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Educational Session

Degree Pathway Partnership: Addressing Transfer Barriers through Collaboration and Advising

Partnerships and Collaboration, Transition Programs and Services

As the transfer student population grows, transfer programs are increasingly important in establishing a smooth transfer process on college campuses. This session will focus on a degree pathway partnership program between a Research Intensive Public 4-year University and seven Community Colleges. The program was designed to address several common transfer barriers and includes transfer specialist advisors who support students through the transition while serving as transfer advocates on the 4-year campus.

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Degree Pathway Partnership: Addressing Transfer Barriers through Collaboration and Advising

Meet the team!



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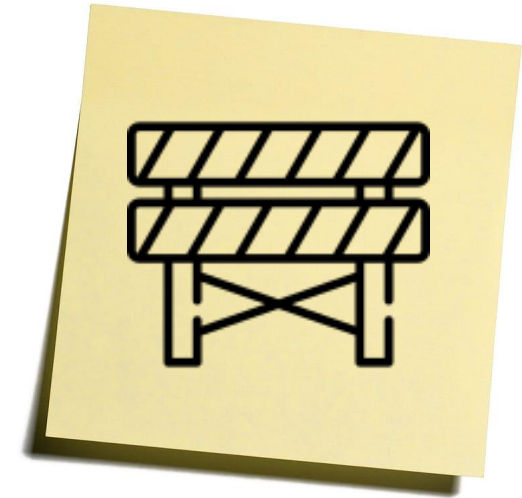
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Kēhau Newhouse

UH Maui College

**What transfer
barriers do you
commonly
encounter?**



Transfer Barriers

Credit loss

Sense of Belonging

No Parking!

Unclear Policies

Cost

Transfer Shock



Conflicting responsibilities



Transfer Barriers

UHCC Specific

- Geography
- Traffic
- Different campus cultures
- Higher cost of living
- Working part-time or full-time



Ka'ie'ie Degree Pathway Program

- Partnership between UHM and Kapi'olani CC (est. 2008)
- Significantly revised as part of WASC evaluation 2012
- Transfer Specialist position created
- Expansion 2014 - 2018



Ka'ie'ie Degree Pathway Program and Benefits

- Dual admission, dual enrollment
- Students join program at least one year before transfer
- More efficient transfer process
- Provides proactive academic planning and advising
- No application fee
- Early and regularly updated transfer credit evaluation
- Can take a course at UH Mānoa
- Priority registration upon transfer



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So, what are students saying about the Ka'ie'ie Program?

Q: What 2-3 things did you like best about the Ka'ie'ie program?

*"I liked how it took the **stress out of transferring**, and that I was notified of the certain classes I could take or should take in order to **reach my goal**. In general, the transition was really smooth, I was able to meet with advisors at UH seamlessly because they knew that I was in the program and also all the notes that were taken down by my Ka'ie'ie advisor on STAR."*

So, what are students saying about the Ka'ie'ie Program?

Q: What 2-3 things did you like best about the Ka'ie'ie program?

*"The most effective element of Ka'ie'ie was the **seamless transfer process** from a 2 year institution to a 4 year one. Having Ka'ie'ie staff travel to the community college to meet with applicants was also highly beneficial, as face-to-face meetings were an effective jump start for beginning the process."*

So, what are students saying about the Ka'ie'ie Program?

Q: What 2-3 things did you like best about the Ka'ie'ie program?

*"I am very pleased with the way the **advisors work together to benefit the student**. I am also very pleased with the advisors that I currently have because they make themselves available for any questions/concerns."*

