

Office of Teaching & Learning: Educator Talent & Workforce Development

Mentor Teacher Pathways

Overview

Beginning in September 2020, every teacher who serves as the mentor of an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate candidate must hold the Mentor Teacher endorsement, a valid Ancillary Mentor Teacher certificate, a valid Ancillary Provisional Mentor Teacher certificate, or a Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)-approved annual mentor waiver.

Candidates completing a residency on a Resident Teacher Certificate (R) are assigned a classroom-based mentor teacher in the certification area they are pursuing. Candidates teaching on a Practitioner License (PL) receive mentoring from a school-system-based mentor teacher, providing flexibility for certification areas with limited numbers of qualified mentors.

Definition of a Mentor

A **Mentor Teacher** is a classroom-, site-, or system-based teacher who serves as the assigned mentor of record for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate residents. They support and monitor residents and practitioners as they begin an intensive, year-long residency to learn to teach in a practice context.

Pathways to Earning the Mentor Credential

The following information demonstrates the paths to earning a mentor credential.

Mentor Teacher Endorsement or Ancillary Certificate	Provisional Mentor Certificate
- Hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate (endorsement) OR meet the charter/nonpublic eligibility requirements (Ancillary); and One of the following: - Completion of a Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE)-approved mentor teacher training program and a passing score on the Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series - Educational Leadership (EDL) certification or eligibility, or previous administrative certifications, including Supervisor of Student Teachers	- Hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate OR meet the charter/nonpublic eligibility requirements; and - Enroll in or complete a BESE-approved mentor training program Valid for two (2) years while completing mentor training and assessment. The Ancillary Provisional Mentor certificate is non-renewable.

Mentor Teacher Endorsement or Ancillary Certificate	Provisional Mentor Certificate
• National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) completing only the coaching-related components of the Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series (no training program required) • Current National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) evaluator certification • Current Louisiana Educator Rubric (LER) evaluator certification • Current Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observer certification Endorsement is valid as long as the teaching certificate remains valid. The Ancillary certificate is valid for five (5) years initially and is renewable.	

Current certification means the individual has successfully completed the required training, passed the associated assessment, and maintained the credential through any required renewal or recertification.

How to Apply

Mentor Teacher Certification

All certification requests are submitted through the [Louisiana Educator Portal \(LEP\)](#).

- To apply for the [Mentor Teacher endorsement or Ancillary Mentor Teacher certificate](#), select the **Mentor Teacher Endorsement or Ancillary** application.
- To apply for the [Ancillary Provisional Mentor Teacher certificate](#), select the **Mentor Teacher - Provisional** application.

Supporting documents providing evidence of the qualifying credentials should be uploaded to the application in PDF or JPG format. A \$25 processing fee is required to submit either application.

The "[Logging in to the Louisiana Educator Portal - Individual Applicants](#)" article explains how to create an LEP account if you do not already have one. The [Applicant Guide](#) provides additional information on completing and submitting certification applications through LEP.

Please contact mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov with any questions.