

## COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM (CBCSDP)

The Competency-Based Community School Diploma Program (CBCSDP) provides an option for adults who do not have a high school diploma to obtain the Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma from the Community School for Adults.

### PURPOSE AND CONTENT

The purpose of the CBCSDP is to enable adult learners to become (1) functionally literate adults; (2) productive and contributing citizens/community members; (3) effective family members; and (4) productive workers. The curriculum is aligned to the adult learner standards, Equipped for the Future, and the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System Life and Work competencies. The contextual activities are designed to help adults become functionally competent individuals within the following five units:

#### 1. COMMUNITY RESOURCES

This unit focuses on identifying and providing information about specific resources and services within the community. Students are expected to demonstrate life management and resource skills connected to accessing and using educational, governmental, and recreational resources and services. Cultural and literary traditions are explored in terms of defining the character of a community.

#### 2. CONSUMER ECONOMICS

The focus of this unit is on the basic principles of money management and sound consumer decision-making. Students are expected to analyze their needs, wants, and values to understand how these aspects affect their priorities and goals; compare the benefits and costs of different financial institutions to make wise choices; develop and master the skills to be an effective consumer; use critical-thinking skills to analyze ads; and plan a budget and research options to make wise purchasing decisions.

#### 3. GOVERNMENT AND LAW

In this unit, students gain an understanding of their individual rights and responsibilities through the study of governmental agencies, functions, and regulations. Students will learn to advocate for their rights; gain access to information to make informed decisions in regard to electing appropriate representatives in the political arena; utilize the resources of the government at all levels; and participate actively in resolving personal scenarios that require interaction with government agencies to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

#### 4. HEALTH

The focus of this unit is on maintaining good mental and physical health. Topics within this unit include planning a weekly menu to ensure a balanced diet; health and wellness practices such as oral hygiene; awareness of chronic diseases to work toward positive health outcomes; substance abuse and treatment options; family violence – diagnosis, treatment, and basic safety information; first aid principles and practices; and health and emergency resources.

#### 5. OCCUPATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Students obtain information and skills needed to be gainfully employed. They will learn and practice critical pieces of knowledge and skill to prepare themselves for successful employment and long-term career options. Students are expected to complete a self-assessment of their skills, values, interests and influences; research the availability of jobs and training opportunities in fields of interest; develop various job search strategies and efficiently complete the application process; develop interpersonal skills through effective oral communication; and examine the rights and responsibilities that come with employment.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who may enroll in the CBCSDP?

- Any adult who has not earned a Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma
- Anyone 18 years or older
- Students who are 16-17 and **officially** withdrawn from high school to enroll in this program

### How can I enroll in the CBCSDP classes?

Call or go to any adult community school located near you to inquire about the program and the appropriate registration procedures.

### How much does it cost to take the CBCSDP classes?

- Enrollment fee of \$20 per course
- \$15 per unit for the text
- \$5 fee for the Competency-Based Mastery Test

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HAWAII ADULT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIPLOMA

### PHASE I. CBCSDP Classes:

- Student must attend at least 75% of the total class sessions per unit;
- Student must complete assigned tasks for each unit and submit a unit portfolio;
- Student must take unit tests (5 units), and score 70% or better; **and**
- Student must take the CBCSDP Mastery Test and score 70% or better.

### PHASE II. Career Goals (Choose One):

- Student must complete a minimum of one (1) credit of work at an accredited post-secondary institution;
- Student must be employed for a minimum of 100 hours over a minimum 3-month period;
- Student must obtain or possess a marketable skill; **or**
- Student must demonstrate home or life management skills.

It takes approximately one year (five units at 30 hours per unit) to complete the entire program.

*For further information, contact any of the following adult education providers or the state office.*

### **MCKINLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS**

#### **McKinley Community School for Adults Main Campus**

634 Pensacola Street, Room 216  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
Telephone: 594-0540

#### **Farrington Campus**

1101 Kalihi Street, U101  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819  
Telephone: 832-3595

#### **Moanalua Campus**

2825-A Ala Ilima Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818  
Telephone: 837-8466

#### **Kauai Campus**

3607-A Lala Road, P-12  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Telephone: 274-3390

#### **Maui Campus**

179 Kaahumanu Street  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732  
Telephone: 873-3082

### **STATE OFFICE**

Hawaii State Department of Education  
Community Education Office  
475 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816  
Telephone: 203-5511

### **WAIPAHU COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS**

#### **Waipahu Community School for Adults Main Campus**

94-1211 Farrington Highway  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797  
Telephone: 528-9577

#### **Wahiawa Campus**

1515 California Avenue  
Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786  
Telephone: 622-1634

#### **Windward Campus**

730 Iliaina Street  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734  
Telephone: 254-7955

#### **Hilo Campus**

155 West Kawili Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Telephone: 974-4100

#### **Kona Campus**

74-5000 Puohuluhuli Street  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740  
Telephone: 327-4692

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