

A Guide to Completing the Application for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program

CHECKLIST

- UH Hilo Graduate Application
- \$50 application fee
- Kahuawaiola Admissions Application
- Personal statement
- Official college/university transcripts (for each post-high institution previously attended)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Work Experience Verification Form
- Praxis exam scores [Kahuawaiola: 9200]
- Interview

PRIORITY DEADLINE: DEC. 1

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program is a three-semester graduate certificate program, delivered primarily through the medium of Hawaiian, specifically designed to prepare Maui Ola Hawai‘i 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. Upon successful completion of the program, candidates will have satisfied one of the requirements for initial licensure from the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board.

The Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program is a program provided, as mandated by law, through the medium of the State’s official Hawaiian language and community-based culture at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s College of Hawaiian Language, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani. Core course work for the program begins in the summer; therefore, admittance into the program shall be granted prior to the summer session only.

Kahuawaiola will be of special interest to those planning to teach in Hawaiian medium schools, Hawaiian language and culture programs in English medium schools, and schools serving students with a strong Hawaiian cultural background. All interested persons with a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university with an approved major requiring a minimum of 120 credits may be accepted if they meet the Hawaiian language and culture course work requirements of the program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The priority application deadline is December 1. Applications received after the priority deadline will only be accepted on a space available basis.

The UH Hilo Admissions Office receives applications and supporting documents and maintains the applications through final notification. If you do not hear from us within 30 days of submission of your application, please contact the Admissions Office at 808-974-7414.

Applications that meet initial requirements will be forwarded to the Kahuawaiola admissions committee for a comprehensive review and consideration for admission into the program. Admissions decisions made by the committee will be forwarded to the Admissions Office which sends the final notification to the applicant.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

1. Completion of the application packet.
2. A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university, in a major approved by the Academic Division requiring a minimum of 120 credits, 45 of which are at the 300 level or above.
3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester credits completed.
4. A minimum GPA of 2.75 in the major.
5. Four years of Hawaiian language with a minimum GPA of 2.75 for the third and fourth years, or permission from the Academic Division based on an evaluation of fluency.
6. Successful completion of one of the following: HWST 111, 211, 213; or permission from the Academic Division based on an evaluation of Hawaiian cultural knowledge and skills.
7. Successful completion of one of the following: HWST 205, 471, 472, 473, 474; or permission from the Academic Division based on an evaluation of Hawaiian cultural knowledge and skills.
8. Successful completion of Haw 490.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Interview with Kahuawaiola faculty.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Applicants should include in the personal statement responses to the following:

1. *He aha nā kumu i ulu ai kou makemake e lilo i kumu Maui Ola Hawai‘i?*
2. *He aha kou ikaika a me ka nāwaliwali ma ke a‘o haumāna ‘ana?*
3. *He aha ka waiwai o ka ho‘oulu ‘ana i ka mauili Hawai‘i o ka haumāna a, pehea e ho‘oulu ‘ia ai ma loko o ka ha‘awina kula?*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from the program is based on the successful completion of **NINE courses, totaling 37 credits, with no grade lower than a “B” and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0:**

KAHUAWAIOLA COURSES

- KED 620 Foundations for Hawaiian Medium Education (3)
- KED 621 Language Arts in Hawaiian Medium Education (3)
- KED 622 Math and Science in Hawaiian Medium Education (2)
- KED 623 Social Studies in Hawaiian Medium Education (2)
- KED 624 Technology, Arts, and Physical Education in Hawaiian Medium Education (3)
- KED 641 Hawaiian Medium Field Experience I (9)
- KED 642 Hawaiian Medium Field Experience I Seminar (3)
- KED 643 Hawaiian Medium Field Experience II (9)
- KED 644 Hawaiian Medium Field Experience II Seminar (3)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Those completing Kahuawaiola may be interested in pursuing the Master of Arts in Indigenous Language and Culture Education, also under the Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. The M.A. program is designed for indigenous language and culture education practitioners such as teachers, administrators, and culture resource specialists. For more information regarding the M.A. in Indigenous Language and Culture Education, please refer to contact information listed below.

For questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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For questions regarding the program, HTSB and/or DOE requirements, please contact:

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