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STUDENTS TO COMPLETE UNIVERSITY DEGREES QUICKER, MORE AFFORDABLY UNDER NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN UH WEST O'AHU AND KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A new dual-enrollment, dual-admission program called Mānanawai will allow UH West O'ahu (UHWO) and Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) students to complete their university degree more quickly and more affordably. The partnership between the two institutions allows students to enroll at both campuses and work toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree.

Students may enroll in the Mānanawai partnership in two ways:

- 1) Students admitted to UHWO may declare Kapi'olani CC as their home campus and enroll in courses at Kapi'olani CC paying the community college tuition rate; or
- 2) After earning 24 credits and maintaining a 2.0 GPA at KCC, students who are accepted as UH West O'ahu transfers may continue to take applicable courses at KCC, attending classes at the community college tuition rate.

Once admitted to this program, students may enroll in courses at either campus, paying the applicable tuition rate seamlessly.

"Mānanawai is a win-win situation for students and both campuses," said UHWO Chancellor Gene Awakuni. "It's just the beginning for us as we look forward to establishing similar agreements with every community college, thereby helping more students attain university degrees."

Mānanawai is the second dual-enrollment and dual-admission agreement established by KCC. A similar agreement, named Ka'ie'ie, was established with UH Mānoa last year. "We're constantly looking for ways to better serve our students and expand their opportunities," said KCC Chancellor Leon Richards. "Students who choose to enter Mānanawai or Ka'ie'ie will benefit from multiple resources at the community college and university level."

Respiratory Care is the first program to be offered under this umbrella agreement, allowing students to obtain a Bachelor of Applied Science at UHWO. The Respiratory Care program is accepting applications from students who are in good standing in the Associate of Science in Respiratory Care Program at Kapi'olani Community College or who are Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and/or Registered Respiratory Therapist (RTT). More programs such as Culinary Management will be added to Mānanawai as pathways are formalized between the two campuses.

Students admitted under the Mānanawai program will receive advising at both campuses to help them graduate as efficiently as possible. They will also be eligible to apply for scholarships and grants offered to students upon transfer to UHWO, and afforded the same privileges as all first-year transfer students.

For more information about Mānanawai, contact **KCCXXX at XXX-XXXX** or UHWO Student Services Office at 454-4700 or toll free at (866) 299-8656.

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