



**HEALTH CAREERS COUNSELING CENTER**

- Open to Everyone
- No Appointment Necessary
- Come a Few Minutes Early
- E-Mail Questions: hlthsci@hawaii.edu

**INFORMATION SESSION SCHEDULE**

Information sessions are designed to introduce you to the health career of your choosing. You'll meet the program director, learn more about your career pathway, admission requirements and program curriculum, application requirements (prerequisite and support courses), selection criteria, pre-admission exams (if any), program costs, financial aid, and counselor contacts. **Attendance at an information session within one year of your application submission is mandatory. Please be sure to sign in at the information session to record your attendance. You are responsible to remember when you attend an information session.** Information session attendance is valid for one calendar year from the date of attendance.

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**Walk-In Advising Hours**  
**Mon & Wed 9:00 - 11:30am - 1:00 - 3:00pm**  
**Tues & Thurs 9:00 - 11:30am - 1:00 - 2:00pm**  
*No appointment necessary*

Due to the large volume of interest in the Health Careers Programs, we strongly recommend that all students participate in an in-person information session prior to seeking walk-in advising with a counselor. Additionally, all First Year college students are encouraged to attend a new student orientation (NSO) prior to seeking walk-in advising. Transfer students should review the Road Map to a Successful Semester on the Transfer-Year Experience website: <http://tye.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/> prior to seeking walk-in advising. The First Year Experience Office can be reached at (808) 734-9245 / <http://tye.kapiolani.hawaii.edu> and the Transfer-Year Experience Program may be reached at [kaptye@hawaii.edu](mailto:kaptye@hawaii.edu).

Dental Assisting		Emergency Medical Technician		Medical Assisting		Medical Laboratory Technician	
Wednesday, January 10	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Wednesday, January 17	2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Friday, January 12	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Wednesday, January 10	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 5	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Thursday, February 22	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Friday, February 9	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, February 8	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Monday, March 12	2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Friday, March 9	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Monday, March 5	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 11	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Friday, April 13	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Tuesday, April 3	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 17	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Friday, May 18	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 2	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
<b>All sessions held in Kauila 113</b> Ann Kiyabu, Program Faculty		<b>All sessions held in Kauila 121</b> Jeff Zuckernick, Department Chair		<b>All sessions held in Kauila 110</b> Lynn Hamada, Program Director		<b>All Sessions held in Kauila 209</b> Shepherd Maingano, Acting Prog. Director	
<small>Maui and Island of Hawaii Cohort Applicants: Contact Maui EMS Training Center 808-244-4063 or Hawaii EMS Training Center at 808-935-8002</small>							

Occupational Therapy Assistant		Physical Therapist Assistant		Radiologic Technology		Respiratory Care Practitioner	
Tuesday, January 16	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Thursday, January 18	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Thursday, January 11	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Monday, January 22	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Thursday, February 15	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Thursday, February 8	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Monday, February 26	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Thursday, March 8	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Thursday, March 1	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Monday, March 12	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Thursday, April 19	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Thursday, April 5	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Monday, April 16	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Thursday, May 17	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 3	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Monday, May 7	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
<b>All Sessions held in Kauila 210</b> Eva Shing, Program Director		<b>All Sessions held in Kauila 123</b> Michelle Dela Cruz, Program Faculty		<b>All Sessions held in Kauila 104</b> Kimberly Suwa, Program Director		<b>All Sessions held in Kauila 217</b> Robert Vega, Program Director	

Program Websites		Mobile Intensive Care Technician	
<i>For general questions, please contact the Health Careers Counseling Center Phone: (808) 734-9224 / Email: hlthsci@hawaii.edu</i>			
DENT	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/dental-assisting-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/dental-assisting-program/</a>	Tuesday, February 20	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.; Kauila 206
EMT	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/emergency-medical-technician-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/emergency-medical-technician-program/</a>	Wednesday, February 21	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.; Kauila 206
MEDA	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/medical-assisting-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/medical-assisting-program/</a>	Tuesday, May 8	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.; Kauila 206
MLT	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/medical-laboratory-technician-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/medical-laboratory-technician-program/</a>	Wednesday, May 9	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.; Kauila 206
OTA	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/occupational-therapy-assistant-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/occupational-therapy-assistant-program/</a>	Tuesday, August 14	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.; Kauila 205
PTA	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/physical-therapist-assistant-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/physical-therapist-assistant-program/</a>	Wednesday, August 15	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.; Kauila 205
RAD	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/radiologic-technology-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/radiologic-technology-program/</a>	<b>Mark Kunimune, Program Director</b>	
RESP	<a href="http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/respiratory-care-practitioner-program/">http://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/programs-of-study/respiratory-care-practitioner-program/</a>		

### Pre-Health Preparation and Application Information

Interested students should attend one or more of the mandatory Information Sessions to learn more about the different Health Sciences and EMS programs and their admission requirements. Once qualified for a program of interest, applicants must submit a UH System application (if not currently enrolled within the UH System) and a KCC Selective Admission Application for the program of interest by the posted deadline. Students on probation or suspension or having a GPR below 2.0 at KCC are not eligible to apply. Priority selection is given to Hawai'i State residents; nonresidents will be considered after all qualified residents have been accommodated. A grade of "C" or higher must be maintained in all prerequisites, support courses, and program requirements to continue in the programs.

