

THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS IN THE TRANSFER PROCESS

Hawai'i Community College-Pāalamanui
University Center West Hawai'i

Collaborating for Student Success



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Outline:

- ❑ What is a University Center?
 - ❑ University Center West Hawai'i's role in facilitating transfers
 - ❑ Wrap-around relationships between students/instructors/counselors
 - ❑ Positive outcomes
 - ❑ Future directions/Where do we go from here?



Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uf6T87z3sLc>



I. UNIVERSITY CENTERS: History & Purpose

- Board Of Regents established University Centers in 1996
- Extend outreach & services to locations where there's no accredited campus/campus cannot offer full range of credentials needed in a community
- Facilitate the commitment of the entire UH system to serve its constituencies on all islands



UNIVERSITY CENTERS

Three Current BOR Established University Centers:

- ❑ University of Hawai'i Center Kauai (Admin by Kauai CC)
- ❑ University of Hawai'i Center Maui (Admin by UHMC)
- ❑ University of Hawai'i Center, West Hawai'i (Admin by HCC)



UNIVERSITY CENTERS

- Serves as a gateway to the UH system
- 50+ degrees/credentials (Associates, Baccalaureate, and graduate degrees; certificates) in whole/part offered via distance delivery
- Degrees/credential offerings differ (community's higher ed priorities, center's ability to receive/support courses, services)
- Centers serve as “brokers” with UH campuses
degrees/certificates awarded by University/community college that is offering the program of study, students remain on home island



II. FACILITATING STUDENT TRANSFERS

ROLES and PROCESSES

- Hawai'i CC Counselor
- University Center, Educational Specialist (outreach, program advocacy, program promotion, networking/collaborations, workshops, student advocacy, pre-advising, other)
- UH Mānoa Academic Advisor



III. WRAP-AROUND SERVICES

ROLES and PROCESSES

- **Hawai'i CC Counselor** (meets with prospective/current students at the community college)
- **University Center, Educational Specialist** (math workshops, advocacy, local support, "Distance Ed" new student orientation, promote on-site University's Advising visits)
- **UH Mānoa Academic Advisor** (works with both the counselors and educational specialists in receiving students into the Manoa programs)



IV. POSITIVE OUTCOMES

➤ **Individual *SUCCESS*:**

- ❑ Graduation from & participation in local graduation ceremonies (14 Graduate and 67 Bachelor degrees; 81 certificates since 2011)
- ❑ Impact on family: economics, social welfare, generational impact, role modeling

➤ **Community *SUCCESS*:** Students work, live in and contribute to their community, i.e., teachers, social services, businesses, etc.)

➤ **UH System *SUCCESS*:** Increased awareness and utilization of University of Hawai'i programs



V. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Consistent course availability
- Increased access to program/academic advisors
- Clear advising sheets with concise course requirements
(ie: see HawCC and UHWO website: advising sheets)
- Expansion of program offerings/methods (online, online synchronous, hybrid, etc.)
- Streamlined, uniform approach to advise & guide students through entire process
 - (recruitment→advising→support)



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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