

MEMO

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To: Licensees and Applicants

From: HTSB

Subject: Special Education (SPED) Fields

The purpose of this memo is to provide clarification to licensees and applicants, regarding the process of becoming licensed in Special Education Fields.

**HTSB Special Education (SPED) License Fields:** Special Education (SPED), SPED Blind/Visually Impaired, SPED Deaf/Hard of Hearing, SPED Mild/Moderate, SPED Orientation and Mobility, SPED Orthopedically Handicapped, SPED Severe/Profound.

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board Approved Preparation Programs with “Special Education Fields”

- Brigham Young University Hawaii (808-675-3211)
- Chaminade University of Honolulu (808-735-4711)
- iTeach Hawaii (877-348-3224)
- Leeward Community College (808-455-0480)
- University of Hawaii at Manoa (808-956-7915)
- University of Hawaii West Oahu (808-689-2339)

To **add a teaching field** to an existing valid and active Hawaii teaching license (including school counselor or librarian), the candidate must provide verification of one content knowledge option **and** one experience option before the application can be evaluated. Please note that documentation is not needed for verifying Hawaii public school teaching experience (HTSB already has access to that database).

**Content Knowledge Options**

**Experience Verification Options**

1. State Approved Teacher Education Program (SATEP)	•Complete a SATEP within a SPED field; or	1. Complete a SATEP	•Previously completed a SATEP for a license in the grade level applied for; or
2. Coursework (Transcript)	•30 credit hours in a SPED field (15 upper division) from a regionally accredited institution; or	2. One year in the new field and grade level	•Verify one year (within the last 5 years) of at least half-time contracted P-12 teaching experience in the new field and grade level (HTSB form EX1000); or
3. Licensure Test	•Pass a licensure test (see chart below); or	3. Three years in the grade level	•Verify 3 years of the last 5 years of P-12 contracted teaching experience in the grade level applied for regardless of the field (complete form EX1000); or
4. National Board Certified Teacher	•Become a National Board Certified Teacher in "Exceptional Needs"; or	4. Principles of Learning and Teaching (Praxis)	•Submit passing scores for the Praxis Principles of Teaching and Learning for the new grade level
5. Advanced License (ONLY option that does not require documenting experience)	•Advanced License + 30 credit hours; or •Advanced License + license exam		

HTSB Special Education License Fields	Grade Level Options	HTSB Approved Licensure Tests
Special Education (SPED)	P-3, K-6, 6-8, 6-12, P-12, K-12	Praxis 5354
SPED Blind/Visually Impaired	P-3, K-12	Praxis 5282
SPED Deaf/Hard of Hearing	P-3, P-12, K-12	Praxis 5272
SPED Mild/Moderate	P-3, K-6, 6-8, 6-12, P-12, K-12	Praxis 5543
SPED Orientation and Mobility	P-3, P-12, K-12	(Not applicable)
SPED Orthopedically Handicapped	P-3, P-12, K-12	(Not applicable)
SPED Severe/Profound	P-3, K-6, 6-8, 6-12, P-12, K-12	Praxis 5545

...Please note that licensure tests are only one of the options that can be used to verify “Content Knowledge”

Please contact HTSB with further questions about this information by email: [htsb@hawaii.gov](mailto:htsb@hawaii.gov) or phone: 808-586-2600