

Mentor Training in Marksville, Louisiana



Educators participate in Mentor Training in Marksville, LA.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- July 15: 6/30 Periodic Expenditures Reports due in eGMS.
- July 16: Deadline to [submit on-site review preferences](#) for the learning phase of the **Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System** (2018-2019 and 2019-2020)
- August 3: Deadline to submit Teacher Preparation Leadership Collaborative [application](#)
- August 13 and 15: Webinar on data collection process for undergraduate resident and mentor stipends

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

LOUISIANA PREPARATION PROVIDER LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE: APPLY NOW

The Department is excited to announce a collaborative opportunity for teacher preparation providers across the state. [Deans for Impact](#) will design and facilitate a yearlong collaborative for Louisiana preparation leaders. The collaborative will be focused on using data to increase candidate learning in a specific focus area. Goals for the collaborative include:

- Implementing a full improvement cycle focused on candidate learning in a particular focus area
- Improving processes used to collect and analyze data for continuous program improvement
- Building trust among participants that facilitates cross-institutional learning with the potential to continue beyond the initial project period

There is limited space in the collaborative, so preparation providers interested in this opportunity must submit an application. The application to join this collaborative is available [here](#). The deadline to complete the application is **August 3, 2018**.

Please contact Nicole Bono at nicole.bono@la.gov with any questions.

BELIEVE AND PREPARE FUNDING

BESE approved 2018-2019 Formula Fund allocations for preparation provider transition support on June 19, 2018. These funds include 2018-2019 formula funds, which are based on program providers' three year average of program completers, as well as the full balance of unspent 2016-2017 8(g) funds. Providers will receive funding from a variety of sources, a small portion of which (less than 15 percent) must be spent by September 30, 2018. Preparation providers have been sent an email with specific details regarding their formula fund allocations and timelines for spending these funds.

In addition, the Department will conduct a data collection process in August 2018, to determine allocations for undergraduate resident and mentor stipends for 2018-2019. A webinar providing details about the data collection process will be held at the following dates and times:

Monday, August 13, 2018 from 1:00-2:00 PM
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 10:30-11:30 AM

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

TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM: ON-SITE REVIEW SCHEDULING PORTAL AND UPDATED HANDBOOK

In June 2017, BESE approved the [Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System](#), which will phase in over a period of five years. The Department is now preparing for the Learning Phase of the quality rating system, which is from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020. During this phase, all teacher preparation providers will participate in an on-site review.

The [On-site Review Scheduling Portal](#) opened on June 18, 2018, and will close on **July 16, 2018**. Teacher preparation providers should submit their preferences for the academic year (2018-2019 or 2019-2020), semester, and dates during which they would like to participate in the on-site review.

Based upon feedback from teacher preparation providers, the on-site review handbook has been updated to reflect that the *Selection for Clinical Placement Schools* criteria in domain 3 will be for informational purposes only during the Learning Phase of the quality rating system. The updated handbook can be found in the Preparation Library [here](#).

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

APPROVED EXTENSION REQUESTS

BESE will receive reports regarding the status of extension requests in August 2018, and in January 2019. Providers that submitted proposals for innovative models by June 29, 2018, will receive formative feedback from the Department by August 3, 2018.

Providers should use this feedback to submit their final innovative model applications. BESE will consider innovative model requests during the following meetings:

- August 14, 2018
- October 16, 2018
- December 11, 2018

REQUEST TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the below deadlines. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI). Once the NOI is received, the link to the application will be sent.

Current and new providers may access resources available on Louisiana Believes via the [Preparation Library](#).

Notice of Intent Submitted	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers <i>(if recommended for approval)</i>
6/1/2018	7/1/2018	7/1/2018-8/30/2018	9/1/2018	10/17/2018
11/16/2018	12/14/2018	1/4/2019-3/15/2019	3/18/2019	4/17/2019
7/1/2019	8/1/2019	8/1/2019-9/13/2019	9/13/2019	10/15/2019

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2018-2019 MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

The 2018-2019 Mentor Teacher Training launched at Teacher Leader Summit. Over 600 teachers from across the state will be participating in this nine-day training. A full list of training dates and locations for Mentor Teacher training can be found [here](#).

TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR HONOREES TO BE CELEBRATED

On Friday, July 27, 2018, the Department will celebrate the 2019 Teacher and Principal of the Year state-level honorees and the Milken Educator Award winners at the [12th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala](#), cosponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). On this evening, the Teacher and Principal of the Year grade-level and statewide winners will also be named.

Following the awards gala, winner information will be posted to the [Department's website](#).

Please send questions to excellenteducators@la.gov.