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TITLE: Hawaii Educator Preparation Programs Verification of Basic Skills and Content Knowledge for Licensure

Effective immediately, the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following options for all in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) to verify basic skills and content knowledge for licensure:

Basic skills

Basic Skills may be verified by one **or more** of the following options:

- Bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education;
- Passing scores on basic skills licensure test adopted by the Board in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics; or
- Qualifying scores on SAT or ACT Reading, Writing, and Mathematics sections:

		SAT Section Score on Test Taken Prior to March 2016	SAT Section Score/Test Score on Test Taken March 2016 or After
SAT	Mathematics	560	580
	Reading	530	
	Writing	NA	520
	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	NA	540

		Current ACT Scores	New Score for Writing
ACT	Mathematics	19	
	Reading	18	
	Writing	NA	6
	OR, Reading/Writing	NA	22

Content Knowledge:

Content knowledge may be verified by one **or more** of the following options:

Passing score on licensure test adopted by the Board in the content field; or

- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification in the content field; or
- Content major consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours in the content field for a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education; or
- A minimum of thirty (30) semester hours in the content field from an accredited institution of higher education, at least fifteen (15) of which must be upper-division level; or
- A master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in the license field awarded by an accredited institution of higher education;
- For Elementary Education K-6 licensure, a total of thirty-six (36) semester hours, including nine (9) semester hours **in each** of the following four core content areas:
 - language arts,
 - mathematics,
 - science, and
 - social studies.

At least three (3) semester hours **in each** of the core content areas must be upper-division level.

Hawaii teacher, school counselor, and school librarian programs may use all of these options for entry and student teaching requirements.

All Hawaii EPPs are required to verify that their candidates meet basic skills and content knowledge requirements prior to being recommended for licensure.

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