The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board grants provisional state approval to the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education’s Early Childhood Education Educator Preparation Programs in the Master of Education in Curriculum Studies (EDCS in PK-3) and the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education (Birth-5), effective June 2, 2017, through June 30, 2020.

This provisional state approval is extended to December 31, 2021, to allow this program to be reviewed with all other UH-Manoa College of Education licensure programs in its accreditation review, scheduled for spring of 2021 by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP).

This approval is based on a review by a state review team composed of the following reviewers:

- Elizabeth Park, Ph.D., Director of Early Childhood and Montessori Programs; Chaminade University of Honolulu
- Sushana Carvalho, Teacher (grade K), Wilcox Elementary
- Carolyn Gyuran, Education Consultant

The HTSB accepts the team’s commendation of the programs in the following areas:

Program of Study: The coursework is appropriate and valuable to teachers who are adding the field of Early Childhood Education (Birth-5).

Standards & Assessments: The assessments submitted by the program have the potential to provide strong evidence for meeting all pertinent standards. Each assessment is supported by a well-written rubric.

Faculty: All faculty listed are suitable for this field of study.
The HTSB acknowledges that the team did not find any Areas for Improvement.

The unit may recommend candidates completing these programs for the following license field:

- Early Childhood Education PK-3
- Individuals who completed these programs prior to June 2, 2017, may also add the field of Early Childhood Education PK-3, if recommended by the programs.

The unit must include these programs in its annual report to HTSB and in its next unit review.

A memorandum will be sent to the unit informing them of the Board’s state approval.

Submitted by: Terry Lynn Holck/Felicia Villalobos

Referred to: Teacher Education Committee