

TITLE: Teach Away's Official Notification of Program Discontinuation in Hawai'i

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves Teach Away's discontinuation of their Educator Preparation Program (EPP) in Hawai'i, effective December 31, 2024.

Teach Away's teach out plan includes the following:

- Assurance that the remaining active students (approximately 50) will have the opportunity to complete all requirements and get licensed by December 15, 2025.
- Teach Away will have a small staff to provide mentoring and grading for all coursework, along with a Clinical Placement specialist to assist with that aspect of the program.
- Teach Away staff Lin Wang will be staying on for the year, to oversee the success of the remaining active Hawai'i students enrolled in Teach Away.

Even though the program is no longer accepting new applicants, Teach Away will still be required to participate in HTSB's audits and submit the HTSB Annual Reports, Title II Federal reports, and any other reports requested by HTSB for all Program Completers. The reporting period for completers is as follows:

- September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025, = 2025 Report
- September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, = 2026 Report

Teach Away shall notify the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE); their accreditor, the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP); and the Title II Federal Office about the discontinuation of their EPP in Hawai'i.

If Teach Away decides to reestablish their EPP in Hawai'i, they will need to submit program application(s) for approval through HTSB's EPP Approval Process to ensure that all program requirements meet HTSB's administrative rules and policies.

Rationale/Background:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules §8-54-27(c), for program elimination, the unit must submit written information to the board, including the program's end date, reasons for elimination, and assurances that current candidates will be able to complete the program. Please refer to the attached letter from Teach Away.

Cost:

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

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This letter is Teach Away's official notification that our program is going to discontinue as of December 31, 2024. However, we will assure that the remaining active students (approximately 50) will have the opportunity to complete all requirements and get certified by December 15, 2025.

Teach Away is keeping on a small staff that can provide mentoring and grading for all coursework, along with a Clinical Placement specialist to assist with that aspect of our program. In addition, Lin Wang will be staying on for the year, to oversee the success of the remaining active Hawai'i students.

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board and are pleased to have added new, certified teachers to Hawai'i.

Best,
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