Our Mission is to promote an equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities to gain the maximum benefit from their educational/learning experience by participating fully in their regular courses and activities that are offered at Hawai‘i Community College.

Goals:

- Ensure access and educational equality in all HawCC programs and activities.
- Assisting students in maximizing their potential by encouraging independence, self-determination, and full participation in their educational experience.
- Provide reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment.
- Foster a sensitive environment for students with disabilities that are conducive to their learning.
- Support students with disabilities in becoming independent, responsible, and productive community members.
- Provide consultation to students, faculty, and staff on disability issues and general access information.

Commitment & Compliance with the ADA - Section 504

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act - Section 84.4 of the Federal rules and regulations governing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973., “No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity...”

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Hawai‘i Community College
Hāʻawi Kōkua Program
Helping Students with Disabilities & Academic Challenges
General Services

Hā‘awi Kōkua Center Provides Students with:

- Assistance in navigating the application process.
- Referral and collaboration with private and state community agencies to support students with disabilities and their academic success.
- Mediation with faculty to advocate for the educational needs of students with disabilities.
- Assurance for physical access.
- A commitment to provide equal access to all locations or course activities.
- Understanding your rights as a person with a disability.
- Activities and workshops offered to support and teach strategies for Academic Success.
- COMPASS Placement Testing accommodations.
- Ongoing disability related counseling and support to encourage academic success.

Academic Accommodations
(May include but not limited to)

- Classroom Note-takers
- Digital Recorders
- ECHO Pens
- ASL - Sign Language Interpreters
- Speech to Text ECHO Assistive Technology
- Specialized testing accommodations such as:
  - Extended Time
  - Distraction Free Environment
  - Alternative format
  - Scribes or Readers
  - Computer equipment
  - Proxy exams for students

* The Program Counselor will determine all requests for reasonable accommodations. Decisions made regarding accommodations are based upon the current documentation and the program or course requirements.

Kōkua Technology Lab
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Assistive technology and adaptive equipment is available for student to use in the technology lab and on West Hawaii campus. Individual training and assistance is provided.

- Interpretype Communication Assistive Technology
- Computer Monitor Screen Enlarger
- Kurzweil 3000- Text Reader
- Zoom Text – Screen Enlarger
- Speech Recognition Software
- Sorenson – Video Relay Service
- Wheelchair adapted desk and tables
- CaptionMaker Captioning Software
- Adobe Acrobat XI Pro
- Keyguard Viziflex
- ClaroRead – Word Prediction