Growing our own Teachers in American Samoa.

We want the best education our children can have.

We want children to have highly qualified and highly effective teachers.

We want teachers who understand the culture, traditions and environment of Samoa.

Teacher candidates do not have to leave American Samoa to become qualified teachers.

Working in partnership with the American Samoa Department of Education and the American Samoa Community College, the University of Hawai‘i College of Education provides an on island Bachelor of Education degree program and professional development that leads to certification opportunities for educators since 1981. The College of Education (COE) at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa offers a 120-credit Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education with the option of dual-preparation in Early Childhood Education and Special Education in American Samoa. In 2014, Fifty-five (55) courses were offered with a total enrollment of 817. In total, 159 different individuals participated in courses funded through Territorial Teacher Training and Assistance Program (TTTAP) that were taught by 19 different instructors.

Students receive a fresh and innovative learning experience at the COE. Classes are hands-on, practical, and informative with many options available online. The TTTAP in American Samoa is part of the College of Education system, which offers five undergraduate degrees, eighteen graduate degrees, and three certificates through its eight academic departments and two research units.
National Accreditation

The College of Education at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa has been nationally accredited since 2001 by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). US News and World Report ranks the COE within the top fifty Colleges of Education in the United States.

What Does Accreditation Mean for You?

Accreditation means that the College of Education meets the highest national standards for the preparation of teachers, administrators, and other school professionals. Candidates who complete a COE State Approved Teacher Education Program (SATEP) are eligible for licensure with the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board and certification from the American Samoa Department of Education. Accredited teaching certification leads to higher salary pay scales, job security and most importantly, teacher effectiveness in the classroom.

Territorial Teachers of the Year are University of Hawai‘i Graduates

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<th>YEAR</th>
<th>District Finalists</th>
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<th>Territorial Teacher</th>
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<td>2012-2013</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>9/12 = 75%</td>
<td>*Jose Muasau</td>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>4/5 = 80%</td>
<td>13/16 = 81%</td>
<td>*Lita M. Timoteo</td>
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<td>2010-2011</td>
<td>5/6 = 83%</td>
<td>21/24 = 88%</td>
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<td>2009-2010</td>
<td>6/6 = 100%</td>
<td>23/27 = 85%</td>
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Homegrown teachers bloom where they are planted.

Teachers that have grown up in the islands do not have any illusions about island life. They know the salaries are low, the challenges of teaching are great, and that island culture is rich and varied. Homegrown teachers are most likely to understand the unique learning needs of their students and devote their careers to positively impacting student achievement on their island home.

How do I become a highly qualified teacher?

Following the cohort model used by the Institute for Teacher Education, candidates apply for admission into a cohort group. Candidates are placed into cohort groups in the spirit of aiga to receive support within a strong learning community. On-island University of Hawai‘i faculty coordinate cohort groups, supervise teaching in the field, and teach evening and summer classes in American Samoa. Each candidate will be personally advised on how to apply and what courses to complete by a University of Hawai‘i Office of Student Services counselor.

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