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Dear Believe and Prepare Community,

We are pleased to share the latest developments and opportunities in educator preparation across Louisiana. This month's edition highlights a significant collaboration between Grambling State University and Lincoln Preparatory Charter School, centered on the use of the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric (LAER) as a coaching tool. This initiative exemplifies a shared commitment to ensuring that early career educators enter the classroom fully prepared to meet the needs of their students.

In their ongoing commitment to high-quality educator preparation, Grambling State University recently partnered with leaders and mentor teachers from Lincoln Prep Charter School for a collaborative session focused on teacher development. Together, they explored how the LAER can be used as a coaching tool to guide meaningful conversations as graduates transition from preparation programs into their roles as teachers of record.

What made this session especially impactful was the transparency and open dialogue among university faculty, school leaders, and mentor teachers. By creating a shared space for honest discussion, all participants worked toward one common goal: ensuring early career teachers are ready to meet the demands of the classroom from day one.

This year, Grambling State University has expanded its efforts to build stronger connections not only with other university partners across the state but also with local education agencies (LEAs). By embedding the LAER into their program and engaging LEAs in reflective conversations, they are helping to build teacher capacity and strengthen the profession. These cross-institutional partnerships are paving the way for more cohesive, responsive, and supportive pathways for teacher development statewide.

Best regards,

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## NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Upcoming Events

July 21: Certification Monthly [call](#)

July 30: Preparation Provider Monthly [call](#)

### Preparation Provider Spotlight Form

We want to share your good news! We invite all of our providers to complete the [provider spotlight Jotform](#) so that the amazing things happening throughout our teacher preparation provider community can be shared across our great state. Please include information regarding new grant opportunities, innovative initiatives, research/case studies around the advancement of your program(s), or faculty and residency student highlights.

We are excited to hear about all the things you are doing well to grow educators who will grow students.

## EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT

### Mentor and Content Leader Provider Data Needed

The LDOE is requesting that all Mentor and Content Leader Providers submit their [Data Enrollment Reporting Templates](#) from August 2022 - July 2023 AND August 2023 - July 2024 to [MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov](mailto:MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov) as soon as possible. Even if this data has been previously submitted, please resend the templates. This data must be included in the BESE Mentor and Content Leader Training Provider Effectiveness Report.

If you have any questions, please contact [mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov](mailto:mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov).

### The New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick Off Registration is OPEN

The LDOE will host a Summer Kick-Off for the New Teacher Experience on July 24 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 400 new teachers.

The goals of the event are to:

- Welcome new teachers to the profession
- Understand the components of Louisiana's New Teacher Experience
- Engage in professional learning around topics relevant to new teachers
- Provide statewide networking opportunities for new teachers

The Summer Kick-Off will take place at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge, located at 3838 W. Lakeshore Drive. [Registration](#) is now open and will close July 16 or once capacity is reached, whichever



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comes first. This is a great opportunity for all new graduates. This event is provided at no cost. Registration includes lunch and a tote bag with lots of start-of-the-year goodies.

Please share this information with recent teacher preparation graduates and contact [laurie.carlton@la.gov](mailto:laurie.carlton@la.gov) with any questions.

## Geaux Teach Scholarship Program

[Act 463](#) of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature established the [Geaux Teach Program](#), which provides scholarships to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs at the state's postsecondary institutions that are approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Funding is also available to students attending certified alternative teacher preparation programs approved by BESE.

Students may receive up to \$5,000 annually to cover the cost of tuition fees, textbooks, and instructional materials required for enrollment. Billing dates for the fall semester/term is November 1, the spring semester/term is May 1, and the summer semester/term is July 1, when applicable.

Additional information about the Geaux Teach Program, including eligibility requirements, the [Geaux Teach Application](#), and answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#), may be accessed on the [LOSFA website](#).

Please contact [deborah.paul@la.gov](mailto:deborah.paul@la.gov) with questions.

## EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### New Resource: Policy Implementation Timeline Guide

To navigate key policy changes affecting Louisiana's teacher preparation community, a [Policy Implementation Timeline Guide](#) has been developed. This resource outlines updates in literacy, dyslexia, numeracy, computer science, and English learners.

If you have any questions, please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).

## Fall LAER Training

Training on the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric (LAER) will be held this upcoming school year. Training dates are as follows:

- [August 11-12, 2025](#) University View Academy (Baton Rouge)
- [September 11-12, 2025](#) Louisiana Tech University (Ruston)
- January TBD
- February TBD



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Please share the registration links with residency/placement coordinators, university supervisors, or those responsible for observing and evaluating residency students.

Should providers wish to include faculty members who are not the residency or placement coordinators or university supervisors, please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).