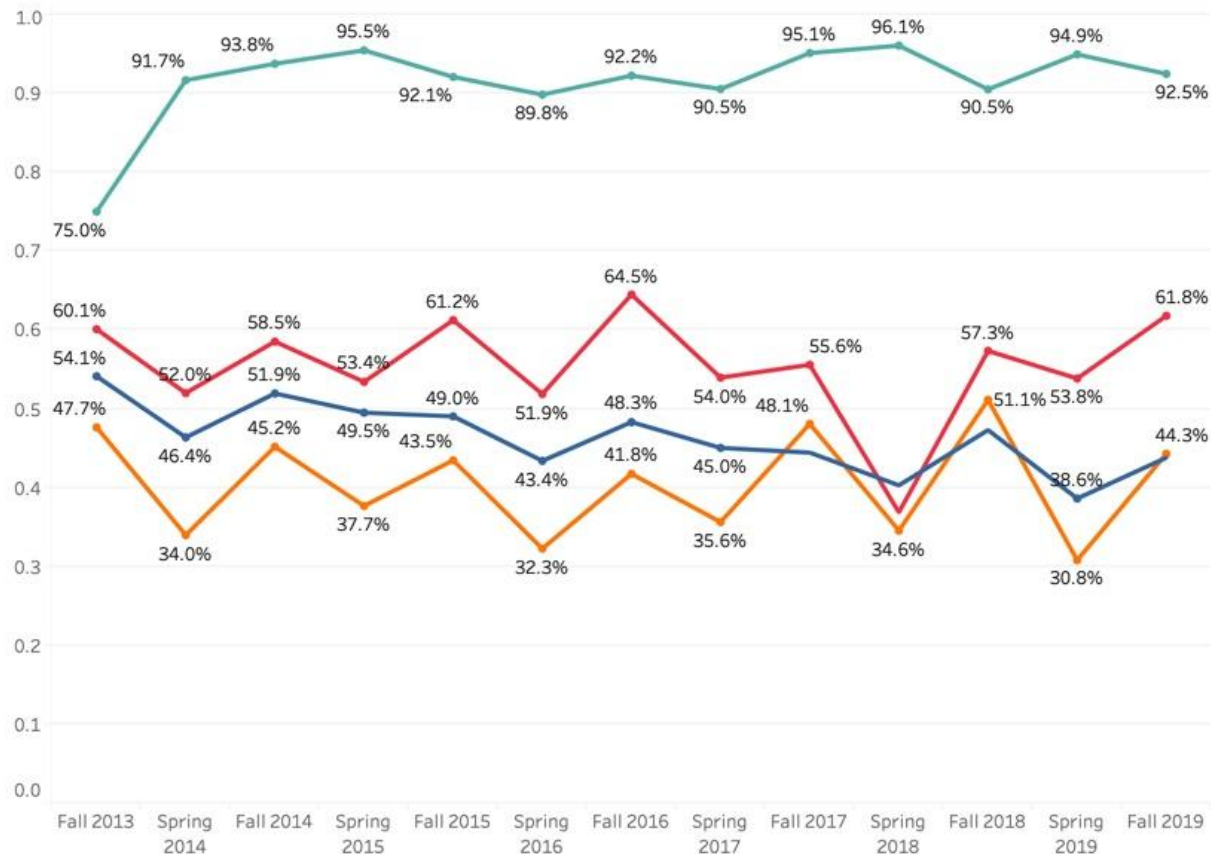
Ka'ie'ie Program Data

Next Semester Retention Rate

Transfer Grp

- Other UHCC Transfer
- Other Non-UHCC Tra..
- Non-UHCC 2-Year Tr..
- KAIEIE Transfer

NEXT-SEMESTER RETENTION RATE



Worked with IRAO to review Ka'ie'ie Transfers as compared to other groups of transfer students at UH Manoa.

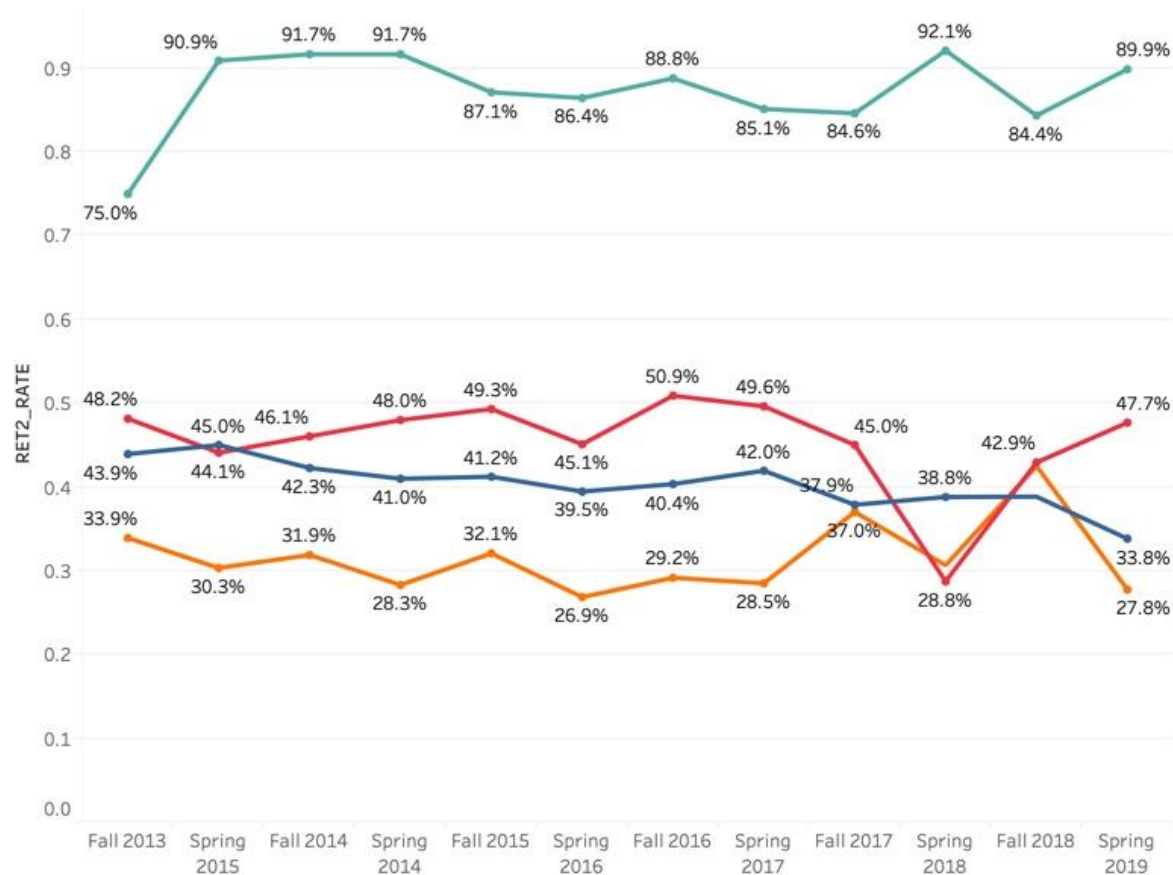
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Partnerships

