



SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION

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ONE COURSE PER MONTH
EVENING CLASSES
ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE
NONPROFIT UNIVERSITY



National University provides **Hawaii State Teachers** with a Master's Degree that Adds **VALUE** to your performance and your student's learning.

Earn your Master of Arts in Teaching with NBC Teacher Leadership

In February, 2011, Education Week published an article written by Sharon Robinson, President of the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE). Dr. Robinson's remarks about the value of earning a master's degree are powerful and worthwhile to consider:

"We need master's programs that provide distinctly advanced content knowledge. These programs should significantly broaden teachers' understanding of how children learn and develop, how different students respond to various teaching strategies, and how successful learning environments should be designed for the wide diversity of our nation's pre-K-12 learners. As well, master's programs should satisfy an educator's desire for further intellectual development. It's true – some education master's programs do not add value to teaching quality or student learning. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Bill Gates were right in their recent suggestions that school systems rethink the current practice of granting pay raises automatically to teachers who earn master's degrees. We need master's programs that provide distinctly advanced content knowledge. As well, master's programs should satisfy an educator's desire for further intellectual development. Colleges of education are also deeply engaged in measuring candidates' effectiveness through direct assessment of their classroom performance – specifically, candidates' ability to create solid instruction and the right conditions for student learning. Master's programs must add value or shut down."

At National University, we ensure that the **NBC Teacher Leadership Specialization with the MAT degree ADDS VALUE**. We require you to engage in measuring your effectiveness through direct assessment of your classroom performance in context of the conditions you shape for student learning. Evidence of your practice and data will reflect gains in student learning. These are value added dimensions in carefully designed, job embedded coursework (action research at its best). Experience the development of a leadership portfolio that reflects the standards and resources provided by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards without the requirement to become an active NBCT candidate.

Our unique program has been hailed as a "model" (Joe Aguerrebere, President of the NBPTS, June, 2008). Teachers have differentiated paths and options built in to reflect their current teaching assignment.

All participants develop a portfolio which serves as the "thesis" capstone project. All participants apply the National Board standards and exercises as they investigate their instructional performance and assess student learning. If desired and eligible, participants **choose** to apply for full NBPTS candidacy or *Take One!* which parallels the degree program and NBC timelines. National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) serve as instructors and trained support providers.

Click here, <http://www.nu.edu/OurPrograms/SchoolOfEducation/NBCInfo.html>; look right and click on National University Professional Development Center <http://www.nuptdc.org/index.html>; go to **Master's Degree with Specialization in National Board Certification**, RSVP for online cohort instructions.

Deadline for the JUNE cohort is May 20, 2011.

For program information and cohort details contact Amanda Trimillos, NBCT Liaison, at 808.888.7352, or email Amanda.trimillos@natuniv.edu

About the Master of Arts with an NBC Teacher Leadership Specializations

- 10 one-month online courses
- Groups of 15 are eligible for a 15 percent discount on current tuition; **enrollment deadline for this cohort is listed on the previous page**
- No GRE: Portfolio vs. Thesis
- Financial Aid available
- Program and classes begin **June 2011, graduate June, 2012**
- Develop the National Board Portfolio (your thesis) during NBC classes
- Option available to submit your portfolio to the NPBTS for scoring to earn national certification
- Current tuition is \$1,575 per course
- First course, NBCX1201X is \$515 with a cohort

Master of Arts with an NBC Teacher Leadership

Core Requirements

EDT 612	Meaningful Learning w/ Tech
MAT 641	Education & Social Pluralism
MAT 642	Program Design
MAT 643	Models of Teaching
MAT 644	Foundations of Curriculum
NBC 639	Leadership Portfolio

Specialization Requirements

NBCX 1201X	Quality Teaching and Learning
NBC 681	Membership in Learning Community
NBC 682	Videotape Analysis
NBC 683	Student Work and Assessments

Proposed NBC-Master's Schedule

JUNE	NBCX 1201X
JULY	MAT 641
AUG	EDT 612
SEPT	NBC 681
OCT	NBC 682
NOV	<i>OFF</i>
DEC	<i>OFF</i>
JAN	NBC 683
FEB	<i>OFF</i>
MARCH	NBC 639
APRIL	MAT 642
MAY	MAT 643
JUNE	MAT 644