



Students from St. Charles Satellite Center, Central High School, Hammond High Magnet School, Live Oak High School, Mandeville High School, Northshore High School Slidell High School, and Zachary High School visit Southeastern Louisiana University College of Education as part of a dual enrollment education course.

The College of Education at Southeastern Louisiana University supports local high schools in their efforts to encourage future careers in teaching through the STAR program. Southeastern Louisiana University teacher candidates who complete this program in high school receive three hours of course credit for the Introduction to Education courses.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 11: Mentor Teacher/Content Leader Training Pilot meeting for grant recipients
- April 12: Monthly Preparation Provider webinar
- April 16: BESE Committee meetings
- April 17: BESE Full Board meeting
- April 25: Mentor Teacher/Content Leader Training Pilot webinar for grant recipients
- May 1: Mentor Teacher/Content Leader Training Pilot webinar for grant recipients
- May 14: On-site Review Workgroup meeting

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- April 18: Deadline for school systems to submit Mentor Teacher and Content Leader nominations
- April 26: Deadline for preparation providers to submit final round of performance profile data
- May 1: Transition to online-only certification applications

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY CALLS

Preparation provider leaders and faculty members are invited to join the Department for the first preparation provider monthly call on April 12, at 1:00 pm.

The call will include:

- Time to meet with representatives from Class Measures, the group that will conduct on-site reviews starting in the 2019-2020 school year;
- Updates regarding the Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System performance profiles;
- Information on the transition to state-approved Mentor Teacher and Content Leader trainings; and
- Teacher Leader Summit session information.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: April 12; 1:00-2:00 pm
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Based on preparation provider feedback, we will move future monthly calls to Wednesdays. Mark your calendar for the May call which will be held **May 29, at 3:00 pm**.

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with questions.

2019 TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT: SAVE THE DATE

The [2019 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit](#) will take place **June 26-28, 2019**, at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. This event will bring together 5,000 educators from across the state to share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2019–2020 school year.

Multiple sessions will be tailored to educator preparation providers and will cover topics ranging from educator workforce data to the use of high quality curriculum to updates regarding the Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System, to “grow your own” teacher preparation programs that start with dual enrollment credit in high school. Please review the [2019 Teacher Leader Summit Overview](#) for registration details. In addition, check out the [Ed Talks speaker line-up](#), which includes Dan Goldhaber, an internationally recognized education researcher.

Dr. Goldhaber is the Director of the Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research at the American Institutes for Research and the Director of the Center for Education Data & Research at the University of Washington. His talk will focus on the impact of teacher quality on student outcomes, and how pre-service experiences, mentors in particular, influence teacher development. **A private session will be conducted for preparation providers and a school system partner.**

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TEACHER AND LEADER PIPELINE

MENTOR TEACHER AND CONTENT LEADER NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination process for 2019-2020 state-provided Mentor Teachers and Content Leaders is currently underway. This will be the final year of state-provided training. The nomination template with separate tabs for both Mentor Teacher and Content Leader nominees is [now available](#).

The nomination template, role-specific nomination [guidance](#), and slide deck from the March 15 webinar are posted in both the [Mentor Teacher](#) and [Content Leader](#) libraries. School systems and charter schools are responsible for submitting nominees. **Preparation partners should work closely with school system leaders to determine nominees for Mentor Teacher training.**

The deadline to submit the nomination template is April 18.

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STATE-APPROVED MENTOR TEACHER AND CONTENT LEADER TRAININGS

In October 2018, [BESE approved regulations to establish new state credentials for classroom teachers](#), who serve as mentors to aspiring teachers and as curriculum experts within their schools. The **Mentor Teacher certificate will be required for teachers who mentor undergraduate or post-baccalaureate residents beginning in September 2020**, eventually replacing the previously required Supervisor of Student Teaching credential.

To transition from state-provided training to state-approved trainings, the Department released two RFAs on January 16, to support new providers' development of these programs. The **Department is excited to announce the following providers have been selected** through the RFA process:

APEL	Nicholls University	University of Louisiana at
Great Minds	NIET	Lafayette
Leading Educators	Northwestern University	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Louisiana Tech	Teaching and Learning Center	
University	Southeastern University	
McNeese University	Southern University	

The Department will work with these providers to solidify trainings, which will ultimately be submitted to BESE for approval as state-approved Mentor Teacher and Content Leader trainings.

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TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY

PERFORMANCE PROFILES

The Department is collecting a final round of data for the performance profiles that will be shared with teacher preparation providers this spring. The Department will discuss the specific information needed at the preparation provider monthly webinar on April 12, and through one-on-one calls with each provider. Please sign up for an individual call [here](#).

The deadline to submit the additional data is April 26.

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ON-SITE REVIEW WORKGROUP

In May, the Department is reconvening the on-site review workgroup, which will include representation from 15 preparation providers and representatives from the Department, BESE, Board of Regents, school systems, Class Measures, and TPI-US. The Department will use this workgroup's recommendations to revise the on-site review framework that will be used to conduct on-site reviews of teacher preparation programs beginning academic year 2020-2021.

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TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

REQUESTS TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the process outlined below. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI), and once that is received, the Department will send a link to the application.

Current and new providers may access resources available on the [Department's website](#) via the [Preparation Library](#).

Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
11/16/2018	12/14/2018	1/4/2019-3/15/2019	3/18/2019	4/17/2019
7/1/2019	8/1/2019	8/1/2019-9/13/2019	9/13/2019	10/15/2019
11/22/2019	12/20/2019	1/10/2020-3/20/2020	3/20/2020	4/20/2020
6/12/2020	7/10/2020	7/10/2020-9/11/2020	9/11/2020	10/13/2020

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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

The Department processes over 4,000 certification questions and applications per month. In order to better serve school systems, the Department recommends the following:

- Use [Teach LA Live!](#) to submit both applications and questions to the Certification Team.

To increase efficiency, **the Department will no longer accept paper applications after May 1.**

Please contact christy.bellue@la.gov with questions.