

TITLE: Adoption of the Council for Exceptional Children’s Advanced Special Education Preparation Standards

The Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) adopts the Council for Exceptional Children’s (CEC) Advanced Special Education Preparation Standards.

According to [CEC \(2020\)](#), “The Advanced Special Education Preparation Standards are designed for programs that help special educators progress in their teaching careers or pursue new roles within special education.”

The advanced special education preparation programs that align with these standards are designed to support the development of professionals in the following roles:

- Assessment
- Content knowledge
- Program, services, and outcomes
- Research and inquiry
- Leadership and policy
- Professional and ethical practice
- Collaboration

Upon Board approval, the HTSB Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee will inform Hawai‘i Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) with Special Education programs of the adopted standards and publish the new standards on the HTSB website.

Rationale/Background:

As special education educators progress in their careers, many seek to refine their skills and broaden their expertise through advanced study in specialized areas of the classroom or within specific focus areas. Others may decide to take on new roles within the field of special education. The CEC acknowledges and encourages these professional growth efforts, which is why they have developed the Preparation Standards for Advanced Programs.

More information about the CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education EI/ESCE Standards can be found [linked here](#). Other HTSB adopted ECE and content standards can be found in [NBI 23-16](#), [NBI 20-26](#) and on the HTSB website [linked here](#).

Cost:

All costs are included in the current staff job duties/responsibilities.

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