

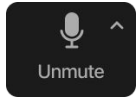
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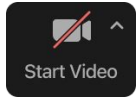


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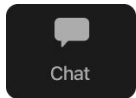
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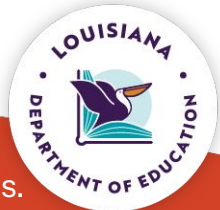
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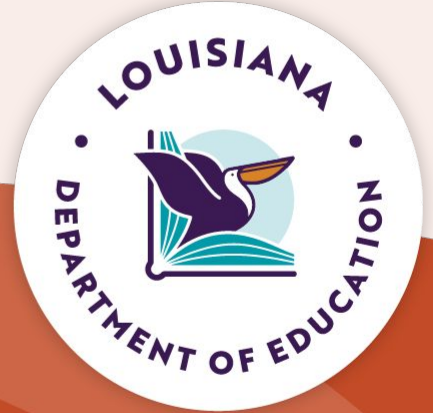
- Super App: Required Use of Funds and Narrative Questions
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Super App: Required Uses of Funds and Perkins Narratives

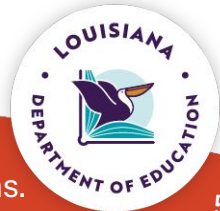
Perkins Section 135 (A): Each eligible recipient that receives funds under this part shall use such funds to develop, coordinate, implement, or improve career and technical education programs to meet the needs identified in the comprehensive needs assessment.



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Super App: Required Uses of Funds

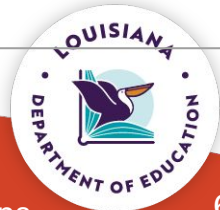
The six required uses of funds can be accounted for in funding sources other than Perkins. In the event other funding sources are used, you must identify the funding source of the activity aligned to the required use in the appropriate program specific question.



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Super App: Required Uses of Funds

Use #	Use Code Description	Corresponds to Narrative Question
1	Provide career exploration and career development activities through an organized systematic framework designed to aid students, including middle grades before enrolling and while participating in a career and technical program, in making informed plans and decisions about future education and career opportunities and programs of study.	3
2	Provide professional development for teachers, faculty, school leaders, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel, career guidance and academic counselors, or paraprofessionals.	8
3	Provide within Career and Technical Education (CTE) the skills necessary to pursue careers in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations.	2, 5, 6, 7
4	Support integration of academic skills into CTE programs of study.	4
5	Plan and carry out elements that support the implementation of CTE programs and programs of study and that result in increasing student achievement.	2, 5, 6, 7
6	Develop and implement evaluations of the activities carried out with Perkins, including evaluations necessary to complete the comprehensive needs assessment.	9
7	Administrative Costs (5% limit on administrative costs) - Not Required	



Super App: Narrative Question 1

Describe the results of the comprehensive needs assessment. Description **must** include the findings and the identification of the data analyzed regarding:

a. Evaluation of Student Academic and Technical Skill Performance

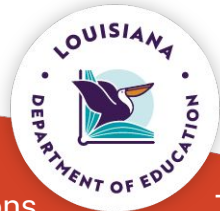
- *Describe the data and where it came from.*

b. Program Alignment to Industry

- *How does it relate to the in-demand industry needs?*
- *Career Exploration and Work-Based Learning.*

c. Progress toward Program(s) of Study

- *From your evaluation of data, what can you tell needs to be improved for your programs of study?*



Super App: Narrative Question 1

Describe the results of the comprehensive needs assessment. Description **must** include the findings and the identification of the data analyzed regarding:

d. Recruitment, Retention and Training of CTE Educators

- *Include all 3 aspects of the question;*
 - *Provide more details on recruitment, retention, and training in narrative question #8.*

e. Progress toward Improving Equal Access

- *A brief statement on how you are making sure that all learners have access to CTE programs.*

f. Program Size, Scope and Quality

- *Size: the capacity of the programs.*
 - *Do any programs exceed capacity?*
- *Scope: the pathways that are offered.*
- *Quality: What are the expected outcomes and impact of your programs?*

Perkins §134(b)(1)

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Super App: Narrative Question 1

Helpful Hints:

- Be sure the following are included in the responses
 - Professional Development;
 - Career Exploration;
 - The names of the approved clusters for your region, including 4th clusters.
- Should be a summary of each part of the CLNA.
- Budget items must meet the needs identified in this response and the CLNA.



