

New Business Item 21-54

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**TITLE: Clinical Experience Exception for the University of Hawaii at Manoa
American Samoa Teacher Candidates**

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following clinical experience exception for UH Manoa American Samoa teacher candidates:

UH Manoa American Samoa teacher candidates shall complete supervised clinical experience in student teaching, internship, or residency in an American Samoa school at the appropriate grade level(s) and the in the subjects or school roles (e.g., school counselor, school librarian) for which they are seeking a license.

All other clinical experience requirements outlined in NBI 12-27 revised shall be adhered to.

Background:

For over four decades the University of Hawaii has worked in collaboration with the American Samoa (AS) Department of Education (ASDOE) to provide education, professional development and/or teacher preparation programs for AS elementary teachers. In 1981 the Territorial Teacher Training Assistance Project (TTTAP) was created to upgrade the skills and abilities of in-service teachers in AS, provided through federal funds until 1995, and then through ASODE funding since then. Since 1997 the cohort model for the BEd in Elementary teacher preparation program adopted at Manoa has been delivered to teacher candidates in AS. The UHM/American Samoa cohort program follows the same sequence of courses as the elementary cohort program in Hawaii. Specializations in special education or early childhood education are also offered. These specializations offered at the UH Manoa campus are provided at the request of ASDOE to meet the needs of their teachers in these areas. The American Samoa cohort program embraces the conceptual framework of the College of Education at the University of Hawaii in preparing teachers who are knowledgeable, effective, and caring. At present, the Chair of the Elementary program at UHM COE has oversight of the AS program teacher preparation programs, in collaboration with the Chair of the Department of Special Education. Course and field syllabi are approved by the UHM chairs, as well as the faculty who teach the courses. The programs follow the Manoa requirements with the exception of student teaching in a Hawaii school. AS candidates are predominantly teachers of hire and complete student teaching in their own classrooms, under the supervision of UHM faculty.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee