

Hawai'i State Approved Teacher Education Program Updates January 2026



HAWAI'I TEACHER
STANDARDS BOARD

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News

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) members approved the following New Business Items (NBI) on January 16, 2026.

- [NBI 25-11](#) Approval of a One-Year Extension of iteach-Hawai'i's CAEP Accreditation.
- [NBI 25-21](#) License Affirmation (October and November 2025).
- [NBI 25-23](#) The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership Agreement.

Reminders

- Sign up to receive HTSB Board Meeting information by clicking [here](#).
- Share with your staff and faculty the [Hawai'i State Department of Education Subject Matter Standards](#) website to ensure teacher candidates are prepared to incorporate student standards adopted by the department ([Hawaii Administrative Rules](#) §8-54-19[3B]).
- Educational Partnerships Director, Mr. Jason Deitrich, from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Praxis, will be in Hawai'i from March 9–13, 2026. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting.
- Teacher candidates in a Special Education Emergency Hire teaching position must be enrolled in an approved Special Education licensure program in accordance with the [Individuals with Disabilities Act Sec 300.156](#).
- Teacher candidates who accept Emergency Hire Teacher positions must complete their clinical experience/student teaching in the licensure field and grade level they will be recommended for upon program completion.
- Please contact Licensing Specialist Dr. Jennifer Padua if you want vouchers for the ETS ProEthica online training modules or a licensing presentation for teacher candidates or faculty.

Professional Learning Opportunities

- [ETS Praxis Prep Partner Series](#), May 7 and August 4, 2026
- [AACTE Annual Conference](#), February 20-22, 2026
- [Council for Exceptional Children Convention & Expo](#), March 11-14, 2026
- [AAQEP Quality Assurance Symposium](#), March 26-27, 2026
- [AASPA National Educator Shortage Summit](#), April 9-10, 2026

Upcoming HTSB Events

- HTSB & ETS Praxis School Counseling Session, February 11, 2026, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to register.
- [HTSB Board Meetings](#), March 13 and April 24, 2026.
- HTSB Licensing Management Training for EPPs, March 31, 2026, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Mahalo

- EPP staff for uploading Program Completer and Student Teacher Permit recommendations.
- Participants who attended the AAQEP Day of Collaboration.

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