Super App: Narrative Question 2

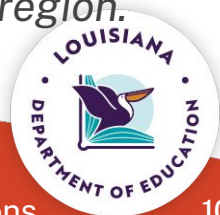
Describe the course offerings, Industry-Based Certifications (IBCs), and activities supported with Perkins funds as they align with the regionally identified clusters and approved Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study. Description **must** include the following items:

a. How the Comprehensive Needs Assessment is facilitated the selection of the clusters and Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study

- *Include the correct names listed for the clusters (Jump Start 2.0 pathways) and programs of study (Not Jump Start 2.0 pathways).*

b. A description of new or revised Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study the eligible recipient with the regional team will develop and submit for approval

- *Why did the regional team revise the programs of study?*
 - *If no changes were made, state that in the response.*
- *Relate it back to the in-demand industry sectors and emerging jobs in your region.*



Super App: Narrative Question 2

Describe the course offerings, Industry-Based Certifications (IBCs), and activities supported with Perkins funds as they align with the regionally identified clusters and approved Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study. Description **must** include the following items:

c. How students, including special populations, will learn about their school's CTE course offerings, IBCs, Jump Start Pathways, and Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study

- *Be sure to specifically use the words “special populations” in your response.*
- *Provide the different methods used for each type of special population.*
- *If possible, state which special populations.*

Perkins §134(b)(2)

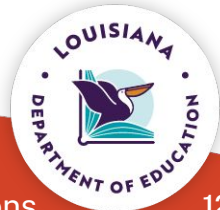
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Super App: Narrative Question 2

Helpful Hints:

- Avoid using “all students” when the question specifically ask about special populations.
- Aligns to questions 3 and 6 of the CLNA.
- Aligns to required use of funds 3 and 5.



Super App: Narrative Question 3

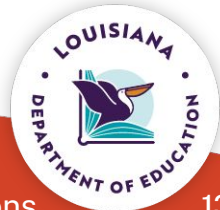
Provide a description of how the eligible recipient, in collaboration with regional teams, local workforce development boards/agencies and other local workforce agencies, one-stop delivery systems, and/or other partners, will provide:

a. A continuum of career exploration and career guidance activities,

- *Be specific in the activities. Identify the name of the activity/program. (Pathful, Career Compass, career fairs, etc.).*
- *Identify the grade levels that the activity will occur.*

b. Students information on employment opportunities incorporating the most up-to-date information on high-skill, high-wage in demand or emerging occupations as determined by the comprehensive needs assessment and local workforce trends, and

- *If you are using a program or a Career Coach, please include that information here with the specific name of the program.*



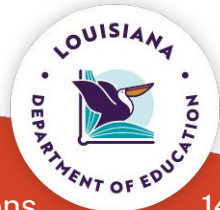
Super App: Narrative Question 3

Provide a description of how the eligible recipient, in collaboration with regional teams, local workforce development boards/agencies and other local workforce agencies, one-stop delivery systems, and/or other partners, will provide:

c. An organizational plan for career guidance and academic counseling to students before enrolling and while participating in CTE programs, Jump Start Pathways, and Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study

- *Be sure to include the guidance for students before enrolling and while actively participating in the programs.*
- *What is occurring in the middle grades to prepare students for these programs in high school?*

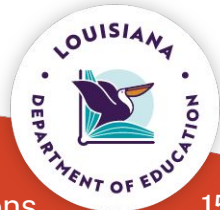
Perkins §134(b)(3)



Super App Narrative Question 3

Helpful Hints:

- Be specific with the names of activities for career exploration.
 - AHEC, Quest for Success, Pathful, Career Coach, etc.
- Career Exploration does not include the purchasing of items that will have students learning technical skills.
- Aligns to question 3 of the CLNA.
- Aligns to required use of funds 1.
- “Career exploration” must be mentioned in your budget description.