### Dental Assisting (DENT) Program

Dental Assistants work with dentists during examination and treatment of patients. They prepare patients for various procedures, pass and retrieve instruments and materials, operate the high-volume evacuation system, and implement OSHA-recommended infection control procedures. Dental assistants are often responsible for providing follow-up oral health care information to patients.

**Length of Program:** The Certificate of Achievement can be completed in two semesters.

**Average Starting Salary:** \$12-14/ per hour.

**Qualification:** ACCUPLAER WritePlacer score of 4 or higher and and participation in a scheduled personal advising session.

**Additional General Education and Support Courses:** ENG 100, MATH 100 (or higher), ZOOL 141 + 141L, and SP 151.

**Application Period:** Fall Entry: December 1 – June 30.

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis. Selection is based on qualifying Accuplacer WritePlacer score of 4 or higher and participation in a personal advising session. Interested students who are close to qualifying are highly encouraged to seek advising in the Health Careers Counseling Center as he/she may still be able to apply.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$6,911. Non-Resident: \$15,685

**Financial Aid:** Currently this program does not qualify for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

### Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program

EMTs provide basic and advanced life support to patients in the pre-hospital emergency care setting. EMTs provide emergency care such as bandaging, splinting, CPR, and other life-saving techniques. Good communication skills, manual dexterity, excellent judgment, and calmness under stress are very important. Upon successful completion, graduates are eligible to take the National Registry EMT (NREMT) cognitive and skills exams and qualify for a Hawai'i state EMT license. Obtaining state licensure will qualify graduates to gain employment in the field. This program is the first step to becoming a paramedic.

**Length of Program:** The Certificate of Completion can be completed in one semester once the prerequisites have been met.

**Average Starting Salary:** \$18 - \$21 per hour.

**Prerequisites:** ENG 100, HLTH 125, *qualification* for MATH 32 or higher. Please view the EMT supplemental application for additional application requirements.

**Additional General Education and Support Courses:** MATH 103, BIOL 130 + 130L (or ZOOL 141, 141L,142,+142L), FAMR 230, an A.S. approved Humanities course. These courses can be taken prior to program entry.

**Application Period:** Fall Entry: December 1 – June 1. Spring Entry: June 2 - October 1.

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis. Points are awarded for the following application items (1) GPA of prerequisite coursework, (2) Math placement test score, (3) relevant volunteer/work experience, (4) application documents (traffic abstract, copy of current driver's license), (5) oral interview. Selection is based on total qualifying scores in rank order from the highest until admission quota is reached.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$4,290. Non-Resident: \$7,928.

**Financial Aid:** Currently this program does not qualify for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

### Medical Assisting (MEDA) Program

Medical Assistants help physicians in private medical offices, clinics, and hospital outpatient clinics. They assist with patient care and perform routine office laboratory and diagnostic tests (clinical medical assisting), as well as business procedures (administrative medical assisting).

**Length of Program:** The Certificate of Achievement can be completed in one year. The Associates of Sciences degree is an additional two semesters.

**Average Starting Salary:** \$12—\$15 per hour.

**Qualifications:** *Qualification* for ENG 100, *qualification* MATH 32 or higher, grades of completed support courses, typing test score, and volunteer and/or work experience.

**Additional General Education and Support Courses for A.S. Degree:** ENG 100, MATH 100 (or higher), FAMR 230, ZOOL 141 + 141L, and an A.S. approved Humanities course. These courses

may be completed prior to program entry.

**Application Period:** Fall Entry: December 1 – March 1.

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$12,251. Non-Resident: \$26,075.

**Financial Aid:** This program qualifies for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

### Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Program

MLTs are associate degree laboratory professionals that perform a wide variety of routine laboratory procedures and work in both public and private clinical and research laboratories. Medical Technologists (MT) and Medical Laboratory Scientists (MLS) are baccalaureate degree laboratory professionals who perform routine as well as high level complex laboratory testing and are trained to assume managerial positions.

**Length of Program:** Once accepted, the Associates of Science degree can be completed in sixteen months (one year and one semester).

**Average Starting Salary:** \$20 per hour.

**Prerequisites:** ENG 100 (or ESL 100), MATH 103 (or higher), BIOL 130 (or BIOL 171 or ZOOL 141+142), CHEM 161 + 161L, MLT 100.

**Additional General Education and Support Courses:** CHEM 162 + 162L, MICRO 130, MICRO 161, A.S. approved Humanities course, and A.S. approved Social Science course.

**Application Period:** Spring Entry: June 1—September 1.

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis. Selection is based on total qualifying scores for prerequisite and support coursework grades in rank order from the highest until admission quota is reached.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$9,207.50. Non-Resident: \$20,797.50.

