

**The Believe and Prepare Community** is a group of school systems and preparation programs committed to developing and offering next-generation teacher preparation programs that prepare teachers for Louisiana’s classrooms and meet schools’ staffing needs.

These pilots have focused on the following:

- **Year-Long Residencies**—providing aspiring teachers with a full-year residency that moves coursework into practice
- **Competency-Based Design**—shifting preparation coursework so that it centers on developing and assessing essential knowledge and skills through practice
- **Community Recruitment**—recruiting future teachers from within their own communities, starting with high school seniors

The number of teacher candidates and mentor teachers included in Believe and Prepare programs continues to grow.

Cohort 1*	Cohort 2	Cohort 3 (projected)	TOTAL
137 teacher candidates 76 mentor teachers	150 teacher candidates 96 mentor teachers	565 teacher candidates 649 mentor teachers	852 teacher candidates 821 mentor teachers

\* Includes initial and continuation grant periods.

Believe and Prepare programs’ focus areas are listed in the following tables.

**COHORT 1 & 2 BELIEVE AND PREPARE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

Partnership	PROGRAM FOCUS		
	Year-Long Residencies	Competency-Based Design	Community Recruitment
Ascension Parish Schools (private provider)	✓	✓	✓
Caddo Parish Schools (private provider)	✓	✓	✓
Collegiate Academies and TNTP*	✓	✓	
Crescent City Schools and Relay Graduate School of Education	✓	✓	✓
Cypress Academy, Foundation Preparatory and Vanderbilt University	✓		
DeSoto Parish Schools and Northwestern State University	✓	✓	
Lafourche Parish Schools and Nicholls State University*	✓	✓	
Lincoln Parish Schools and Louisiana Tech University*	✓	✓	
Lusher Charter School and Tulane University	✓	✓	
New Orleans College Prep*, FirstLine Schools, KIPP New Orleans and Relay Graduate School of Education	✓	✓	✓
Ouachita and Union Parish Schools and Louisiana Tech University	✓		
Orleans Parish Schools, Xavier University, and Nunez Community College	✓		
Rapides Parish and LSU-Alexandria	✓	✓	
St. Bernard Parish Schools (private provider)*	✓	✓	
St. Charles Parish Schools and Southeastern Louisiana University*	✓		
St. Landry Parish Schools and LSU-Eunice			✓
Terrebonne Parish Schools and Nicholls State University	✓		✓
West Baton Rouge Schools and Louisiana State University		✓	
West Feliciana Parish Schools and LSU’s Cain Center*	✓		

\* Cohort 1 pilot

**COHORT 1 & 2 BELIEVE AND PREPARE COMMUNITY OF DEVELOPMENT**

SCHOOL SYSTEM	PREPARATION PROVIDER
Algiers Charter School Association	TNTP
ARISE Schools of New Orleans	TNTP and Match Education
Bossier Parish	Louisiana State University-Shreveport
Calcasieu Parish	McNeese State University
Celerity Schools	University of New Orleans
East Baton Rouge Parish	Louisiana State University's Cain Center
Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired	N/A
Morehouse and Richland Parish	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Plaquemines Parish	Our Lady of Holy Cross College and The School Leadership Center
Rapides Parish	Louisiana College
Sabine Parish	N/A
St. John the Baptist Parish	N/A
St. Martin Parish	N/A
Tangipahoa Parish	iTeach