Achievements & Partnerships

Achievements

- Graduates are working throughout Hawaii in urban, rural, community, public health, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander clinical settings
- IKE AO PONO has supported the graduation of 409 graduates from 2001 to 2018 including:
  - 276 BS degrees
  - 120 MS degrees
  - 5 DNP degrees
  - 8 PhD degrees
- Many graduates serve in nursing leadership and administrative positions
- Graduates have increased relevant nursing research including community based participatory research (CBPR) initiatives
- 17 graduates of MS in Public Health Nursing through the E Ala Pono Program
- 29 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing scholarship recipients from the Graduate Entry Program (GEPN) in Nursing
- 6 Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander faculty within UH Manoa Nursing
- The program director is the first tenured Native Hawaiian faculty in the UH Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene

Partnerships

IKE AO PONO partners with numerous University of Hawaii schools and organizations as well as community organizations. Past and current partners include The Queen’s Health Systems, Kamehameha Schools, Papa Ola Lokahi, Kuaana Program, Kualii
and Pukoa Councils, Department of Native Hawaiian Health and the UH Council of Health Sciences.

Collaborations with the Department of Native Hawaiian Health and UH Schools of Medicine, Public Health, Social Work, Law, and Hawaiinuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge address health disparities and inequities with the collective goal to provide leadership in advancing social justice in health through higher education. This collaborative approach values interdisciplinary perspectives in health by identifying the impacts of our graduates, sharing data and research and creating initiatives in:

- Cultural health
- Family health
- Public health
- Global health
- Rural health
- Improving Native Hawaiian health & healthcare
- Community health
- Pacific Regional health
- Indigenous health
- Critical care