

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

Below are important updates and events for the month of January. We wish you a great start to the spring semester. As always, please reach out with any question you may have.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Bono

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 13:** Quality of Recruitment and Selection [webinar](#)

**January 25:** Teacher preparation [office hours](#)

**January 27:** Teacher preparation [monthly webinar](#)

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**January 27:** Deadline to submit notice of intent for spring program approvals

## **NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Teacher Preparation Office Hours**

The Department is excited to continue our monthly office hours call. Based on our communications survey, the topic for January's office hours will be recruiting and supporting pre-service teachers of color. The next office hours will be held **January 25th from 1-2 pm**.

- **Webinar Link:**  
<https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99680683443?pwd=aEdjbEpkTWU2R1U1OWRRQXoxY1Z6UT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 996 8068 3443
- **Passcode:** M3m02#
- **Number:** 1-301-715-8592,,99680683443#

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

### **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 **January 27th at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

**Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, January 27 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.

**Pre-Educator Pathway Statewide Launch**

During the 2021-2022 school year, the Department aims to provide support to school systems in order to build or strengthen access for students to engage in the [pre-educator pathway](#). LDOE Pre-Educator Pathway support will focus on personnel, financial, curricular, and operational areas of implementing a Grow Your Own initiative.

Preparation providers should encourage their partner districts to attend the statewide pathway launch webinar and [apply for funding](#) to support their initiatives for building the next generation of Louisiana’s teachers.

Pre-Educator Pathway Launch: Support, Partnerships, & Funding Webinar

**Webinar Date and Time:** Jan 15, 2021 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

**Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>

**Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179

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**Early Literacy Opportunities**

Requests for Applications (RFAs) released by the Department are available on the [LAPAC website](#).

REAL Tutoring	Early Literacy Vendor Guide
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
Tutoring services are set to begin in Spring 2021	Approved vendors added to vendor guide in early 2021

**Mentor and Content Leader Training Providers**

**Program Approval:** Programs seeking approval in April 2021 to offer additional Mentor or Content Leader training pathways should submit a notice of intent by **January 27** and an application by **February 21**. More information about the application requirements and process can be found in the [Mentor Teacher](#) and [Content Leader](#) Training Applicant Guides.

**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: Registration Guidance**

The 2021 Teacher Leader Summit will take place May 25–27 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. Both the Department and the Convention Center are taking measures to promote the health and safety of all participants and will have a reduced overall capacity.

Registration for the Summit will occur in three phases:

- Early bird registration (January 8 through March 1)
- Regular registration (March 2 through May 10)
- On-site registration for those who do not register by May 10

Due to social distancing parameters, the Department has allocated two seats to each preparation provider for the in-person event. **Each preparation provider dean or program lead should contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) to receive the unique registration code for all tickets during the registration process.** It is up to each preparation provider dean or lead to determine the best path for disbursing seats across your team, however we strongly encourage you to utilize these seats for faculty as many sessions specifically tailored to deans or program leads will be offered during the virtual summit which will occur the first week in June.

It is also a program's choice to take advantage of early bird registration or wait until the session lists are publicly released on April 9, which is during the regular registration window. All allocated seats must be used to purchase tickets by April 12. Should any unused seats remain, the Department will open a first come, first served registration window on April 13.

In addition to the in person Teacher Leader Summit, the **Department will offer a Virtual Series June 1 through June 3.** Specific information regarding registering for the Virtual Series will be released later in the spring via normal communication channels.

More information can be found in the [Teacher Leader Library](#).

### **Teacher Certification**

The teacher certification office **cannot** accept signatures with dates over **90** days. All certification documents must have **all** signatures/dates be dated within 90 days of submission.

Bulletin 746 policy will be updated in the Spring of 2021 to include language in alignment with the current SAT structure and scoring. In the interim, based on concordance tables, it has been determined that the certification office can use an SAT **combined** score of 1100 to waive Praxis I until policy is updated.

At this time ACT/SAT superscores **cannot** be used. Therefore, any ACT/SAT scores provided to the certification office must be on an **official** ACT/SAT score report, official transcripts, or official university letterhead. **Each subtest score must be provided**, in addition to the composite score on any reports, transcripts or letters provided.

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

## TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

### **Teacher Preparation Performance Profiles**

The 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 teacher preparation informational performance profiles will be publicly released on [Louisiana Teacher Prep](#) during the first week in March. Each teacher preparation provider will receive their informational profiles during the week of January 25, prior to the public release. In February, the Department will meet with each provider to discuss the performance profiles.

Please contact Sara DeLano at [sara.delano@la.gov](mailto:sara.delano@la.gov) with any questions.

### **Louisiana Onsite Review Exemplar Guidance: Webinar Series**

Based upon feedback from teacher preparation providers, the Department released the [Louisiana Onsite Review Exemplar Guidance](#). The Department will host a series of webinars to dig into the exemplar tools and resources with preparation providers. The Quality of Recruitment and Selection [webinar](#) is on **January 13, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:15 am**. During the webinar, teacher preparation providers will evaluate the Louisiana Teacher Preparation Onsite Review Exemplar Guidance and the US Prep Teacher Candidate Recruitment Guide. Participants will understand how to use the comprehensive recruitment guide to meet the Quality of Recruitment and Selection domain in the Onsite Review Framework.

#### **Webinar Details**

- Webinar Date and Time: January 13, 2021; 10:00 am - 11:15 am
- Webinar Link:  
<https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96236339941?pwd=MnF3eUgyUVZVa3N6YVFFOHFHd0piZz09>
- Webinar Phone Number: +14703812552,96236339941#
- Meeting ID#: 962 3633 9941
- Passcode:496051

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [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 certification policy requirements.

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

<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>
01/27/2021	02/21/2021	02/24/2021 – 03/31/2021	04/01/2021	4/21/2021
06/2/2021	06/30/2012	07/02/2021 – 08/19/2021	09/23/2021	10/13/2021

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