

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

Below are important events and deadlines for teacher preparation providers for the month of July. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23: [Preparation Provider Webinar: Planning for 2020-2021](#)

July 29: [Preparation Provider monthly webinar](#)

August 6: [Mentor/Content Leader Training Provider Webinar](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

July 31: Deadline to submit an application for program approval for potential consideration at the October BESE meeting

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PREPARATION PROVIDER WEBINAR: PLANNING FOR 2020-2021

During this webinar, teacher preparation providers will have the opportunity to discuss how they are planning for the upcoming year, given COVID-19.

Webinar details:

Time: Jul 23, 2020 11:00 AM

Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99069287808?pwd=RGdKUFJGcjJWM3dFMzFBVkv0TzJOUT09>

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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 **July 29 at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, July 29 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 with questions.

MENTOR TEACHER AND CONTENT LEADER PROVIDERS

The LDOE will host bi-monthly informational webinars for Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Training providers throughout the year.

Upcoming Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97983943264>
- Webinar Password: 611687
- Meeting ID#: 979 8394 3264

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

ELEMENTARY MENTOR ASSESSMENTS

At the June BESE meeting, the Board received [this report](#) on the assessments required for the Mentor Teacher credential.

The report includes recommendations relative to strengthening the assessment series, including:

- Reduced artifact requirements and updated, clarified assessment rubrics
- Scaled down (from six to four) and restructured Elementary assessments
- Ongoing and increased technical assistance to approved Mentor training providers

The Department is convening a work group this month of current Elementary training providers to further advise on the implementation considerations around reducing the Elementary assessments for non-departmentalized educators. The recommendations from this work group will be discussed during the July preparation provider webinar.

LOUISIANA LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT SERIES AVAILABLE

In December 2019, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved the Louisiana Leadership Assessment Series (LLAS) as an alternative to the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) for those seeking the Educational Leadership Certificate (EDL1). This exam is now available on the Bloomboard Platform and access to more information can be found at [this link](#) on Louisiana Believes.

Educators wishing to become assistant principals or principals choose between the SLLA Praxis and the LLAS to fulfill the exam component of all leadership pathways leading to the EDL1 Certificate.

The assessments for the LLAS are portfolio-based and are aligned to the competencies the state requires through Bulletin 125 for the role of a building level leader.

For more information, please go to <https://bloomboard.com/llas>.

PRAXIS TESTS FROM HOME: UPDATE

Educational Testing Services (ETS) is continuing to update the tests offered through the Praxis at Home testing solution. Please see the [ETS website](#) for more information.

RESIDENT CERTIFICATION

Resident teachers must hold a Resident Certificate when they begin their residency. The Department strongly recommends submitting all resident applications prior to **September 1, 2020**.

PRACTITIONER LICENSE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXTENSION

BESE has granted a regulatory flexibility to extend teachers' practitioner license by one year if they were impacted by ETS' transition to at home tests.

Thank you for your support in reporting the candidates in need of extensions. The extensions will be applied this month and once completed, providers and school systems will receive the list of PL extensions through the FTP. You will receive an email once the list is loaded on the FTP.

Please contact erich.schultz@la.gov with questions.

TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

ON SITE REVIEWS FOR 2020-2021

Class Measures will hold the second virtual training session to go over the new on-site review framework on **August 27 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Class Measures will email providers with the registration information by the end of July.

PERFORMANCE PROFILE WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Department is in the final steps of mapping the data submitted by programs to the performance profile website pages. During the week of July 13, the Department will send an email detailing the validation process for providers to review and approve their pages. To ensure all programs are able to validate their pages, the website will launch in late Summer.

The website launch will contain informational data only including:

- An overview of each program, including certification areas offered and images

- Program completers numbers and demographics
- A map of residency placement sites
- Retention at the school-, school system- and state-level

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TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

REQUESTS TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS: OCTOBER MEETING

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the process outlined below. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI), and once that is received, the Department will send a link to the application.

Current and new providers may access resources available on the [Department's website](#) via the [Preparation Library](#).

Milestone	Fall 2020
Application submission deadline	7/31/20
Evaluation period	7/31/20 - 9/11/20
Notification of evaluation results	9/11/20
BESE Considers if recommended for approval	10/13/20