Super App: Narrative Question 4

Describe how the eligible recipient will improve academic and technical skills of CTE students through the integration of coherent and rigorous content aligned with academic and CTE standards. Description **must** include:

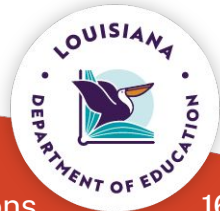
a. Continuum of academic and technical skill enhancement

- *What is your system doing to ensure CTE teachers are providing content specific academic skills to their students? (Medical Math or Construction Math).*
- *Response should mention the integration of academic skills to enhance technical skills.*

b. Expansion of statewide basic and advanced credentials

- *How is your system allowing students to move further along in order to obtain advanced credentials?*

Perkins §134(b)(4)



Super App: Narrative Question 5

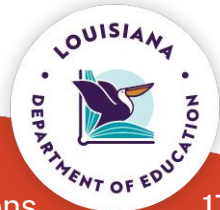
Describe how the eligible recipient will provide activities to prepare special populations for high-skill, high-wage, in-demand or emerging occupations that will support self-sufficiency. The description **must** include:

a. Prepare Special Populations for success in Jump Start Pathways and Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study

- *Use the phrase “special populations” in your response.*
- *Include specific preparations for Special Populations.*

b. Prepare CTE participants for non-traditional fields

- *Use the phrase “non-traditional” in your response.*
- *Include which fields and the preparations.*



Super App: Narrative Question 5

Describe how the eligible recipient will provide activities to prepare special populations for high-skill, high-wage, in-demand or emerging occupations that will support self-sufficiency. The description **must** include:

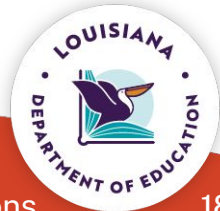
c. Provide equal access for special populations to Jump Start Pathways and Perkins Eligible Program(s) of Study

- *Use the phrase “special populations” in your response.*
- *Be more specific in your response on what you are doing to provide equal access.*

d. Ensure members of special populations will not experience discrimination based on their status as members of special populations.

- *More than stating that you have a non-discrimination policy.*
- *Who and how often are you reviewing the non-discrimination policy?*

Perkins §134(b)(5)



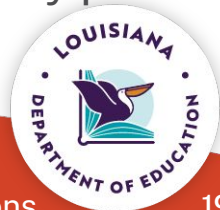
Super App: Narrative Question 5

Helpful Hints:

- Address special populations throughout the response.
- Avoid saying “all students.”
- Aligns to question 6 of CLNA.
- Aligns to required use of funds 3 and 5.

Special Populations include:

- Individuals with disabilities
- Economically disadvantaged
- Students preparing for non-traditional fields
- Single parents
- Out of workforce individuals
- English Learners
- Homeless
- Youth in Foster Care
- Students with Active Duty parents



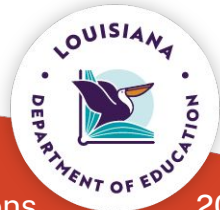
Super App: Narrative Question 6

Describe work-based learning opportunities available to CTE students, including in-person and virtual work-based learning opportunities. This must include a description of how the eligible recipient will work with the regional team, workforce development boards/agencies and local employers to develop and expand work-based learning opportunities.

- *Make sure to include the names of the institutions, workforce agencies, and employers.*
- *Include which CTE programs will participate in the work-based learning.*
- *Should include opportunities during the school year and with Fast Forward Summers.*
- *Include correlation between these programs and emerging/in-demand jobs for your region.*
- *If using Perkins to fund work-based learning, must put statement that Perkins will not be used until after CTE 6% and CDF.*

Perkins §134(b)(6)

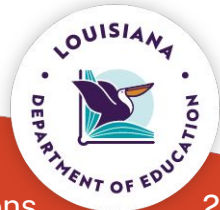
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Super App: Narrative Question 6

Helpful Hints:

- Work-Based Learning Exemption activities must be mentioned in this narrative.
- Statement saying Perkins will not be used until after CTE 6% and CDF for work-based learning.
- Refer to the [Work-Based Learning one pager](#) for Carl Perkins.
- Aligns to question 3 of CLNA.