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These transfer partnerships exhibited a strong commitment to transfer students; forged clear transfer pathways to best prepare students for success at the 4-year college; and provided tailored transfer student advising and support from students' entry at a community college to bachelor's completion.

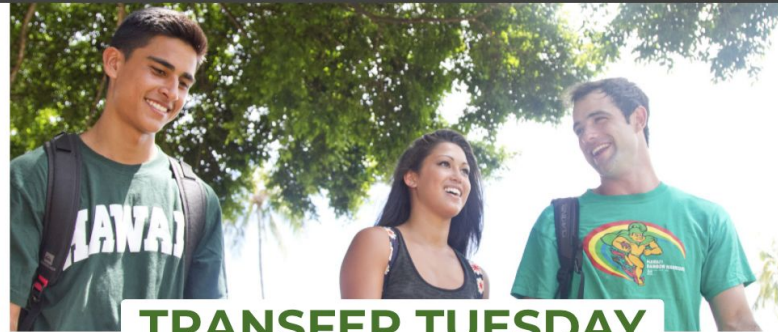
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(Fink & Jenkins, 2017)

Partnership Activities



Hosted by Leeward Community College & Mānoa Transfer Coordination Center, open to all UHCC students



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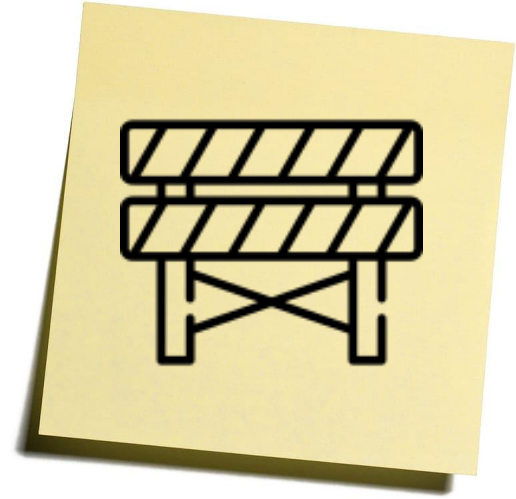


Effective Strategies in Implementation and Partnerships

- Look for colleagues with the same goals
- Seek out ways to provide clarity and support
- Welcome colleagues to campus to build rapport
- Volunteer to support activities in alignment with transfer goals



What challenges do you expect in your setting?

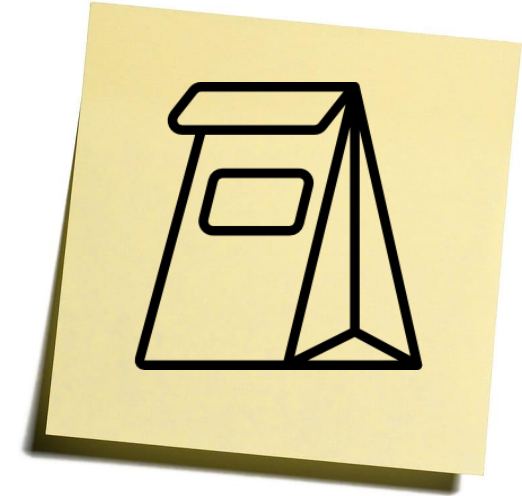


Our Challenges

- Funding and Resources
- Capacity to meet demand
- Political history
- Requires commitment from both campuses to be successful
- Bureaucratic procedures/policies



**Please share
one takeaway
from this
session.**





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Q & A

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