

2025 Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy Staffing Information

Staff Dates: July 13th - July 18th, 2025

Camp Dates: July 14th - July 18th, 2025

Louisiana State University at Alexandria

The Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy is a one-of-a-kind, five-day hybrid of a summer camp and a professional learning experience for high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators.

Hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education and staffed by a team of advisors and coaches from around the state, the Aspiring Educator Summer Academy will bring together 100 aspiring educators from around the state for a high-energy, professional leadership experience that propels them on their pathway to becoming highly effective, educators in our state. The Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy will take place at **Louisiana State University at Alexandria on July 14-18, 2025.**

The academy staff will be made up of up to 30 exceptional individuals who represent different parts of the Louisiana educator pipeline. Academy staff includes:

- Ten exceptional teachers, professors, and other practicing educators who will serve as **Advisors** throughout the week.
- Twenty collegiate student leaders enrolled in education who will lead and serve as **Coaches** to smaller cohorts of academy participants.

A general day at the academy will give participants an opportunity to engage in workshops led by extraordinary Louisiana educators, to be mentored by exceptional educators at various points in their career, to practice skills related to being an effective education advocate, and to network and build community with other Louisiana aspiring educators.

Sample Summer Academy Daily Schedule

Time	Activity	Description
8:30-9:15	Breakfast	LSUA Cafeteria
9:15-9:30	Morning Huddle	Coaches review daily schedules and lead academy participants in community building and daily goal setting
9:30-11:30	Morning Camp Clinical Experience	Coaches and academy participants work with students enrolled in Children's Academic Program for Summer (CAPS) hosted at LSUA for local children, 3 rd -8 th grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Esports and Drones - Forensics - Medical Exploration

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ceramics - Basketball - Pickleball
11:30-12:30	Clinical Experience Debrief	Reflect on camp and prepare for the next clinical experience. Participants debrief their clinical experience camp and complete reflection
12:30-1:30	Lunch	LSUA Cafeteria
1:30-3:30	Seminar	Guest Speakers, Workshops, and Planning Time in the Coughlin Auditorium
3:30-5:00	Chill Out Time	Interact with peers on campus, take a nap, play games, relax in your dorm room, visit student union, call family and friends
5:00-6:00	Seminar	Guest Speakers, Workshops, and Planning Time
6:00-9:00	Dinner and Evening Events	Each night, a different social event will be held on or off campus. Social events may include a pool party on campus, a movie night, or a trip to the Alexandria Zoo.
9:00-9:30	Evening Dorm Huddle	Participants reflect on the day by sharing highlights, lowlights, and goals for the next day. Coaches share expectations and schedule for the next day
9:30-10:30	Dorm Downtime and Curfew	Academy participants return to dorms and go to rooms by 10:30

Staff Key Dates		
Staffing Application Deadline	April 30, 2025	Advisor and Coach Application
Virtual Camper and Parent/Guardian Meeting	June 13 and June 16, 2025	Virtual Meeting, please choose one date to attend
Virtual Staff Meeting	July 1, 2025	Virtual
Academy Prep Training	July 13, 2024; 3pm	Louisiana State University at Alexandria
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Opportunity for college students enrolled in Louisiana Teacher Preparation Programs to join the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy Staff!

Coaches (Collegiate Student Leaders)

Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy is looking to hire 20 dynamic aspiring educators that are currently enrolled in a Louisiana teacher preparation program and/or college/university. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest and skill in mentorship, service, and leadership.

Coaches will lead a cohort of Aspiring Educators in activities and experiences during the academy and will closely collaborate with a team. While not required, strong skills and knowledge that are required to be a high-quality Louisiana educator are preferred. Membership and leadership in collegiate organizations such as Educators Rising Collegiate, Aspiring Educators, or Call Me Mister are preferred.

An ideal coach is someone who is a natural leader. They are respected by their peers and elders. They are problem-solvers and can be trusted to always make the right decision. They operate with a growth-mindset. They are curious. They look for opportunities to make their community better. They embody servant leadership. They know when to step up and step down. They are comfortable speaking in groups and publicly. They are curious about learning about others. They are proud to represent their community.

Compensation: \$1,000.00

Coaches are responsible for travel costs associated with participating in the in-person staff training and the academy.

Coaches are asked to commit to:

- Attending all key academy dates. Dates include:
 - Zoom Orientation #1 July 1, 2025

- In person Sunday, July 13th at 3:00 p.m. at The Oaks Clubhouse
- Preparing for the academy by deeply internalizing the content.
- Serving as a positive role model for all aspiring academy participants and colleagues.
- Creating a safe, welcoming, high-energy environment for all academy participants.
- Staying in on-campus housing throughout the week.
- Collaborating with other academy staff to ensure academy participants have high-quality experiences.
- Assist in the development of skills related to being a practicing educator.

Interested? Complete the [Coach Application](#) no later than April 30, 2025!

Opportunity for exceptional education practitioners to join the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy Staff!

Advisors (Teacher Leaders, School & System Leaders, Post-Secondary Partners)

We are looking for 10 currently practicing exemplary educators with a specific interest and demonstrated skill in teaching, teacher mentorship, and aspiring teacher development.

Ideal Academy Advisors are post-secondary teacher preparation leaders, K-12 Pre-Educator Pathway system leads, Pre-Educator Pathway Teacher Leaders, and other aspiring educator advocates with a track record of success related to student achievement and educator mentorship.

Compensation: \$2,000.00

Advisors are responsible for travel costs associated with participating in the in-person staff training and the academy.

Advisors are asked to commit to:

- Attending all key academy dates. Dates include:
 - Zoom Orientation #1 – July 1, 2025
 - In person **Sunday, July 13th at 3p.m. at The Oaks Clubhouse**
- Preparing for the academy by deeply internalizing the content.
- Collaborating with other academy staff to ensure academy participants have high-quality experiences that develop the skills related to being a practicing educator.

- Creating a safe, welcoming, high-energy environment for all academy participants.
- Serving as a mentor to academy coaches and participants.
- Preparing a topic approved seminar related to pedagogy to be presented once during the Academy.

Interested? Complete the [Advisor Application](#) no later than April 30, 2025!