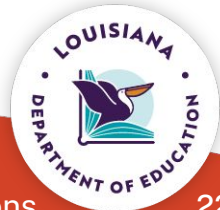


Super App: Narrative Question 7

Describe opportunities available for students attending high school to gain postsecondary CTE credit through dual, concurrent, articulated or early college programs. Description must include collaboration with partner agency(ies) to expand access to associate degrees and technical diplomas.

- *Be specific about which programs and institutions are participating in early college programs.*
- *This should not be a listing.*
- *Only provide information on CTE programs, not academic programs.*
- *Include which degrees, certificates, or technical programs.*

Perkins §134(b)(7)



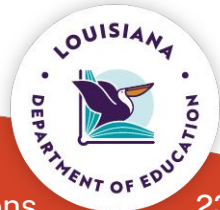
Super App: Narrative Question 8

Describe how the eligible recipient will support the recruitment, preparation, retention, and training of CTE faculty, administrators, and other CTE professionals, including focused professional development and training, state certification (standard or alternate), state licensure requirements, and equal access to individuals from underrepresented groups.

- *This is where you can be more specific about the professional development that was mentioned in question #1.*
- *Which groups are underrepresented in your system?*
- *Refer back to question 5 of the CLNA.*
- *Describe how the professional development relates to CTE.*
- *Be sure to address all parts - recruitment, preparation, retention and training.*
- *If PD is mentioned in your budget, it should be mentioned here by name.*

Perkins §134(b)(8)

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Super App: Narrative Question 9

Describe how the eligible recipient will address disparities or gaps in performance between groups of students in each of the plan years including:

a. Identifying the specific gap(s)

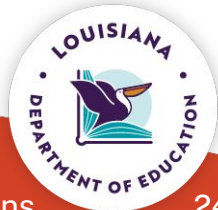
- *Provide the specific academic or technical gaps and not a generalization of the gaps.*
- *Include which populations the gaps belong.*

b. Identifying strategy(ies) to address the gap(s)

- *Be sure that the strategy(ies) corresponds to the gap(s) that you specified in part (a).*

c. Evaluating the outcomes in subsequent year(s)

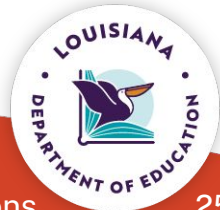
- *How are you going to evaluate the strategies for upcoming years?*
- *Once evaluated, how will you use that information to make decisions?*
- *How often will you evaluate your strategies and outcomes?*
- *Put the funding source that will be used to evaluate your programs.*



Super App: Narrative Question 9

Helpful Hints:

- For part (a), please state the actual gaps (math, reading, students with disabilities, etc).
- Part (c) is where you should identify the funding source for required use of funds 6.
- Part (c) needs to include how you plan to continue evaluations after the current year.
- Aligns to question 1 of CLNA.



Super App Alignment: Narrative, CLNA, and Required Uses of Funds

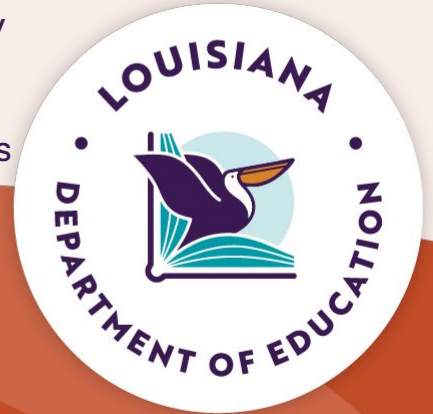
Program Specific Question #	Alignment to CLNA Question #	Required Use of Funds #
1	Summary of entire CLNA	
2	3 and 6	3 and 5
3	3	1
4	2	4
5	6	3 and 5
6	3	3 and 5
7	4	3 and 5
8	5	2
9	1	6



