



Community Impact

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continuing to cause disruption to O’ahu residents, the O’ahu Back to Work initiative was relaunched in August 2021.

The effort remained focused on assisting those affected with reduced hours, furloughs or job losses. The initiative targeted job training or skills training for employment and provided eligible participants training for jobs in healthcare, technology, skilled trades, and human services.

The O’ahu Back to Work (OBTW) initiative is a partnership of the University of Hawai’i and the City and County of Honolulu. Course training was offered at no cost to the participants who were provided technology support, employment resources, and paid internship opportunities.

In 2020, OBTW served more than 1,600 O’ahu residents whose employment was disrupted due to COVID impacts. 13% of those participants became employed as a result with 70% seeking employment. In 2021, 590 registered applicants participated in the initiative; by December 2021, 32% reported being employed and 51% were seeking employment.

To explore upcoming training and tuition support, please visit Hana Career Pathways at uhcc.hawaii.edu/training or email training@hawaii.edu.

2021 Stats

More Than **40** Courses

More Than **50** Internships for On-the-Job Training

590 Registered Participants

Hawai’i Community College: **25** Participants

Honolulu Community College: **67** Participants

Kapi’olani Community College: **128** Participants

Kaua’i Community College: **6** Participants

Leeward Community College: **207** Participants

UH Mānoa Outreach College: **20** Participants

UH Maui College: **36** Participants

Windward Community College: **101** Participants

UH received a total of 988 applications.

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Over \$1.2M in tuition costs covered by federal CARES Act funds.