

Hawai'i Approved Educator Preparation Provider Initial Licensure Guide



**HAWAI'I TEACHER
STANDARDS BOARD**

(August 2025)

The State of Hawai‘i Eighteenth Legislature passed Act 240, establishing the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) in 1995. Act 240 transferred the responsibility for setting public school teacher licensure standards and requirements from the Hawai‘i Department of Education (HIDOE) to the HTSB.

HTSB envisions a highly esteemed Hawai‘i public education system with rigorous professional teacher standards that foster student success. Our mission is to collaboratively set high teacher licensing and credentialing standards to:

- Provide every child in Hawai‘i with qualified teachers.
- Promote professionalism and teaching excellence.
- Build public confidence in the teaching profession.
- Provide more accountability to the public.

According to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes §302A-804 and §302A-805, teachers, school librarians, and school counselors teaching half-time or more are required to possess a current/active license or permit to teach at a public or charter school in Hawai‘i. Hawai‘i Revised Statutes §302A-808 imposes a penalty of up to \$500.00 per teacher and their school administrator for failure to comply with state law concerning teacher licensure in public and public charter schools.

An initial license pertains to individuals who have not completed a state-approved teacher education program. The Hawai‘i Approved Educator Preparation Provider Initial Licensure Program Guide provides information regarding different pathways, teaching license fields, and grade levels offered by an Hawai‘i approved educator preparation provider (EPP). Please contact the EPP, not HTSB, for specific questions that are unavailable in this guide.

The following legend identifies the Hawai‘i EPP who are approved (or not approved) to deliver initial licensure programs in a specific teaching field and grade level.



Existing Hawai‘i license holders who want to add teaching fields and grade levels or have questions about their license should visit the HTSB website at hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org or send a Contact HTSB message through their HTSB account.





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To obtain a Hawai'i teacher license, individuals must complete a state-approved teacher education program. Scan the QR code to learn about each institution's pathway.

HAWAI'I APPROVED EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

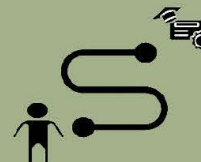
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Hawai'i educator preparation programs (EPP) are approved to guide individuals in meeting the Hawaii Administrative Rules and HTSB teacher licensure requirements.



INITIAL LICENSURE PATHWAYS

Obtain a teaching license by successfully completing a bachelor, a post-baccalaureate, or a master's degree teacher licensure program.



LICENSURE FIELD OPTIONS



Hawai'i EPPs offer over 40 different license fields to prepare individuals in a specific teaching field, such as elementary education, special education, math, science, or Hawaiian immersion.

EMERGENCY HIRE PERMITS

Individuals unable to meet the licensure requirements may be issued a permit for employment, one year at a time, for a maximum of three years (Hawaii Administrative Rules §8-54-9.4).



CONSUMER PROTECTION



Hawai'i educators enrolling in an Educator Preparation Program (in-person or online) not approved by the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board must ensure that the program clearly notifies them about whether it meets the licensure requirements in Hawai'i. The educator should obtain written confirmation from the program regarding whether the coursework will fulfill the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board licensure criteria. Additional licensure information is available on the [NC-SARA webpage](#).

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Art, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i	•	•		
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at Hilo				•

Biology, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	•

Computer Science, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Hilo	•

CTE Advanced Manufacturing, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Advanced Manufacturing, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Agricultural, Food, and Natural Resources, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Leeward Community College	•	
University of Hawai'i at Hilo		•

CTE Limited Agricultural, Food, and Natural Resources, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Leeward Community College	•	

CTE Architectural Design and Engineering Technology, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Architectural Design and Engineering Technology, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Building and Construction, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Building and Construction, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Business Management, Finance, and Marketing, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Brigham Young University – Hawai'i	•	•	
Leeward Community College		•	
University of Hawai'i at Hilo			•

CTE Limited Business Management, Finance, and Marketing, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Cultural Arts, Media & Entertainment, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Brigham Young University – Hawai'i	•	•
Leeward Community College		•

CTE Limited Cultural Arts, Media & Entertainment, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Education, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Education, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Energy, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Energy, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Health Services, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Health Services, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Informational Technology and Digital Transformation, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Informational Technology and Digital Transformation, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Law and Public Safety, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Law and Public Safety, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Transportation Services, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

CTE Limited Transportation Services, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Leeward Community College	•

Dance, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•

Drama/Theater Arts, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•

Early Childhood Education

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree		Master's Degree	
Grade Level	P-K	P-3	P-K	P-3
Chaminade University	•		•	•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		•		•

Early Childhood Education & Special Education Mild/Moderate, P-3 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

Elementary Education, K-6

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i	•	•		
Chaminade University	•	•	•	
Hawai'i Pacific University	•		•	
iTeach Hawai'i		•		
Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Graduate Program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo		•		
Teach For America		•		
University of Hawai'i at Hilo	•			•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	•			

Elementary Education & Kaiapuni Hawai'i/Hawaiian Language Immersion, K-6 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

Elementary Education & Special Education Mild/Moderate, K-6 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

Elementary Education & Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), K-6 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

English

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree		Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Grade Level	6-8	6-12	6-12	6-12	6-12
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i		•	•		
Chaminade University		•	•	•	
Hawai'i Pacific University		•		•	
iTeach Hawai'i			•		
Kaho'iwai			•		
Teach For America			•		
University of Hawai'i at Hilo					•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	•	•			

