



September 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB)

Attention: Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director

FROM: Rockne Freitas *Rockne Freitas*
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Intent to Develop a Special Education, P-12, Area of Concentration

The purpose of this memo is to respectfully inform the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board of the intent of the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu Education Division to develop a Special Education concentration within the B.Ed degree program. Beginning August 2017, this new licensure field of study will provide teacher candidates with 15 required credit hours of innovative teacher preparation and public service. All courses within the Special Education concentration will be fully aligned with the Council for Exceptional Children content area standards for special education, the HTSB/InTASC Model Core Teacher Performance Standards, UHWO Institutional Learning Outcomes, and Division of Education Learning Outcomes.

The University of Hawai'i West O'ahu recently hired Dr. Gloria Niles, a new faculty member in the Division of Education, with expertise in Special Education Leadership. Dr. Niles will be assisting Dr. Mary Heller, Education Division Chair and EPP SATE Coordinator, with program development and implementation.

Thank you for your consideration of UHWO's intent to develop a new Special Education Concentration within the B.Ed. degree program. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Mary Heller, for further discussion and to proceed with the process leading toward HTSB approval of this proposed new program.



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INTENT FORM

State Approval of Teacher Education (SATE) Unit and/or Program Review

Name of Educator Preparation Provider: **University of Hawai'i West O'ahu**

Address: **91-1001 Farrington Hwy. Kapolei, HI 96707**

URL: **www.uhwo.hawaii.edu**

Name of Administrator of the EPP: **Dr. Mary F. Heller, Ed.D**

Title: **Chair, Division of Education** Phone: **(808) 689-2339** Fax: **(808) 689-2301**

E-mail: **mfheller@hawaii.edu**

National Accrediting Body and Dates of Accreditation: **NCATE (2013-2020)**

Unit SATE Contact (name/title): **Dr. Mary F. Heller, Chair, Division of Education**

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Unit and/or Programs for state approval review. List all content area programs for which state approval is being requested: (see attached list of Hawaii license fields). **SPED K-6; SPED 6-8; Sped 6-12.**

Program Classification(s):

- Elementary
- Early Childhood
- Middle Level
- Secondary
- Special Education
- Dual (specify) _____
- School Counseling
- School Librarian

Level(s) offered for review:

- Baccalaureate
- Post Baccalaureate
- Masters

Date of Projected Implementation: August, 2017 (Fall Semester 2017-2018 AY)

EPP SATE Coordinator: Mary J. Heller

Date: September 3, 2015

Submit an electronic application to HTSB with a cover letter to the attention of: