

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)-Related “Sheltered Instruction” Credit or Equivalent Options

The following options will count toward this Sheltered Instruction credit or equivalent (SIQ) requirement for all teachers (including charter schools).

A teacher is defined as:

- ALL Hawai‘i State Teachers Association Bargaining Unit (BU) 5 members (full-time, salaried educators);
- ALL BU 45 members (half-time teachers);
- Casual employees who are K-12 part-time teachers;
- Substitute teachers who provide instruction for four (4) or more consecutive weeks
- Summer school teachers; and
- Summer school support staff in teacher-type positions.

Adult Education, Driver Education, and Reserve Officers’ Training Corps teachers/instructors are not required to meet SIQ.

Option Type	Details
<p>Option 1: Six (6) academic college or university credits aligned to the TESOL-related competencies, including SIQ-approved Kaiapuni courses from an institutionally accredited college or university.</p>	<p>Six (6) academic credits earned from an institutionally accredited college or university.</p>
<p>Option 2: Completion of six (6) credits earned in the Hawai‘i State Department of Education (Department)-sponsored English as a Second Language (ESL) or TESOL PDE3 or PDE3 by LearnSoft courses.</p>	<p>Completion of six (6) credits earned in Department PDE3 or PDE3 by LearnSoft courses related to ESL or TESOL competencies that have been previously approved as counting towards this SIQ requirement by the English Learner and Migrant Education Section.</p>

<p>Option 3: Completion of 72 seat hours earned in Department-sponsored PDE3 and PDE3 by LearnSoft non-credit courses and workshops aligned to this SIQ credit or equivalent requirement.</p> <p><i>Only courses previously approved by the English Learner and Migrant Education section as meeting this SIQ credit or equivalent requirement can be used.</i></p>	<p>Minimum of 72 seat hours in ESL or TESOL-related workshops or courses, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department non-credit PDE3 and PDE3 by LearnSoft ESL courses; ● TESOL-related training sessions; ● Department-sponsored World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) professional development workshops, and/or WIDA e-Learning workshops; and ● Participation in the following ESL/TESOL-related conferences (enrollment in PDE3 or PDE3 by LearnSoft and Certificate of Attendance is required to receive seat hours): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hawai‘i TESOL Conference; ● WIDA Conference; and/or ● Department Multilingual Symposium EL Strand; ● TESOL International Conference (school year [SY] 25-26 and later); ● National Association of English Learner Program Administrators Conference (SY25-26 and later); and ● National Association of Bilingual Education Conference (SY25-26 and later).
<p>Option 4: Out-of-state K-12 TESOL/ESL licensure/certification or TESOL/ESL licensure certification offered through accredited Institutions of Higher Education.</p>	<p>TESOL/ESL licensure/certification offered by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Out-of-state K-12 Schools; and ● Accredited Institutions of Higher Education.
<p>Option 5: TESOL Hawai‘i-qualified or TESOL licensure or Kaiapuni License status in lieu of six (6) credits.</p>	<p>See <i>ESSA Hawai‘i Qualified Teacher Handbook</i>. See Section 6 of the handbook.</p>
<p>Option 6: National Education Association (NEA) Micro-credentials in TESOL.</p>	<p>NEA Microcredential Stacks related to English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supporting English Language Learner; and Micro-credential Stack (No longer available)* ● Multilingual Learner Stack. <p>(These stacks are free for NEA/Hawai‘i State Teachers Association members. Completion of an entire stack is required for this option.)</p> <p>*If a teacher has completed part of the Supporting English Language Learner Micro-credential Stack, which is no longer available, please reach out to the English Learners and Migrant Education Section via email at</p>

	<p><i>Kathleen.Grondin@k12.hi.us</i> for support in receiving partial credit for the work they have already done.</p>
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<p>Option 7: A combination of one (1) three-credit college credit course in the TESOL or Kaiapuni-related credits (Option 1) and one (1) three-credit Department-sponsored ESL or TESOL PDE3 or LearnSoft course (Option 2)</p>	<p>Three (3) university credits earned through an approved in-state or out-of-state teacher education program or from an approved program from an institute of higher education in Hawai‘i and/or other states (Option 1),</p> <p>and</p> <p>Completion of one (1) three-credit PDE3 or PDE3 by LearnSoft course aligned to this SIQ credit or equivalency requirement. (Option 2).</p>
<p>Option 8: Combination of Option 1 and/or 2 with Option 3.</p> <p>Each credential will only be accepted in its original qualification type (Academic Credit, PDE3, or LearnSoft Credit, Non-credit PD Hours, Kaiapuni-related credits)</p>	<p>Completion of one of the following combinations of Academic/PDE3 or PDE3 by LearnSoft Credits with SIQ “seat hours”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 (one) Credit + 60 SIQ seat hours; ● 2 (two) Credits + 48 SIQ seat hours; ● 3 (three) Credits + 36 SIQ seat hours; ● 4 (four) Credits + 24 SIQ seat hours; and ● 5 (five) Credits + 12 SIQ seat hours.