

Our Vision

The School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene's vision is to be the leader in nursing and dental hygiene education and research in Hawai'i with outreach to Asia and the Pacific Basin.

Our Mission

The School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH) mission is to provide an innovative, caring and multicultural environment in which faculty, students and staff work together to generate and transmit knowledge, wisdom and values to promote quality of life and health for present and future generations. To better reflect Hawai'i's unique cultural diversity and heritage, the SONDH is committed to increasing Native Hawaiian and other underserved people in all nursing and dental hygiene programs.

Our Core Commitments

Research

- Provide the infrastructure to better meet the research needs of the faculty and students.
- Promote scholarly endeavors and research by faculty and students.
- Engage in collaborative research partnerships.

Educational Effectiveness

- Engage faculty and students in a modern, dynamic, and multi-cultural curriculum supported by exceptional student-centered learning environments and state of the art technologies resulting in excellence in education.
- Expand innovative partnerships within the University of Hawai'i and with communities to provide a variety of enriching educational experiences.
- Support progression and successful graduation of all students, including those from underrepresented groups including Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Social Justice

- Create a positive, respectful, safe and productive working and learning environment free from harassment and discrimination, assuring the mutual respect and ethical behavior. -Share an ethic of community service among faculty and students by partnering with the community in determining and addressing areas of specific and evolving needs of vulnerable and underserved populations, especially Native Hawaiians.
- Actively support representation and workforce diversity of Native Hawaiians and other under-represented students in all programs.

Place

- Respect the 'aina as a teacher and source of cultural knowledge with an emphasis on environmental protection and conservation, quality of physical surroundings, and sustainability of resources.
- Maintain state of the art and technology current facilities to service needs of students and faculty members.

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Economic Development

- Educate highly skilled and diverse nurses and dental hygienists to meet the workforce needs for the 21st century.
- Increase public and private funding to support the school's contributions to research, education and community service.
- Manage resources efficiently and effectively.

Culture, Society and the Arts

- Showcase the multi-cultural, artistic and creative expression of students, faculty and staff at the SONDH
- Increase the student and faculty awareness/knowledge of the host culture and the application of Hawaiian values to the well-being of all peoples in Hawaii.
- Foster alumni engagement and connection to the SONDH

Technology

- Optimize the use of communication and information technologies to enhance education, administration, research and service at the SONDH.
- Improve access to nursing programs for rural, neighbor islands, Pacific Basin and affiliates thru innovative use of communication and information technologies.
- Plan, build and implement a state of the art simulation center