

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

Below are important updates and events for the month of April. As always, please reach out with any question you may have.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Bono

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 27: Louisiana Pre Educator Pathway support series [webinar](#)

April 28: Preparation provider monthly [webinar](#)

April 29: New Mentor/Content Leader training provider [webinar](#)

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

April 25: Early bird registration deadline for virtual Teacher Leader Summit

## **NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar**

The Department will continue holding monthly webinars for teacher preparation providers to provide updates and information. The next webinar will be on **April 28 at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

#### **Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, April 28 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact [nicole.bono@la.gov](mailto:nicole.bono@la.gov) with questions.

### **Louisiana Pre- Educator Pathway Support Series**

The LDOE is offering a series of support webinars for school systems initiating or expanding access to the [Pre-Educator Pathway](#). The April webinar will focus on building strong relationships between K-12

systems and higher education partners. We encourage university providers to attend as a substitute to the April office hours.

#### **Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: April 27; 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- Webinar Phone Number: US: +14703812552,,3455048179# or +13126266799,,3455048179#
- Meeting ID#: 345 504 8179

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### **Mentor Waiver**

At the March BESE meeting the Board approved an extension of the waiver of policy, contained in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, and Bulletin 996, *Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs*, regarding the requirement that all undergraduate residents and post-baccalaureate candidates be placed with mentor teachers holding the ancillary mentor teacher certificate, the ancillary provisional mentor teacher certificate, or the Supervisor of Student Teaching certificate, for the 2021-2022 school year, with the contingencies listed below.

Mentor teacher waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis through the application process established by the LDE and at no fee to the applicant, school system, or teacher preparation provider.

The waiver will be issued by the LDE for educators highly recommended by the mentor's principal and who possess one or more of the following qualifications:

1. Two years of Highly Effective Compass ratings;
2. National Board Certification;
3. Statewide or national distinction for excellence in teaching;
4. Experience as a TAP mentor, master teacher, executive master teacher, or certified TAP evaluator;
5. Content leader experience, as evidenced by participation in Content Leader training or redelivery of professional development; or
6. Master's or doctorate in education and exemplary experience hosting student teachers.

Further details around the application process will be provided in late spring. Contact [Believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:Believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions.

### **Mentor and Content Leader Training Providers**

**Program Approval:** Applications were reviewed for twelve programs seeking approval in April 2021 to offer Mentor or Content Leader training pathways. More information about the application requirements and process can be found in the [Mentor Teacher](#) and [Content Leader](#) Training Applicant Guides.

Required onboarding for new providers will be hosted on **Thursday, April 29**. Previously approved providers are welcome to attend to review preparation provider roles and responsibilities.

**Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: April 29; 1:00pm-2:00pm
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- Webinar Phone Number: +14703812552,,3455048179#
- Meeting ID#: 345 504 8179

**Data Collection and Verification:** In October 2021, BESE will receive effectiveness data of each approved provider offering Mentor or Content Leader training. Effectiveness data will include Louisiana Mentor assessment series or Louisiana Content Leader assessment series passage rates and active training facilitator credentials. The [process for data collection and verification](#) can be found in the Training Provider Section of the Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Library.

Contact [Believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:Believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions.

**Teacher Leader Summit (In-person)**

[Registration](#) for the in-person Teacher Leader Summit is underway. All allocation codes were to be used by April 12 and no longer function. The Department has opened a first-come, first-served registration window. **Ticket sales will continue through sell-out, or May 9 at 11:50 p.m., whichever comes first.** No access codes are needed to purchase these tickets.

Session scheduling for the in-person Teacher Leader Summit has also begun. All ticket holders were sent an invite to access the Sched app or web portal. More information of Sched is available in the [resource document](#). No attendee will be admitted to a meeting room without having that applicable session booked on their schedule. Thus, all sessions must be booked in advance of attending the Teacher Leader Summit.

New this year, upon successful registration, educators have the opportunity to download graphics to share across their social media platforms to celebrate attending the 2021 Teacher Leader Summit. The graphics can be found in the “*I’m Going Passes*” section of the [Summit Materials page](#). Be sure to use the #LATeacherLeaders in social posts.

More information regarding the in-person Teacher Leader Summit can be found in the [Overview](#).

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

**Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series**

To maximize the delivery of content and educator development, The Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series will take place from June 1-11, and sessions will be accessed remotely. The format will be similar to the Virtual Series offered during spring 2020.

- There will be a max overall registration limit of 8,000.
- The Department is not allocating seats. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Paid ticket holders of the Teacher Leader Summit in-person event will receive an access code allowing them to register for and participate in the Virtual Series at no additional cost.
  - Each code will be one-time use and must be used only by the original ticket holder. Codes are not transferable.