Super App: Budget

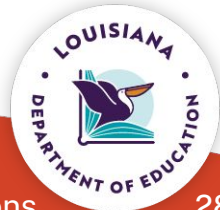
Louisiana State Perkins Plan §2(e):

“Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, Perkins funds will only be utilized for Perkins Eligible CTE Programs of Study included in the regionally identified clusters. Louisiana will continue to allow for career exploration and professional development activities to be funded regardless of the CTE cluster alignment. Louisiana will also continue to allow reallocated carryover funds to be spent outside of the three clusters for Perkins Eligible CTE Programs of Study. The Perkins law specifies that expenditures may only be made to address needs identified in the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment. This plan goes further to require that the needs must be identified and that the activities supported with Perkins funds must be within one of the three career clusters (or fourth if approved).”



Exemption from Program of Study

The Louisiana State Perkins Plan includes two exemptions from the Program of Study requirement: Career Exploration and Professional Development. For secondary students, Perkins funds can be expended to support non-academic content in BESE approved applied associate degree Fast Forward pathways aligned to the three regional clusters. In the budget expenditure, you must note which exemption applies. The activity must also be included in the corresponding Narrative Question (career exploration is question #3 and professional development is question #8).



Budget: Professional Development Exemption

- Budget item must say “CTE professional development” in description and must be clearly CTE related.
 - Also must be included in narrative question 8.
- All CTE PD should include the exact name of conferences, location, and dates.
- Out-of-state items should be on a separate budget line item.
- In-state that requires an overnight stay on a separate line item than ones that do not require overnight stays.
 - Specify that the item is for overnight travel.
- Per diem rates should only be used for travel that requires overnight.
- Perkins can only cover the portion that is directly related to CTE/Perkins related activities.
- Paying for students to go to a conference or competition is not professional development.

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Examples: Professional Development

- **CTE Professional Development (in-state):** For CTE teachers to attend NCCER training from Fast Forward Catalog. **Mileage** \$0.71/mile *50 miles; \$300 for registration. **No overnight stay.**
- **CTE Professional Development (in-state w/lodging):** For 3 CTE Teachers to attend ACTE Vision (**exact name of conference**) in New Orleans, LA (**location**) for December 2-5, 2026 (**dates**). **Registration** 3@\$590, **mileage** \$0.71/mile * 90 miles, estimated **GSA rate** (from FY26) **lodging** \$157/night * 3 nights, **per diem rate** \$80*3 days. (**actual/estimated amounts of what is covered.**)
- **CTE Professional Development (out-of-state):** For 1 CTE Supervisor to attend NACTEI (**exact name of conference**) in Minneapolis, MN (**location**) for April 27-30, 2026 (**dates**). **Registration** 1@\$725, **lodging** \$148/night *3 nights, **per diem rate** \$92*3 days; **airfare:** \$525.



Budget: Career Exploration Exemption

- Career exploration items must say “career exploration” in the description.
 - Career exploration does not mean you can purchase items that involve technical skills.
- Make sure that “career exploration” is mentioned in narrative question #1.
- Make sure that career exploration activities are mentioned by name in narrative question #3.



Examples: Career Exploration

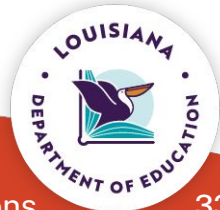
- **Career Exploration:** Transportation to career fair at BPCC. Mileage \$0.87/mile.
- **Career Exploration:** Bus driver to take students to career exploration activities with AHEC. **Rate** is \$35/hour.
- **Career Exploration:** 10 desktop computers @\$700 each for students to complete Quest for Success course and Career Compass. Computers will only be used for career exploration activities.



