Hā’awi Kōkua – Disability Services Program

The Hā’awi Kōkua – Disability Services Program promotes 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 at Hawai‘i Community College.

Hawai‘i Community College is committed to providing individuals with disabilities equal access to all of its programs and activities.

General Services & Activities:
- Assistance in navigating the application process
- Priority registration
- 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 for students with disabilities
- A commitment to provide equal access to all Hawai‘i Community College’s locations and/or activities
- Understanding your rights as a person with a disability
- Ongoing disability related counseling and support to encourage academic success
- Provision and oversight of academic accommodations to students with disabilities who are registered at Hawai‘i Community College
- Liaison with Hawai‘i County Department of Education Special Education (DOE SPED) high school transition teachers and counselor, to ensure successful transition
- The Kōkua Technology Lab provides assistive technology computers and software to support accommodations and foster independent learning
- Access to student success resources and disability-related materials

Specialized Services: The Hā’awi Kōkua – Disability Services Program Counselor will determine all requests for reasonable accommodations. Decisions made regarding accommodations are based upon the current documentation and/or program or course requirements.

To make an appointment to meet with the counselor to discuss any of these resources or services, please contact the Hā’awi Kōkua Program office at hawcds@hawaii.edu or (808) 934-2825.

Locations:
Manono Campus - 1175 Manono Street, Hilo, HI 96720 Building 379, Room 1A
Palamanui Campus - 73-4225 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 Elama Building, Rm 175

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