**Financial Aid:** This program qualifies for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

### Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program

Occupational Therapy provides specialized treatment in learning skills to enable clients to lead independent, productive and satisfying lives. Specialized assistance in learning skills enables clients to carry out day-to-day activities that are important to them despite impairments. Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTA) work under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist. They may also be employed as activity coordinators of care facilities or hotels.

**Length of Program:** The Certificate of Competence for Activity Aide can be accomplished by completing two open enrollment courses: HLTH 118 and OTA 119. The Associates of Science degree can be completed in two years.

**Average Starting Salary:** \$23.50 per hour.

**Prerequisites:** Minimum 2.75 KCC GPA , BIOL 130 + 130L (or ZOOL 141, 141L,142,+142L), ENG 100, MATH 100, and HLTH 118. Please view the OTA Admission & Advising document for additional application requirements.

**Application Period:** Fall Entry: April 1 to May 31

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$11,287.50. Non-Resident: \$26,267.50.

**Financial Aid:** This program qualifies for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

### Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

PTAs work with patients under the direction of a Licensed Physical Therapist and implements therapeutic programs that may include the application of physical agents (such as heat, cold, water, electricity) as well as massage, exercise, and functional activities. Physical therapy patients are those who have not developed or have lost the ability to carry out everyday life skills due to disability, accident, injury, or illness.

**Length of Program:** Once accepted, the A.S. degree can be completed in one year.

**Average Starting Salary:** \$14—\$17 per hour.

**Prerequisites:** ENG 100, MATH 103 (or higher), ZOOL 141, 141L, 142, +142L, SP 181, FAMR 230, HLTH 120, HLTH 125, HLTH 290 + 290L, PTA 101, and A.S. approved Humanities course.

**Additional General Education and Support Courses:** None.

Please view the PTA Admission and Curriculum handout to see the HLTH program classes that can be taken prior to program entry.

**Application Period:** Fall Entry: April 1—May 31.

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis. Selection is based on total qualifying scores for prerequisite coursework grades and reference sheet in rank order from the highest until admission quota is reached.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$12,602. Non-Resident: \$28,010.

**Financial Aid:** This program qualifies for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

### Radiologic Technology (RAD) Program

The Radiologic Technologist (RT) safely uses x-ray equipment to assist the Radiologist in examining patients for broken bones and

injury, disease, or malfunction or organs. The RY may work in hospitals and clinics, assisting patients into the correct position, adjusting x-ray equipment to settings, making the required exposures, and processing images. Other responsibilities may include record-keeping, ordering supplies, mixing processing solutions, and maintaining equipment.

**Length of Program:** Once accepted, the Associates of Science degree can be completed in two years.

**Average Starting Salary:** \$25 per hour.

**Prerequisites:** ENG 100 (or ESL 100), MATH 135 (or higher), BIOL 130 + 130L (or ZOOL 141, 141L, 142, + 142L), HLTH 125.

**Additional General Education and Support Courses:** an A.S. approved Humanities and Social Science course.

**Application Period:** Fall Entry: April 1—May 31.

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis. Selection is based on total qualifying scores for prerequisite and support courses and the Admission Assessment (A<sup>2</sup>) scores in rank order from the highest until admission quota is reached.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$16,705. Non-Resident: \$36,537.

**Financial Aid:** This program qualifies for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

### Respiratory Care Practitioner (RESP) Program

Respiratory Care Practitioner is a physician-directed health sciences specialty, caring for patients with disorders of the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems. Respiratory Care Practitioners work in hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes and also provide home care.

**Length of Program:** Once accepted, the Associates of Science degree can be completed in two years.

**Average Starting Salary:** \$29 per hour.

**Prerequisites:** ENG 100, MATH 100 (or higher), HLTH 125 (or HLTH 110), PSY 100 (or FAMR 230), CHEM 100 (or higher), ZOOL 141, 141L, 142, + 142L, MICR 130 (or MICR 135, MICR 140, and an A.S. approved Humanities course).

**Additional General Education and Support Courses:** none.

Please view the RESP Admission and Curriculum handout for electives course requirements. These elective courses can be taken prior to program entry.

**Application Period:** Fall Entry Only: April 1—May 31.

**Selection Process:** Students are selected on a BEST QUALIFIED, FIRST ACCEPTED basis. Points are awarded for the following application items (1) GPR of prerequisite coursework, (2) letters of recommendation, (3) personal essay, (4) oral interview. Selection is based on total qualifying scores in rank order from the highest until admission quota is reached.

**Program Cost Estimate\*:** Resident: \$17,837. Non-Resident: \$39,665.

**Financial Aid:** This program qualifies for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).

## Non-Credit Programs

Adult Residential Care Home Operator for RNs & LPNs

Mammography

Massage Therapy

Optometry Assistant Program

Pharmacy Technician

Phlebotomy

Surgical Technology

Please go to the Non-Credit Programs website to obtain the latest program details:

<https://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/academics/non-credit-programs/>