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Budget: Work-Based Learning (Exemption to Universal Course Rule Only)

- Please review [Carl Perkins and Work-Based Learning Guidance](#).
- Must include Perkins approved cluster, program of study, and courses.
- Perkins is only to be used to supplement Work-Based Learning activities.
- Cannot be used to pay students.
- In CLNA, narrative question #6, and budget description, state that school system has used their CDF and CTE 6% funds before using Perkins.
- Must say “WBL Universal Course Exemption” in the budget description.
 - NCCER Core and EMR exemptions.



Example: Work-Based Learning

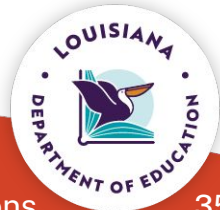
- **WBL Universal Course Exemption:** uniforms for students to attend WBL site which aligns to **(cluster)**, **(programs of study)**, and **(courses)** at a cost of **(rate)**. ***CTE 6% and CDF will be used before Carl Perkins.**
 - *if you have this in program specific question #6 and in CLNA question #2, then you do not have to put it in the budget description.



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Budget: Salaries

- Salaries paid 100% with Perkins will be identified as high risk for monitoring.
- Include the percentage of salary that is being paid with Perkins.
- Must include the Perkins approved clusters and programs of study that they will be working with for the percentage of workload.
 - This includes benefits line item.
- Be sure to keep track of time and effort of anyone being paid from any federal grants.



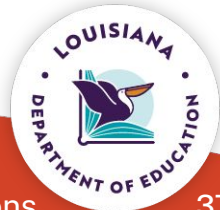
Examples: Salaries

- 70% (**percentage**) of CTE Supervisors salary to work on activities directly aligned with career exploration, **clusters:** Architecture & Construction, Health Science, and Information Technology. **Programs of study:** Carpentry, Electrical Construction, EMT/Paramedic, Nursing, Practical Nursing, Cloud Computing, Computer Information Technology, and Cybersecurity.
- 70% (**percentage**) for CTE Supervisors benefits to work on activities directly aligned with career exploration, **clusters:** Architecture & Construction, Health Science, and Information Technology. **Programs of studies:** Carpentry, Electrical Construction, EMT/Paramedic, Nursing, Practical Nursing, Cloud Computing, Computer Information Technology, and Cybersecurity.



Budget: Stipends

- Students are not to be paid with stipends.
- Work/activity should occur outside of normal office hours.
 - State this in the budget description.
- Must include the Perkins approved cluster, program of study, and course/IBC, if not CTE professional development.



Examples: Stipends

- **CTE Professional Development (in-state)**: Stipends for CTE teachers to attend NCCER training from Fast Forward Catalog at a **rate of \$35/hour**. **This activity occurs outside of normal business hours.**
- Stipend for teachers to develop or update curriculum for **courses**: Digital Media I and II, which is in the Information Technology **cluster**/Computing & Information Systems **program of study**. **This activity occurs outside of normal business hours at a rate of \$35/hour.**

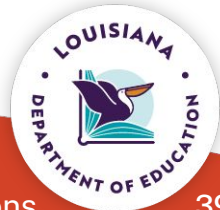


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Budget: CTSO

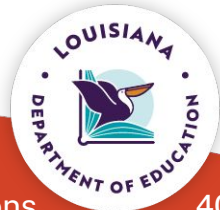
If sending students to conference/competition:

- Must include the name and date of the conference.
- Must include the Perkins approved clusters, programs of study, and courses that the conference/competition that the students learned those skills.
- Perkins can only cover the portion of time that is directly aligned to Perkins approved activities.
 - Should not be 100% - high risk monitoring.
 - Include the percentage Perkins will cover in the budget description.
- Does not cover membership or uniforms.



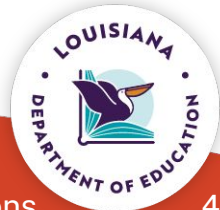
Example: CTSO

- For advisor and 6 students to attend (**exact name of CTSO event**). Perkins will cover (**percentage**) of costs that directly aligns with (**cluster**), (**Perkins approved programs of study**), (**Perkins approved courses**). The event will take place on (**date**) in (**location**). Costs will cover (**specific costs**) registration at \$200/per person, lodging at \$135/night, and mileage at \$0.71/mile.



