TITLE: Clarification of Requirements for the Teacher Leader License Field

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following criteria for adding the field of Teacher Leader to a Hawaii license:

Once verified, the following Teacher Leader options may be added to a Hawaii license without further verification at each renewal cycle.

- Completion of a teacher preparation program in Teacher Leadership; OR

- Hold a license/certificate/endorsement from another state with the field of Teacher Leader; OR

- Pass the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Praxis Performance Assessment for Teacher Leaders (PATL); OR

- Hold a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification in any NBPTS certificate areas; OR

- Complete an in-state board approved Teacher Leadership program, e.g., Teacher Leader Academy (TLA) Na Kumu Alaka 'i, Hawaii State Fellows, or Teacher Leadership Institute (TLI).

To continue to add Teacher Leader to a Hawaii license the following job embedded Teacher Leader experience must be verified at each renewal period. The Hawaii Department of Education, Charter School, or Private School administrator must verify four (4) semesters of successful experience as a Teacher Leader for any of the following experiences:

- Curriculum or content specialist/coach

- State office or complex area instructional or data coach

- Mentor teacher

- Department/grade level chair

- Service on school-wide, district, state or national level that develops leadership skills and benefits students, school community or the profession, eg., accreditation team, school turnaround team, instructional leadership team, etc. Service as a union faculty representative alone does not qualify an individual for the Teacher Leader license field.

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