Early Childhood Education Pathways in the University of Hawai'i System Programs That Prepare for HTSB License in PK-3

People on these educational pathways generally are seeking careers working with children and families in public school positions and therefore need to complete a state approved teacher preparation (SATEP) program that leads to recommendation for initial teaching license for PK-K or PK-3 Generalists from the Hawai'i Teachers Standards Board. Students also have the option of pursuing careers in early childhood education (birth - 8 years) settings where an initial license is not required.

Starting (0-12 credit)

Associate Degrees & Certificates

Baccalaureate Degrees & Undergrad Certificates Community College AAT (from LCC or KCC)

BEd
K-6 or SPED
Initial
License
ONLY in K-6
Elem Ed
or SPED PK-3

Community
College
AS or AA in
Liberal Arts from
CCs
OR
AS in ECE

UH Mānoa
BEd in PK-3/K-6
Initial License in PK-3 & K-6
OR
BEd in
PK-3/SpED
Initial License in PK-3
& SpED

UH West Oʻahu

BEd in K-6 or SPED Initial License ONLY in K-6 Elem Ed

or SPED

PK-3

UH Mānoa

BEd in K-6 or SPED Initial License ONLY in K-6 Elem Ed

or SPED

PK-3

UH Mānoa

BEd in PK-3 / K-6 Initial License in PK-3 & K-6

BEd in PK-3 / SpED Initial License in PK-3 & SpED

(statewide)

Baccalaureate Degree in a field other than Education

This is a baccalaureate degree in a field that does not lead to recommendation for an initial teaching license, but can be a foundation for license in graduate programs.

Non-license ECE pathways include:

BA in ECE at UHWO

BS in FamR at UH Mānoa

BA or BS w/ 4 years Hawaiian Language Proficiency UH Hilo – Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani

Ke elikolani
Undergraduate
Certificate in Hawaiian
and Indigenous
Language Medium
Early Education
Prepares foundation for
license at graduate level



BA or BS in a field other than Education w/ 4 years Hawaiian Language Proficiency

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UH Mānoa Graduate Early Childhood Education programs (2 Tracks / 3 formats)

MEd in Early Childhood Education (Tracks: Summer Intensive OR Evening/Weekend)

- Non-License students who already have an ECE initial license or who are not seeking license.
- Add-a-Field License in conjunction for students with a teaching license in another field or age/grade.
- Initial License in conjunction with MEd ECE for students without a teaching license.

UH Hilo – Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani

Graduate Certificate in PK-3 (Initial License in Kaia'ōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai'i PK-3)

MA in Indigenous Language & Culture Education

Revitalization

PhD in Hawaiian & Indigenous Language and Culture



Graduate

Degrees &

Certificates

UH Mānoa Doctoral Programs

PhD in Education or a Doctorate in Education (EdD) in Professional Practice - Students with previous degrees in the discipline can focus their dissertation research on a topic in child development / early childhood education. License not offered at the doctoral level.