

TITLE: Consideration of Recommendations from HTSB Annual Educator Preparation Provider Completer Audit

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board licensing staff conducted the 2020 annual Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) program completer audit between September 2 and October 26, 2020. The following are the audit results for each EPP.

At each audit, the following was reviewed for a random sample of program completers reported between July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020:

- Basic skills verification completed prior to program entry
- Content knowledge verification completed before student teaching
- Student teaching/internship placement verification as appropriate for license field recommendation

The following providers met all audit criteria:

- Brigham Young University-Hawaii
- Chaminade University of Honolulu
- iTEACH-Hawaii
- Kahoiwai
- Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program
- Leeward Community College
- Teach for America
- University of Hawaii at Hilo
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Hawaii at West Oahu
- University of Phoenix

The following provider did not meet all audit criteria:

- Hawaii Pacific University:

Continuing violation of New Business Item 19-17, which reprimanded HPU for failing to meet requirements of New Business Item 09-30. The policy in question requires EPP to verify a teacher candidate's content knowledge prior to the start of student teaching or internship.

- One completer reported in this audit period passed their content knowledge Praxis examinations after they had already completed their student teaching experience.
- It is to be noted that this completer started their first student teaching assignment prior to the HTSB's reprimand in NBI 19-17. Afterward, HPU did require the candidate to complete a second validation of student teaching in an additional placement. The candidate was not recommended for licensure until after meeting all content knowledge verification and completing a second student teaching experience.
- All other HPU teacher candidates met audit requirements.

The HTSB affirms the following recommendations based on the audit:

1. Hawaii Educator Preparation Providers meeting all audit requirements are commended.
2. Hawaii Pacific University is reminded that all student teachers or interns must meet content knowledge requirements prior to the commencement of student teaching or internship. If continuing violations are found in the 2021 EPP audit, the HTSB may suspend HPU's state approval.
3. HPU will be required to have all program completers reported between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, included in the HTSB annual EPP audit in 2021.

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Referred to Standards Committee