Hawaiian Knowledge

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only			
Grade Level	P-3	K-6	6-12	P-12
Kaho'iwai			•	
Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Graduate Program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo	•	•	•	•

Hawaiian Language / ʻŌlelo Hawai'i

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree			Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree
Grade Level	K-6	6-12	K-12	6-12	6-12
Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Graduate Program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo				•	
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		•		•	•

Hawaiian Language Immersion/Kaiapuni Hawai'i

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree			Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only				Master's Degree
Grade Level	K-6	6-12	K-12	P-3	K-6	6-12	K-12	K-12
Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Graduate Program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo				•	•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa								•

Hawaiian Studies, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only
Kaho'iwai	•
Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Graduate Program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo	•

Health

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree			Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only			Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Grade Level	K-6	6-12	K-12	K-6	6-12	K-12	6-12
Brigham Young University – Hawai'i					•		
iTeach Hawai'i				•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at Hilo							•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•	•	•	•	

Japanese, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post- Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree	Master's Degree
Grade Level	6-12	6-12	6-12	6-12
iTeach Hawai'i		•		
University of Hawai'i at Hilo			•	•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•		•

Kaiapuni Hawai'i/Hawaiian Language Immersion

Hawai'i Program	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only				Master's Degree
Grade Level	P-3	K-6	6-12	K-12	K-12
Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Graduate Program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo	•	•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa					•

Kaiapuni Hawai'i/Hawaiian Language Immersion & Elementary Education, K-6 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

Math

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree		Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Grade Level	6-8	6-12	6-12	6-12	6-12
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i		•	•		
Chaminade University		•	•	•	
Hawai'i Pacific University		•		•	
iTeach Hawai'i			•		
Kaho'iwai			•		
Teach for America			•		
University of Hawai'i at Hilo					•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	•	•			

Music

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree			Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Grade Level	K-6	6-12	K-12	6-12	6-12
Brigham Young University – Hawai'i		•		•	
University of Hawai'i at Hilo					•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•	•	

‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i/Hawaiian Language

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree			Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree
Grade Level	K-6	6-12	K-12	6-12	6-12
Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Graduate Program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo				•	
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		•		•	•

Physical Education

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree			Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only			Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Grade Level	K-6	6-12	K-12	K-6	6-12	K-12	6-12
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i		•			•		
iTeach Hawai'i				•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at Hilo							•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•	•	•	•	

School Counseling

Hawai'i Program	Master's Degree				
Grade Level	P-6	K-6	6-12	P-12	K-12
Chaminade University: Behavioral Sciences (School Counseling)				•	•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•	•	•

Science

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree		Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
Grade Level	6-8	6-12	6-12	6-12	6-12
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i		•	•		
Chaminade University		•	•	•	
Hawai'i Pacific University		•		•	
iTeach Hawai'i			•		
Kaho'iwai			•		
Teach for America			•		
University of Hawai'i at Hilo					•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	•	•			

Social Studies

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree		Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree	Master's Degree
Grade Level	6-8	6-12	6-12	6-12	6-12
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i		•	•		
Chaminade University		•	•	•	
Hawai'i Pacific University		•		•	
Kaho'iwai			•		
Teach for America			•		
University of Hawai'i at Hilo				•	
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		•	•		•
University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	•	•			

Spanish, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree	Master's Degree
Brigham Young University – Hawai'i	•	•		
iTeach Hawai'i		•		
University of Hawai'i at Hilo			•	•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•		•

Special Education

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree			Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only					
Grade Level	K-6	6-8	6-12	P-3	K-6	6-8	6-12	P-12	K-12
iTeach Hawai'i				•	•	•	•	•	•
Leeward Community College					•		•		
University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	•	•	•						

Special Education Mild/Moderate

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree				Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only				Master's Degree			
Grade Level	P-3	K-6	6-12	K-12	P-3	K-6	6-12	K-12	P-3	K-6	6-12	K-12
Brigham Young University - Hawai'i		•	•	•		•	•	•				
Chaminade University	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa			•		•		•					

Special Education Mild/Moderate & Early Childhood Education, P-3 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

Special Education Mild/Moderate & Elementary Education, K-6 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

Special Education Mild/Moderate & Secondary Education Content Area, 6-12 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Master's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

Special Education Severe/Autism

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree				Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only		
Grade Level	P-3	K-6	6-12	K-12	P-3	K-6	6-12
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), 6 - 12

Hawai'i Program	Licensure with Optional Master's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Hilo	•

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only				Master's Degree
Grade Level	6-12	P-3	K-6	6-8	6-12	6-12
Brigham Young University – Hawai'i	•				•	
Hawai'i Pacific University					•	
iTeach Hawai'i		•	•	•	•	
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•				•	•

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) & Elementary Education K-6 (Dual Preparation)

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	•

World Languages, 6-12

Hawai'i Program	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Only	Master's Degree
Hawai'i Pacific University	•		•
iTeach Hawai'i		•	
Teach For America		•	
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	• *	• *	• *

* **World Languages:** Chinese, French, German, Ilocano, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog

Hawai'i Approved Educator Preparation Providers

Brigham Young University-Hawai'i



Chaminade University
Teacher Education



Chaminade University
School Counseling



Hawai'i Pacific University



iTeach Hawai'i



Kaho'iwai Center for Adult Teaching
and Learning



Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher
Education Graduate Program at
University of Hawai'i – Hilo



Leeward Community College Special
Education



Leeward Community College
Career and Technical Education



Teach For America



University of Hawai'i at Hilo



University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
College of Education



University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Library and Information Science



University of Hawai'i
at West O'ahu

