



ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

An official record of actions taken by the AAQEP Accreditation Commission

Teach For America - Hawaii Initial Licensure Programs

Honolulu, HI
April 2023

ACTION

Based on examination of the case record, including the program's self-study and the AAQEP review team's report, the AAQEP Accreditation Commission makes the following determination regarding the initial licensure programs of Teach For America - Hawaii:

X	ACCREDITATION - The Accreditation Commission finds that the program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a term of seven years.
	ACCREDITATION WITH NOTE - The Accreditation Commission finds that the program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a term of seven years with the notations specified below.
	INITIAL ACCREDITATION - The Accreditation Commission finds that the program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a nonrenewable term of five years.
	INITIAL ACCREDITATION WITH NOTE - The Accreditation Commission finds that the program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a nonrenewable term of five years with the notations specified below.
	PROBATIONARY ACCREDITATION - The Accreditation Commission finds that the program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a term of two years, but conditions specified below represent a potential threat to the provider's ability to meet one or more standards.
	DO NOT ACCREDIT - The Accreditation Commission finds that the program does not meet AAQEP standards and does not qualify for accreditation for reasons specified below.
	DISCLAIMER OF DECISION - The Accreditation Commission finds that the evidence available to it is insufficient to sustain an affirmative or adverse decision.

TERM

The accreditation term takes effect immediately and lasts through **June 30, 2030**, or until TFA Hawaii ceases to be a member in good standing of AAQEP, whichever is earlier. Annual Reports are due by December 31 of each year, with the first report being due December 31, 2024. In addition, please refer to AAQEP's [substantive change policy](#) for guidance on program changes that must be reported.

RATIONALE

The Commission evaluated the program's evidence for each AAQEP standard and determined that all four standards are met.

Teacher candidates develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities to work effectively as professional educators, devoting particular attention to the diverse cultures and settings in Hawaii. Program completers are able to foster productive learning environments for their students, adapt to a variety of contexts, and continue to grow professionally.

The program maintains quality by analyzing evidence of its effectiveness and making revisions to benefit candidates. TFA staff collaborate with the Hawaii State Department of Education and local school partners to coordinate intensive experiences for candidates as well as to provide comprehensive services to P-12 learners, address teacher shortages, and strengthen the P-20 education system.

STANDARDS REPORT

Standard	Met	Not Met
1. Candidate/Completer Performance - Program completers perform as professional educators with the capacity to support success for all students.	X	
2. Completer Professional Competence and Growth - Program completers adapt to working in a variety of contexts and grow as professionals.	X	
3. Quality Program Practices - The program has the capacity to ensure that its completers meet Standards 1 and 2.	X	
4. Program Engagement in System Improvement - Program practices strengthen the P-20 education system in light of local needs and in keeping with the program's mission.	X	

CONCERNS AND CONDITIONS

Concerns are minor problems or shortcomings related to one or more aspects of a standard and must be addressed in the provider's next Annual Report(s). *Conditions* are more significant problems that threaten to undermine one or more of the standards and may result in a shorter accreditation term or require resolution before accreditation takes effect.

Standard	Notation	Remedy and timeline
	No concerns or conditions	

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

This action for the initial licensure programs includes the following:

Degree/Program	State Certificate, License, Endorsement, or Other Credential
Alternative Route to Certification	Hawaii Provisional Teaching License: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Education (K-6) • English (6-12) • Mathematics (6-12) • Science (6-12) • Social Studies (6-12)

NOTE: Accreditation actions are based on examination of the case record, including the provider's self-study and the AAQEP review team's report. Decisions are the sole responsibility of the AAQEP Accreditation Commission and may not be modified by staff or quality assurance reviewers.