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TITLE: Teacher Candidate Praxis Test Requirements for Hawaii State Approved Teacher Education Programs

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following requirements for all teacher candidates enrolled in Hawaii State Approved Teacher Education Programs (SATEP):

In the interest of ensuring quality candidates for licensure, Hawaii teacher education institutions shall require that their candidates demonstrate knowledge of basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics by passing the Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) prior to admission into a State Approved Teacher Education Program.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2011, all those applying to Hawaii SATEPs must submit passing scores for the Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Tests in Reading, Writing and Mathematics or basic skills tests required by another State for licensure prior to admission to the SATEP.

To further ensure quality candidates for student teaching assignments in Hawaii's P-12 schools who are knowledgeable in their subject area, Hawaii teacher education institutions shall require that their candidates demonstrate knowledge and skills of their subject area specialization by passing the appropriate Hawaii validated Praxis II content test(s).

For candidates admitted to a SATEP before August 1, 2011, candidates must pass the content test(s) required by the state for licensure prior being recommended by their SATEP to HTSB for licensure. In the absence of a Hawaii validated content test, candidates shall have satisfactorily completed a college major or a minimum of 30 college credits in the subject area to be taught prior to being recommended by their SATEP to HTSB for licensure. Candidates who are enrolled in a World Language SATEP in their native language may submit the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Official ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with a minimum rating of "Advanced Low" prior to being recommended by their SATEP to HTSB for licensure.

Candidates admitted on or after August 1, 2011 must pass the Hawaii required content test(s) prior to being placed in a school for student teaching/internship. In the absence of a Hawaii validated content test, candidates shall have satisfactorily completed a college major or a minimum of 30 college credits in the subject area to be taught prior to being placed in a school for student teaching/internship. Candidates who are enrolled

in a World Language SATEP in their native language may submit the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Official ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with a minimum rating of “Advanced Low” prior to being placed in a school for student teaching/internship.

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