

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

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

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31: Preparation provider [monthly webinar](#)

April 1: Virtual Teacher Leader Summit registration opens

April 1: New Practitioner's License application required

April 1: Notification of program approval application results

April 19: Preparation provider [office hours](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

April 12: Regular Registration deadline for in-person Teacher Leader Summit

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 **March 31 at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, March 31 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.

Teacher Preparation Office Hours

The Department is excited to continue our office hours call. The next office hours will be held on April 19 at 10:00 am. We are finalizing the topic for these office hours.

- **Webinar Date/Time:** April 19, 10:00 am
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96131882479>
- **Meeting ID:** 961 3188 2479
- **Phone Number:** 1-470-381-2552,,96131882479#

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with any questions.

Mentor Workgroup Recommendations

Beginning in September 2020, every teacher who serves as the Mentor of an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate candidate must hold the Mentor Ancillary Certificate or the Provisional Mentor Ancillary Certificate.

In August 2020 BESE allowed a waiver of the Mentor credential for the 2020-2021 school year. This was prompted by a shortage of credentialed Mentor teachers willing to host residents specifically in certain content areas such as Music, Physical Education, as well as others 6-12 content areas. In September 2020 the Mentor workgroup was created to examine the issue of Mentor shortages. The purpose of the Mentor teacher workgroup was to examine what steps might be needed in order to ensure a robust pool of effective mentor teachers in all content areas and grade bands.

The workgroup has several recommendations to achieve the goal of increasing the pool of effective mentors. They include:

1. Honoring Previous Training and Experience
2. Removing the Content- Specific Assessments
3. Creating a Mentor Support Guide
4. Creating an Add-On Mentor Endorsement
5. Exploring Mentor Assessment Content and Scoring
6. Granting a one year extension for those currently holding Provisional Mentor Certificate

These recommendations will be shared with BESE members at the March 2021 meeting. Potential policy changes would then be brought to the board in April.

Contact Believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Mentor and Content Leader Training Providers

Program Approval: Applications are under review for programs seeking approval in April 2021 to offer Mentor or Content Leader training pathways. Two new programs applied to offer Mentor training and nine applied to offer Content Leader training. 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 with any questions.

Teacher Leader Summit (In-person)

[Registration](#) for the in-person Teacher Leader Summit is underway. The early bird ticket window closed on March 1.

- Purchasing an early bird ticket offered reduced pricing and first access to session scheduling.
- The session schedule and app will be released to early bird ticket holders on April 7.

The regular registration window will run from March 2-April 12.

- Purchasing an early bird ticket offers reduced pricing and first access to session scheduling.
- All access codes turn off on April 13 preventing further registration.
- The session schedule and app will be released to regular ticket holders on April 9.

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 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 will open in April. 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 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

Teacher Preparation Performance Profiles

The 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 teacher preparation informational performance profiles were publicly released on [Louisiana Teacher Prep](#) during the first week in March. BESE received an update report regarding the Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System on March 9. The Department will provide an overview of key discussion points from that meeting during the March Believe and Prepare webinar.

Please contact Sara DeLano at sara.delano@la.gov with any questions.

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.

Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers <i>(if recommended for approval)</i>
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

If you have any questions, please contact Lydia.Hill@la.gov.