## Fall LAER Recertification

The LAER [Annual Recertification](#) window is now open in [EE PASS](#). Recertification is required in order to continue to evaluate aspiring educators. Recertification will be available in NIET's [EE PASS](#) from **July 7, 2025, until September 18, 2025**.

To complete the recertification assessment:

- Sign in to your [EE PASS](#) account.
- Refer to the Navigating [EE PASS 2.0 Teacher Evaluator Certification Assessment](#) document for guidance on accessing the LAER certification assessment.
- Once you have successfully passed the LAER recertification, download and save your Certificate of Completion for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).

## Specialized Dyslexia Training

A free dyslexia course is available that would fulfill the "specialized training" outlined in [Bulletin 996](#) for instructors teaching the dyslexia coursework.

Enrollment in Coursera's [Overcoming Dyslexia](#) is currently free and includes nine modules. These modules will focus on advancements in dyslexia research, federal statutes, and pedagogical methods for teaching students with dyslexia.

Please contact [diverselearnerssupport@la.gov](mailto:diverselearnerssupport@la.gov) with any questions or for more information.

## Act 260 Numeracy Training

Preparation providers are highly encouraged to complete the [Numeracy Professional Learning courses](#) aligned to [Act 260](#) as a guide when enhancing coursework to align with the current [Louisiana Mathematics Teacher Competencies](#). Providers should utilize the [information](#) provided to join provider-specific courses in the LDOE professional learning platform, [Canopy](#). [Courses](#) specific to teacher candidates are published and may be shared at the provider's discretion.

For more information regarding [Act 260](#), please contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov).



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## CERTIFICATION AND CREDENTIALING

### Educator Background Credentialing

#### Clear Credential and Fingerprinting Resources

From Jan 1 to June 9, 2025, LDOE issued 8,783 [Clear Credentials \(CC\)](#), confirming receipt of Criminal Background Checks (CBCs).

Using frequently asked questions and inquiries, resources have been created that can be used to support work when communicating with employees or teacher candidates.

- Clear Credential Information and Resources:
  - [Why require a CBC for Educator Certification?](#)
  - [What does “Clear Credential” mean?](#)
  - [Educator Fingerprinting Packet](#)
  - [Certification Suspension, Revocation, & Reinstatement](#)
- If “Clear Credential” does not appear on [www.teachlouisiana.net](http://www.teachlouisiana.net) in three weeks or less following fingerprinting under service code **27N5HQ**, email [EducatorClearance@la.gov](mailto:EducatorClearance@la.gov).

Any additional questions regarding the CBC for Certification process or anything related to certification sanctions, please email [EducatorClearance@la.gov](mailto:EducatorClearance@la.gov).

### Louisiana Educator Certification Portal (LEC)

Organizations that volunteered to assist with testing have been contacted to begin coordinating the testing cycles. The Alpha testing phase began on June 16, 2025, and included a very small group of users. A significantly larger group will participate in the Beta testing phase, which is planned to begin July 7, 2025. The LEC Portal's anticipated launch date is July 28, 2025.

All stakeholders are encouraged to begin preparing for the transition by assessing the current and anticipated volume of applications over the next few months. Following the launch of LEC, there will be a brief period during which applications may be submitted through either system. Once [TeachLALive!](#) is decommissioned, any PDF applications that have not been submitted must be restarted and submitted through LEC. Advisors supporting educators and candidates with application processes should inform them that PDF applications must be completed and submitted by the end of July 2025. After the launch, applicants will use a fully online system that streamlines routing, HR, and Preparation approval, and submission.

LEC will require greater participation from educators during the application process. Applicants must initiate each application and submit all follow-up materials directly. This approach ensures accurate collection of identifying information and maintains the educator's awareness of their application status.

Human Resources personnel and Preparation Providers will have the option to send application requests to



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educators or candidates through the system. Once the educator completes their portion, the application will automatically route to HR and Preparation Providers for any required verification or additional details.

These updates aim to streamline processing, ensure clarity in communication, and increase transparency for all involved.

## Certification Monthly Calls

There is a [new Zoom link](#) for the 2024-2025 certification monthly call. Calls will be held on the following dates for the new school year. The link has been updated on the [school system planning calendar](#); the new link and reminder may be added to individual calendars for the entire series.

August 26, at 10:30 a.m.	September 16, at 10:30 a.m.	October 21, at 10:30 a.m.
November 18, at 10:30 a.m.	December 16, at 10:30 a.m.	January 27, at 10:30 a.m.
February 24, at 10:30 a.m.	March 17, at 10:30 a.m.	April 28, at 10:30 a.m.
May 19, at 10:30 a.m.	June 16, at 10:30 a.m.	July 21, at 10:30 a.m.