

Maui Community College serves the educational needs of residents of the three islands comprising Maui County: Molokai, Lana'i, and Maui.

### Mission

Maui Community College is a learning-centered institution that provides affordable, high quality credit and noncredit educational opportunities to a diverse community of lifelong learners.

### Vision

We envision a world-class college that meets current and emerging Maui County education and training needs through innovative, high-quality programs offered in stimulating learning environments and guided by the Native Hawaiian reverence for *ahupua'a*, a practice of sustaining and sharing diverse but finite resources for the benefit of all.

### History

Maui Community College is an outgrowth of the Maui Vocational School established in 1931. In 1958 the Department of Public Instruction authorized the name change to Maui Technical School, denoting an upgrade of vocational education to a technical level. In 1964 the Hawai'i State Legislature enacted the Community College Act establishing a statewide community college system under the University of Hawai'i (UH). Maui Technical School was incorporated into this system on July 1, 1965, and jurisdiction transferred from the Department of Education to the University of Hawai'i.

In 1966 the UH Board of Regents authorized the College to confer the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science degrees and approved the name change to Maui Community College, effective July 1, 1966. The first lower division transfer courses followed in September, 1967.

The College is one of seven community colleges in the UH system. It is the only UH community college that specifically serves the residents of more than one island.

The student population is about 2,900 students. The main campus encompasses 78 acres at the Kahului site. Since 1995, five new buildings have been added: Ka Lama, Ka'a'ike, Kupa'a, Laulima, and Pa'ina. Apartment style housing is available for Maui County students who are not within commuting distance to the Kahului campus.

The history of Maui Community College reflects its value to accommodate students with difficulty reaching the Kahului campus. In 1970 instruction was initiated on Molokai to provide access to residents of that island geographically separated from the main campus on Maui. The MCC Molokai Farm was acquired in 1982 on 28-acres of leased land at the Hoolehua Ag Park. And, in 1999, the first permanent off-campus site was realized with the opening of the MCC Molokai Education Center, a 14-room Hawaiian-style structure built on land donated by the Molokai Ranch in Kaunakakai.

Accommodating students by using alternative delivery has also been a value of the College. Self-paced classes, begun in 1985, opened up an array of concurrently-taught courses and diversified offerings in areas with a lower population base. Technological advances further opened access to students by minimizing their need to be physically present on the Kahului campus. The first cable course was broadcast across Maui County in 1986. The SkyBridge tri-isle interactive television system followed shortly in 1988 and enabled students at Molokai, Lana'i, and Hana to participate in classes simulcast from the Kahului studio. State-wide delivery via the Hawai'i Interactive Television System (HITS) began in 1991, which made possible advanced degrees from UH four-year institutions.

The College history reflects three other significant educational developments in the recent decade. The Office of Continuing Education expanded and reached more than 4,000 registrations through its non-credit offerings. The University of Hawai'i Center, Maui cycled "live" programming for master and bachelor degrees from UH campuses at Hilo, Manoa, and West Oahu. The Bachelor of Applied Science degree of Maui Community College was recognized as a Candidate for Accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

### Accreditation

Maui Community College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, 10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

### General Education

At Maui Community College it is important that the general education curriculum provide a basic foundation that makes it possible for students to function successfully, both as citizens and lifelong

