

New Business Item 17-05

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TITLE: Options for State Approval for Hawaii Educator Preparation Programs

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board adopts the following options for Hawaii state approved educator preparation programs for provisional and continuing unit reviews, effective immediately:

- (1) Obtain accreditation from a national accrediting body prior to the expiration of their provisional approval and/or to be eligible for continued state approval. The accrediting body must be approved in advance by the HTSB for use in continuing state approval. The HTSB Executive Director or designee will serve as an observer during the accreditation visit. It is the unit's responsibility to apply for renewal of state approval and submit all documentation required for the board's review at least six (6) months in advance of the expiration of provisional approval; or
- (2) Indigenous and culturally focused units may obtain accreditation from a national or international Indigenous focused accrediting body prior to the expiration of their provisional approval and/or to be eligible for continued state approval. The accrediting body must be approved in advance by the HTSB for use in continuing state approval. The HTSB Executive Director or designee will serve as an observer during the accreditation visit. It is the unit's responsibility to apply for renewal of state approval and submit all documentation required for the board's review at least six (6) months in advance of the expiration of provisional approval; or
- (3) All program completers recommended for licensure by the Unit shall submit official scores from a nationally normed performance assessment adopted by the HTSB. The Unit will be reviewed by a State Team composed of:
 - a. One out of state professional educator, selected based on compatible experience with the type and size Unit;
 - b. One out of state practitioner licensed in the field of the program, preferably a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certified teacher or one with the Teacher Leader designation on their license;

- c. HTSB Executive Director or designee;
 - d. It is the Unit's responsibility to submit a Continuing Unit Review Report one (1) year in advance of the expiration of their existing approval period; or
- (4) All program completers recommended for licensure by the Unit are evaluated using unit-wide assessments. The unit will be reviewed by a State review by a team composed of:
- a. Two or more out of state professional educators, selected based on compatible experience with the type and size Unit;
 - b. One or more out of state practitioners licensed in the field of the program, preferably a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certified teacher or a teacher with the Teacher Leader designation on their license;
 - c. The number of program completers and number of separate licensure programs within the Unit will determine the number of State Team reviewers.
 - d. HTSB Executive Director or designee;
 - e. It is the Unit's responsibility to submit a Continuing Unit Review Report one (1) year in advance of the expiration of their existing approval period.

Provisional reviews will be conducted virtually, and initial and continuing full reviews will be conducted on-site. Each EPP is responsible for the full cost of their reviews.

The HTSB adds new state review options because currently there is no dedicated educator preparation accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education. For Option 1, the HTSB will identify accreditors that Hawaii EPP may use for their review to be eligible for consideration for state approval.

The HTSB directs the Executive Director to review, in collaboration with Hawaii EPP, current specialized accrediting agencies and organizations and submit a list for the Board's consideration no later than March 2018.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee