

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
- Statement of Interest
- Work Experience Verification Form
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official college/university transcripts (for each post-high institution previously attended)
- Praxis exam scores [Kahuawaiola: 9200], if applicable
- Interview

**PRIORITY DEADLINE: DEC. 1**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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-immersion 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 teacher licensure from the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Kahuawaiola 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. Students then participate in practicum and seminar classes during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full-time enrollment is required of all students accepted into the program during all three semesters.

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 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. All supporting documents are sent directly to Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language.

Applications that meet initial requirements will be forwarded to the Kahuawaiola selection committee for a comprehensive review and consideration for admission into the program. Admission decisions made by the committee will be forwarded to the UH Hilo Graduate Division which sends the final notification to the applicant.

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

1. Completion of the application packet.
2. 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. Minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester credits completed (including post-baccalaureate credits).
4. 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 KHAW 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 Praxis II exam scores, if applicable.
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 **ELEVEN courses, totaling 37 credits, with no grade lower than a "B" and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0:**

### KAHUAWAIOLA COURSES

- KED 620 (3) Foundations for Hawaiian Medium Education
- KED 621 (2) Language Arts in Hawaiian Medium Education
- KED 623 (2) Social Studies in Hawaiian Medium Education
- KED 625 (1) Physical Education in Hawaiian Medium Education
- KED 626 (2) Science in Hawaiian Medium Education
- KED 627 (2) Math in Hawaiian Medium Education
- KED 628 (1) Arts in Hawaiian Medium Education
- KED 641 (9) Hawaiian Medium Field Experience I
- KED 642 (3) Hawaiian Medium Field Experience I Seminar
- KED 643 (9) Hawaiian Medium Field Experience II
- KED 644 (3) Hawaiian Medium Field Experience II Seminar

*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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Apply online at:

<http://hilo.hawaii.edu/admissions/Apply.php>

**All supporting documents should be directed to the Kahuawaiola Program Office at Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language.**

## 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 above.