


BEd Funding Opportunities

There are plenty of funding opportunities and jobs for anyone interested in teaching students with disabilities. Especially now that inclusion and inclusive practices are being implemented more widely across our state/nation, the need to be able to teach students with and without disabilities at all levels are becoming essential, regardless of what type of teaching position you take. For example, a large majority of preschool settings in the DOE are special education settings.

Here at the UH College of Education, we offer two Bachelor of Education programs that allow for dual licensure so that candidates can teach in either setting upon graduation:

- BEd Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education, grades PreK- 3
- BEd Exceptional Students and Elementary Education, grades K-6

Based on commitments to teach in special education, a variety of amazing funding opportunities are available:



*DOE Stipend	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 credits (~\$13,590)• Hawaii DOE SpEd teacher for 3 years
*TEACH Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$8,000• SpEd teacher at Title I school for 4 years
*Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$17,500• SpEd teacher at Title I school for 5 years

You can take advantage of all 3 of these funding sources if you choose a career in special education. Also take advantage of the UH Manoa full-time 12-credit tuition cap. This means you get both licenses without paying for the extra coursework. Details and examples are provided on the next page.

The DOE stipend is approved and renewed on a year-to-year basis. Contact spedinfo@hawaii.edu for most current information.

DOE Stipend

- State Funding, Hawaii Department of Education (DOE)
- Approved on a year-to-year basis
- Funds 30 credits of tuition
- Based on commitment to teach special education in any Hawaii DOE school for 3 years
- No application, shared with all admitted candidates in special education licensure programs

TEACH Grant

- "Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education" (TEACH) Grant
- Federal Funding
- Funds up to \$4,000 per year for a total of \$8,000
- Based on commitment to teach special education in any Title I school for 4 years
- Must complete FAFSA, be a US Citizen, and demonstrate academic achievement (3.25 GPA and high SAT/GRE scores)

Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness

- Federal Funding
- Funds up to \$17,500 of student loans
- Based on commitment to teach special education at any Title I school for 5 years
- Submit application after 5th year of teaching
- Good opportunity for funding a master's degree afterwards

To learn more or inquire about these programs, please complete an interest form:

<http://bit.ly/spedinfo>

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