The Program

The Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program is a three-semester post-baccalaureate certificate program, delivered primarily through the medium of Hawaiian, specifically designed to prepare Mauli Ola Hawai‘i (Hawaiian identity nurturing) teachers of the highest quality to teach in Hawaiian language medium schools, Hawaiian language and culture programs in English medium schools, and schools serving students with a strong Hawaiian cultural background.

Based on the Hawaiian concepts Ma ka hana ka ‘ike (Knowledge comes from direct experience), and Ma mua ka hana, ma hope ka walu‘au (Direct experience comes first, discussion comes second), Kahuawaiola places a high value on on-site learning and practicum experience with high performance outcomes. Academics are integrated in a spiraling sequence and holistic indigenous approach utilizing the classrooms and outside environment for a balance of theory and applied learning situations.

Kahuawaiola is accredited through the State Approval of Teacher Education Programs (SATE). Upon successful completion of the program, candidates will have satisfied one of the requirements for initial licensure from the Hawai‘i Teachers Standards Board.

For more information or to request an application packet:

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Indigenous Teacher Education Program
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**Entrance Requirements**

1. Completion of the application packet.
2. B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited college or university with a major approved by the Hawaiian Studies Division.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in both the major and cumulative record.
4. Four years of Hawaiian language with a minimum GPA of 2.75 for the third and fourth years.
5. Successful completion of HAW 490.
6. Successful completion of one of the following: HWST 111 or 211 or 213.
7. Successful completion of one of the following: HWST 205, 471, 472, 473, 474.
8. 50 hours of teaching experience through the medium of Hawaiian, or 30 hours of teaching experience through the medium of Hawaiian and 30 hours of experience in Hawaiian medium curriculum development.
9. Passing scores on the Praxis I exams (reading, writing, and mathematics), and on Praxis II (Subject Assessments) Content Area Exercises relevant to secondary level licenses which the applicant will seek from the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board.
10. Interview with Kahuawaiola faculty.

**Applying to the Program**

Persons interested in applying to Kahuawaiola are required to complete and submit the following as part of the application packet:

1. UH Applications for Admission (Summer and Fall/Spring).
2. Kahuawaiola Admission Application.
3. Statement of interest.
4. Work Experience Verification form.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Official college/university transcripts (for each post-high institution previously attended).
7. Official Praxis I/II scores.
8. Interview with program administration.

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Successful completion of the following courses for a total of 37 semester hours: KED 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 641, 642, 643, and 644.
2. Earn no grade lower than a “B” in all teacher training courses requiring letter grades.

**IMPORTANT:** Candidates complete “requirements” on two levels:

**LEVEL ONE - “CERTIFICATE COMPLETER”** Upon completion of all Kahuawaiola course requirements, candidates graduate and receive the Certificate in Indigenous Education from UH-Hilo. (Application for Graduation required.)

**LEVEL TWO - “PROGRAM COMPLETER”** Candidates complete all Kahuawaiola course requirements, graduate and receive the Certificate in Indigenous Education from UH-Hilo, and become “Certificate Completers”. In addition, candidates also complete remaining Praxis exams (PLT and Praxis II Subject Assessment Pedagogy exams/Elementary Education exams) required for licenses which they will seek from the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB). Only after successful completion of Praxis exams are candidates recommended by Kahuawaiola to the HTSB for licensure. Only “Program Completers” are eligible to apply for teaching licenses from the HTSB.

**IMPORTANT:** Additional documentation will be required of those accepted into the program including, but not limited to, a criminal background check and fingerprinting as required by the State for classroom teaching.