of qualitative and quantitative assessment to document degrees of progress in achieving college goals and objectives.

Adopted by the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents on January 16, 2004.
Next scheduled review and update of the mission is in 2009.