Registration for the Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series is now open. Tickets are inclusive of all

days of the event. The [Content Delivery Plan](#) outlines which content will be presented virtually in comparison to the content being delivered in-person.

Ticket Type	Purchasing Window	Ticket Price
Early Bird Registration	April 1-25	\$50.00
Regular Registration	April 26-sell out	\$65.00

The session schedule and app for the Virtual Series will be released to early bird ticket holders on May 10 and May 12 for regular registrants.

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

## **Certification Updates**

Educational Testing Services (ETS) recently revised the Middle School Science exam and will discontinue the existing titles. The current exam (5440) will not be available after **March 31, of 2022**.

The new PRAXIS Middle School Science (**5442**) exam has been redesigned to reflect expectations for teachers to be ready to engage, instruct, and support 21st century students. The new exam is aligned to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) standards which incorporate the Tasks of Teaching Science and the Science and Engineering Practices, in addition to gathering input from national advisory committees and over 1000 educators. In March, BESE will consider adopting this new exam (5442) with a passing score of **152**.

The Practitioner License (PL1 and 2/3) applications have been updated. Please download and use the current application. The new application will be required **April 1, 2021**.

**National Accreditation** is now accepted as a form of institutional accreditation for certification purposes. If an accrediting association is recognized federally by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), the Certification Office will accept any degree(s) or coursework earned. All degrees and coursework must be submitted on **official transcripts**.

In December, BESE approved (via emergency rule) to extend the effective date of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: **5712, 5722, 5732** exams to **December 31, 2020**.

**For exams taken and passed after December 31, 2020, Praxis Core 5713, 5723, 5733 will be the only core exams accepted.**

## **TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM**

### **On-Site Reviews: 2021-2022**

The first accountability cycle for the Louisiana Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System is 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. To ensure the Preparation Program Experience domain is measured using the same

guidelines and format, the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 onsite reviews will take place virtually. The teacher preparation providers that will engage in the upcoming reviews are included in the chart below.

Fall 2021	Spring 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Louisiana Resource Center for Educators</li> <li>● University of Louisiana at Monroe</li> <li>● Nicholls State University</li> <li>● University of Louisiana at Lafayette</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Centenary College of Louisiana</li> <li>● Louisiana State University Shreveport</li> <li>● Northwestern State University</li> <li>● McNeese State University</li> <li>● Louisiana State University Alexandria</li> <li>● University of Holy Cross</li> <li>● Oxford Teaching Academy</li> <li>● iteachLOUISIANA</li> <li>● Louisiana State University Baton Rouge</li> <li>● Louisiana Tech University</li> </ul>

On March 26, 2021, Class Measures contacted the providers above to schedule their on-site reviews. If you haven't scheduled your on-site review, please contact [Lydia.Hill@la.gov](mailto:Lydia.Hill@la.gov).

### **Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System Report**

On March 10, 2021 BESE received an updated report on the Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System. BESE charged the Department with supporting teacher preparation providers in strengthening their literacy training. As a result, the Department will

- provide funding for literacy faculty to attend best-in-class professional development grounded in research-based reading instruction. Teacher preparation providers that received a Level 2 (Needs Improvement) in the **Preparation Program Experience** domain that covers literacy training are urgently requested to attend. BESE will receive a report outlining which teacher preparation providers participated and key insights in spring 2022.
- convene a workgroup consisting of teacher preparation providers, school system leaders, and literacy experts to clarify expectations relative to the coverage of research-based literacy instruction within these courses and will bring updated policy for BESE's consideration in June 2021.
- convene a workgroup consisting of teacher preparation providers, school system leaders, and literacy experts to identify a teaching reading exam to replace the current pedagogy exams for Pk-3 and Elementary (1 - 5) programs.

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

## **TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL**

### **2021 Program Approval Applications**

Teacher, early childhood ancillary certificate program, educational leader proposals for initial approval, and mentor and content leader training proposals are accepted and considered by BESE twice per year. Proposals that meet all initial submission requirements will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers to ensure proposals meet policy requirements.

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI). The Department will send a link to the application following receipt of the NOI. The deadlines to submit notices of intent and applications are highlighted in the chart below. Note that providers may submit NOIs

after the deadline. Applications must be received by the below deadlines in order for them to be reviewed during the below review cycles.

<b>Notice of Intent Submitted By</b>	<b>Application Submission Deadline</b>	<b>Evaluation Period</b>	<b>Notification of Evaluation Results</b>	<b>BESE Considers <i>(if recommended for approval)</i></b>
<b>01/27/2021</b>	<b>02/21/2021</b>	<b>02/24/2021 – 03/31/2021</b>	<b>04/01/2021</b>	<b>4/21/2021</b>
<b>06/2/2021</b>	<b>06/30/2012</b>	<b>07/02/2021 – 08/19/2021</b>	<b>09/23/2021</b>	<b>10/13/2021</b>

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