

TITLE: State Approval of Leeward Community College Educator Preparation Unit and Programs

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board grants continuing state approval for the Leeward Community College (LCC) Educator Preparation Program unit and programs effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2028. This approval is based on LCC's accreditation by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). The Decision Letter and Action Report are attached.

Candidates may be recommended for licensure in the following fields:

Degree or Certificate granted by the Institution or organization	State Certificate, License, Endorsement, or Other Credential
Alternative Certification for Career and Technical Education Program Track I: post-baccalaureate, certificate only Track II: post-associate's degree, certificate only	Hawaii Provisional Teaching License (for Track I) or Hawaii Provisional Restricted License (for Track II) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTE – Arts and Communications, 6-12 • CTE - Business, 6-12 • CTE - Health Services, 6-12 • CTE - Industrial and Engineering Technology, 6-12 • CTE - Natural Resources, 6-12 • CTE - Public and Human Services, 6-12
Advanced Professional Certificate in Special Education Program (Post-baccalaureate, certificate only)	Hawaii Provisional Teaching License <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPED - Mild/Moderate, PK-12

The unit must submit an annual report to the HTSB.

This NBI will be sent to the provider on behalf of the Board to communicate this decision.

Submitted by: Branden Kawazoe

Referred to: Teacher Education Committee



Association for **Advancing**
Quality in Educator Preparation

May 21, 2021

Carlos Peñaloza
Chancellor
Leeward Community College

Dear Dr. Peñaloza:

This letter serves as formal notification of action taken regarding the teacher education licensure programs of Leeward Community College by the Accreditation Commission of the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation at its meeting of April 30, 2021.

Action: Based on examination of the case record, including the Quality Assurance Report and the Quality Review Team Report, the AAQEP Accreditation Commission awards **accreditation for a full term of 7 years** to the teacher education licensure programs of Leeward Community College.

This action is effective immediately and remains **in effect through June 30, 2028**, or until Leeward Community College ceases to be a member in good standing of AAQEP, whichever is earlier. Annual Reports are due by December 31 of each year, with the first report being due December 31, 2022.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mark LaCelle-Peterson'.

Mark LaCelle-Peterson, Ed.D.
President and CEO

cc: Lori Lei Hayashi, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services
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Jim Goodman, Dean of Arts & Sciences
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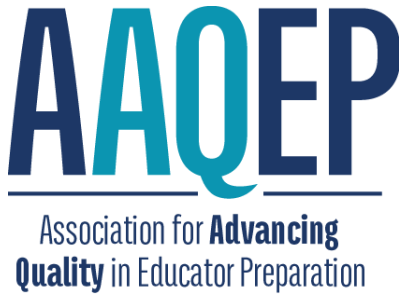
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ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

An official record of actions taken by the AAQEP Accreditation Commission

Leeward Community College

Pearl City, Hawaii

April 2021

ACTION

Based on examination of the case record, including the Quality Assurance Report and the Quality Review Team Report, the AAQEP Accreditation Commission makes the following determination regarding the teacher education licensure programs of Leeward Community College:

X	ACCREDIT - The Accreditation Commission finds that the provider/program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a full term of seven years.
	ACCREDIT WITH NOTE - The Accreditation Commission finds that the AAQEP standards are met to accredit with the concerns and/or conditions specified below.
	PROBATIONARY ACCREDITATION - The Accreditation Commission finds that the AAQEP standards are met but that, for reasons specified below, risk failing to be met.
	DO NOT ACCREDIT - The Accreditation Commission finds that the provider/program does not meet AAQEP standards and does not qualify for accreditation for reasons specified below.

PROGRAM SPECIFICATION

The following programs are included in this accreditation action:

Degree or Certificate granted by the institution or organization	State Certificate, License, Endorsement, or Other Credential
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TERM

The accreditation term takes effect immediately and lasts through **June 30, 2028**, or until Leeward Community College ceases to be a member in good standing of AAQEP, whichever is earlier. Annual Reports are due by December 31 of each year, with the first report being due December 31, 2022.

RATIONALE

The Commission evaluated the program's evidence for each AAQEP standard and determined that all four standards are met. The program's completers are prepared to work effectively as professional educators and are able to adapt to different contexts and to grow professionally. The program has the capacity to analyze and provide evidence for sustained actions and revisions on behalf of candidates, and it engages with stakeholders and partners to strengthen the P-20 education system.

An extensive system of formal and informal data-gathering processes provides a solid foundation for evidence-based evaluation, analysis, and improvement, which is aligned with the institution's commitment to serving the Native Hawaiian community.

STANDARDS REPORT

Standard	Met	Not Met
1. Candidate/Completer Performance – Program completers perform as professional educators with the capacity to support success for all students.	X	
2. Completer Professional Competence and Growth – Program completers adapt to working in a variety of contexts and grow as professionals.	X	
3. Quality Program Practices – The program has the capacity to ensure that its completers meet Standards 1 and 2.	X	
4. Program Engagement in System Improvement – Program practices strengthen the P-20 education system in light of local needs and in keeping with the program's mission.	X	

CONCERNS AND CONDITIONS

Concerns are minor problems or shortcomings related to one or more aspects of a standard and must be addressed in the provider's next annual report(s). *Conditions* are more significant problems that undermine one or more of the standards and may result in a shorter accreditation term or require resolution before accreditation takes effect.

Standard	Concern or condition	Remedy and timeline
	None	

NOTE: Accreditation actions are based on examination of the case record, including the provider's Quality Assurance Report (self-study) and the Quality Review Team Report. Decisions are the sole responsibility of the AAQEP Accreditation Commission and may not be modified by staff or quality assurance reviewers.