Budget: Dual Enrollment

- Must include Perkins approved cluster, program of study, and courses.
 - Include the post-secondary course and the secondary course (listed on attestation).
 - This includes for transportation and paying for bus drivers.



Example: Dual Enrollment

- Transportation for students to BRCC (**name of institution**) to attend CTE DE classes. Health Science **cluster**, Nursing **program of study**, **secondary courses**: Medical Assistant 1-3, Medical Terminology 1, Patient Care Technician; **post-secondary courses**: NURS 1106, NURS 2106, NURS 2124.
Mileage \$0.71/mile



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Helpful Tips and Resources

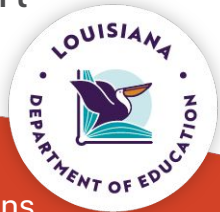


Helpful Resources

Most of the [Carl Perkins resources](#) can be found on the LDOE website.

- [Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment \(CLNA\)](#): provides what is needed for each question of the CLNA.
- [Perkins Flow Chart](#): Helps to decipher if an activity can be funded with Perkins funds.
- [Perkins and Work-Based Learning](#): Guidelines on what is required to use Carl Perkins to support work-based learning.
- [Required Use of Funds](#): Description of the required use of funds for Carl Perkins.

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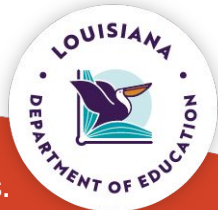


Helpful Tips

Before reaching out about Perkins, please consider the following:

- Make sure that the communication is from the CTE supervisor.
- Make sure that communication has occurred between all parties involved with Perkins and Super App.
- Please read the comments first and then reach out if you have questions about the comments.
- Be aware of deadlines.
 - [eGMS landing page](#)
 - [Federal Support and Grantee Relations monthly calls](#)

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Most Common Reasons for Rejections

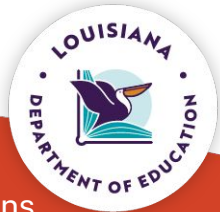
- Failing to include the Perkins approved cluster, program of study, and course in the budget description.
- Utilizing the incorrect name of a program of study or course/IBC.
- The budget item has not been identified as a need in the program specific questions and/or CLNA.
- Comments have not been addressed.
- CTE Professional Development does not have the correct name of conference or essential information is missing.
- When funding CTE dual enrollment, the post-secondary course is not included.



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Accept with Comments

- Accept with comments means that there is something wrong with application and needs to be fixed.
- Should be corrected on the next submission.
- The next submission should be in a timely manner, not months from the previous submission.



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High Risk Monitoring



Categories for monitoring

Compliance

- Failure to adhere to laws, regulations, or established procedures.

Operational

- Weaknesses in internal systems leading to vulnerabilities.

Financial

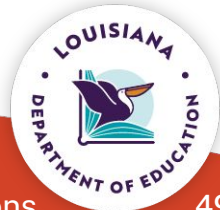
- Poor stewardship of funds or assets, leading to losses or misuse.

Management

- Inadequate monitoring or supervision of program activities.

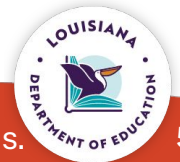
Personnel

- Insufficient skills or competencies affecting program delivery



Behavioral examples of high risk monitoring

- Paying a salary with 100% of Carl Perkins funds. **(Financial)**
- Repeated rejections from not adhering to comments. **(Compliance, Operational, and Personnel)**
- Making false claims that go against Carl Perkins policies and procedures. **(Financial, Operational, Personnel, Compliance, and Management)**
- Not attending Carl Perkins meetings. **(Compliance, Operational, and Management)**
- Unusually high amounts spent on activities that are not reasonable and necessary. **(Financial)**
- Not submitting or re-submitting in a timely manner. **(Financial, Operational, Personnel, Compliance, and Management)**



Questions?

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