

Believe & PREPARE

PREPARING LOUISIANA'S NEXT GENERATION EDUCATORS

August 2019



Louisiana Tech has provided TEAM Model mentor training to more than 350 mentors across the I-20 corridor and collaborated with 12 school districts and 21 TEAM schools. Tech sends best wishes across the state for a great year!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- August 21: Mentor stipend allocation webinar
- August 28: Monthly preparation provider webinar
- August 28: On-site review workgroup
- September 25: Monthly preparation provider webinar

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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- August 30: Deadline for preparation providers to submit mentor data
- September 13: Deadline for school systems to submit mentor data
- September 23: Deadline to submit a letter of interest for federal work study experiment

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY CALLS

Please join us for the next **preparation provider monthly webinar** on **August 28, at 3:00 pm**. This webinar will include information on how the performance profiles will be updated to reflect feedback from teacher preparation providers. All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, August 28; 3:00-4:00 pm
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

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

TEACHER AND LEADER PIPELINE

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.

For the past two years, the Department has offered training through competitively selected vendors. BESE has begun to approve additional providers to offer Mentor and Content Leader training.

This month, BESE will consider the programs listed below for approval.

Mentor Teacher Training		Content Leader Training
APEL NIET Nicholls University McNeese University	Southeastern University Southern University Teaching and Learning Center University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Great Minds

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

MENTOR TEACHER STIPEND ALLOCATION PROCESS

The Department is conducting a data collection process to determine allocations for undergraduate mentor stipends for 2019-2020. For every mentor supporting a yearlong undergraduate resident, the Department allocates \$1,000 per mentor. The Department will host a webinar to provide details about the data collection process at the following date and time:

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, August 21, 10:00 am
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/505414964>
- Webinar Phone Number: 1-646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 505 414 964

All preparation providers and their partnering school systems should attend the webinar.

Mentor and resident data is due from preparation providers on **August 30**, and from school systems on **September 13**.

Please contact Nicole.Bono@la.gov with any questions regarding Believe and Prepare funding.

TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY

QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

The Department shared the first draft of teacher preparation performance profiles with providers in June. Helpful references for reviewing the profiles include the performance profile [technical guide](#) and the [list of high-need schools](#).

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

ON-SITE REVIEW WORKGROUP

The on-site review workgroup is dedicated to considering adjustments to the on-site review framework and process. The first two meetings of the workgroup were held on May 14 and July 22. The third meeting of the workgroup will be held on August 28, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in Baton Rouge at the Claiborne Building in the North Dakota room (room 1-155).

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

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](#), 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)
7/1/2019	8/9/2019	8/9/2019-9/13/2019	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

DEPARTMENT NAMES 2020 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR STATE-LEVEL WINNERS

On Friday, July 19, the Department celebrated the [2020 Teacher and Principal of the Year state-level honorees](#) and the Louisiana Milken Educator Award winner at the 13th Annual Cecil. J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala.

At the gala, LSU-Shreveport also announced the commencement of a scholarship that supports professional development and career advancement for State Teachers of the Year, starting with the 2019 State Teacher of the Year, Spencer Kiper.

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

2020 OVERALL
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR



Jennifer Dennis Carey
Orleans Parish

2020 OVERALL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Christopher Dier
St. Bernard Parish

2020 Teacher Division Winners		
Jessica R. Borland Elementary School Grant Parish	Lisa Celestine Jack Middle School Evangeline Parish	Emily Hardy Ogden High School Richland Parish
2020 Principal Division Winners		
Lisa Burns Elementary School Bossier Parish	Tamika Sorapuru Green Middle School St. Charles Parish	Carli A. Francois High School Ascension Parish

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.

PRAXIS EXAM UPDATES

In response to recommendations made by the Louisiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (LACTE), BESE approved revisions to the Social Studies PRAXIS exam (5086) score in June 2019. The current required score is 160. Approved policy revised the required score to 153.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) is retiring or changing several of the currently adopted PRAXIS exams. This month, BESE will consider the below updates:

- Adoption of a new PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5713), Writing (5723), and Mathematics (5733)
- Adoption of a new PRAXIS Teaching Reading Exam (5206)
- Adoption of a new PRAXIS School Superintendent Assessment (6991)

PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Education

- Effective September 1, 2019, educators may take either the currently adopted exams or the newly proposed exams.
- The new exams (5713, 5723, and 5733) are required effective August 1, 2020.

PRAXIS Teaching Reading Exam and the PRAXIS School Superintendent Assessment,

- Effective September 1, 2019, educators may take either the currently adopted exams or the newly proposed exams.
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School Leaders Licensure Assessment

- Prior to September 1, 2019, candidates should take exam #6011.
- Effective September 1, 2019, candidates should take exam #6990.

Please see the [PRAXIS exam guidance document](#) for further information.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.

GPA UPDATE

As a result of 2019 legislation, R.S. 17:7.1A.3 allows post-baccalaureate teacher preparation programs to **conditionally** admit candidates with a **GPA of less than 2.50**. The law also allows candidates to be recommended for initial certification if they meet the below requirements:

- Successfully complete an interview with the admissions officer
- Achieve a grade point average of **3.00 or higher** in post-baccalaureate program courses by the end of the candidate's **first twelve credit hours** (for credit-bearing programs)
- Demonstrate mastery of competencies as required by the program administrator and by the school system in which the applicant completes required clinical practice, and satisfactorily completes all program requirements as set forth by the state board, including any requirements for clinical practice, at graduation

BESE will consider updates to bring policy into alignment with this new law at their August meeting. The Department will also disseminate guidance for the interview protocol after BESE considers policy.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.

Save the Date: 2020 Teacher Leader Summit

Save the date for the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit, which will take place May 27–29, 2020, at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

The 2019 Teacher Leader Summit was our largest and most successful event to date. It is so inspiring to see so many talented, dedicated educators from across the state come together to share innovative ideas and time-tested best practices in the name of improving outcomes for our students.

A special thank you to the many teachers, school leaders, school system leaders, and preparation provider partners, who led sessions at the Summit. You can find the 2019 Summit session materials in the Summit app and the [Teacher Leader library](#).

Please contact LDOEEvents@la.gov with questions.