

**TITLE: Consideration of Recommendations from HTSB's 2021 Annual Educator Preparation Provider Completer Audit**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board licensing staff conducted the 2021 annual Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) program completer audit between October 1 and October 21, 2021. The following are the audit results for each EPP.

At each audit, the following was reviewed from a random sample of Hawaii program completers reported between July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021:

- Basic skills verification completed prior to program entry
- Content knowledge verification completed before student teaching or in accordance with NBI 19-42 Rev
- Student teaching/internship placement verification as appropriate for license field recommendation

The following providers met all audit criteria:

- Brigham Young University-Hawaii
- Chaminade University of Honolulu
- Hawaii Pacific University
- iTEACH-Hawaii
- Kahoiwai
- Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program
- Leeward Community College
- Teach Away
- Teach for America
- University of Hawaii at Hilo
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Hawaii at West Oahu
- University of Phoenix

**The following Hawaii Educator Preparation Provider did not meet all audit criteria:**

- Moreland University (TEACH-NOW) Hawaii:
  - Violation of New Business Item 09-30, adopted December 17, 2009, and reaffirmed on 3/2/2012, which states that candidates must pass the content test(s) required by the state for licensure prior to being recommended by their SATEP to HTSB for licensure.

- Moreland did not verify that two of the audited completers, holding a license, passed the appropriate Praxis exam(s)
- Violation of New Business Item 12-29, adopted March 15, 2013, revised on January 15, 2016, which identifies the options for verifying content knowledge.
  - Moreland did not use the available options to verify content knowledge for two of their audited completers

The Moreland's (TEACH NOW) in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Program audit found the following:

- Moreland's (TEACH NOW) in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Program had two audited completers that did not complete their content knowledge requirements prior to being recommended for licensure.
- Moreland's (TEACH NOW) in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Program was unable to provide documentation to HTSB verifying how these two completers met any of the options for HTSB content knowledge requirements.
- Two Moreland completers were issued a teaching license from HTSB based on Moreland's (TEACH NOW) in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Program's recommendation.

**The HTSB affirms the following recommendation based on the audit:**

1. Hawaii Educator Preparation Providers meeting all audit requirements are commended.
2. HTSB will audit all Moreland (TEACH-NOW) Hawaii program completers since their provisional approval on November 15, 2019. This audit will be conducted to verify that each recommended completer was recommended for licensure meeting all HTSB requirements.
3. An update on HTSB's comprehensive audit on Moreland's (TEACH NOW) in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Program recommended completers will be reported to the board at its next board meeting

It is to be noted that Moreland (TEACH NOW) sent a letter to HTSB on October 19, 2021, eliminating their in-state Hawaii Educator Preparation Program, effective immediately.

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**Referred to**                         Teacher Education Committee