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**UH WEST O'AHU'S NEW HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
NOW OFFERED VIA DISTANCE DELIVERY**

PEARL CITY --- UH West O'ahu's new Health Care Administration degree will now be offered via distance delivery as well as through in-classroom instruction beginning this fall 2008. The University recently received approval from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to offer the new concentration via distance delivery. As the only undergraduate program of its kind in Hawai'i, the new degree addresses the increasing need for health care managers as stated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and demonstrates the university's commitment to workforce development.

The concentration will be available through UH West O'ahu's distance learning option in partnership with University and Education Centers. Through these centers, the university offers bachelor's degrees and certificate programs to neighbor island and O'ahu residents via distance-delivered classes. Graduates will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (BAPA) with a concentration in Health Care Administration.

"Our program was developed specifically to address the workforce and career development needs for the state of Hawai'i," said UH West O'ahu Health Care Administration Associate Professor Dr. Kristina Guo. "With earmarked funds from the state legislature, we developed the distance education option to target students on the neighbor islands who would not otherwise have access to the degree and for O'ahu residents who prefer the flexibility of online courses."

Students pursuing a BAPA degree with a concentration in Health Care Administration will complete a curriculum designed to further their understanding of central concepts of health care systems as well as analyze and provide solutions to health care challenges. The new concentration will assist those who are already employed in the health care field to fully develop management, legal and behavioral skills for more effective job performance.

UH West O'ahu is currently accepting applications for the fall 2008 semester, which begins August 25. For more information about the Health Care Administration Concentration, contact Dr. Kristina Guo at 454-4732 or kguo@hawaii.edu. UH West O'ahu Public Administration Professor and Division Chair Dr. Ross Prizzia is also available for inquiries at 454-4712 or rprizzia@hawaii.edu.

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Last fall, UH West O'ahu became a four-year, comprehensive university when it served its first class of freshmen. The University offers quality education, small classes and personalized attention at convenient locations. A new campus in the City of Kapolei is scheduled to serve students in fall 2010. For more information about UH West O'ahu, visit uhwo.hawaii.edu or call (808) 454-4700 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.