

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 May, including updates and information related to COVID-19. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27: Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar

May 28 - June 5: [Teacher Leader Summit](#): The Virtual Series

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

May 29: Title II Institution and Program Report Card due

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT- REGISTER NOW

The 2020 Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series will take place from May 28 to June 5. It will bring together a host of educators and content experts who are focused on creating meaningful growth for every student, every day. Educators will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

[Registration](#) opened at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 30 and will remain open through June 5.

The Department released the [draft session list](#) on April 30 when registration opens. This list includes a variety of sessions for teachers, school and school system staff, and preparation providers.

COVID-19:REGULATORY FLEXIBILITIES AND FAQ'S

The [teacher preparation section of the Department's COVID-19 FAQ document](#) includes a number of updates on regulatory flexibility, as well as responses to frequently asked questions. Specifically, the teacher preparation section includes:

- Details on regulatory flexibility relative to:
 - student teaching and yearlong residencies for the 2019-2020 academic year
 - a six-month extension of the provisional mentor ancillary certificate for any educator who held this certificate at any point during the 2019-2020 academic year

PRAXIS TESTS FROM HOME: UPDATE

ETS has partnered with ProctorU to develop a remote testing option, *Praxis Tests at Home*, that enables test takers to take the exams from home while testing centers are closed. The [Praxis Tests at Home document](#) provides information relative to the *Praxis Tests at Home* testing solution. It is based upon information received from ETS on May 5 and includes:

- Launch dates
- The list of tests that are slated to be launched during each phase
- Registration procedures for the *Praxis at Home* testing solution

Please visit the [ETS Testing Updates webpage](#) for additional updates.

MENTOR ELIGIBILITY REPORT

The Department has updated the Mentor eligibility report, which outlines the candidates from each school system who can serve as a Mentor for 2020-2021. The file can be accessed in the [Louisiana Department of Education Secure FTP](#) (File Transfer) application.

Please contact Andrew.Palermo@la.gov with any questions.

MENTOR PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

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 light of COVID-19 school facility closures, BESE has extended the validity of the Provisional Mentor certificate from 12 months to 18 months for individuals who hold this certificate in the 2019-2020 academic year.

To take advantage of the additional six months of provisional certification, application should be submitted by **June 1, 2020**. Provisional applications issued after this academic year are still valid for 12 months.

Send questions to believeandprepare@la.gov.

MENTOR SUPPORT GROUPS

The Department hired part-time Regional Talent Coaches who are certified Mentors to support fellow educators through certification, providing feedback during the assessment process. Data from the first two months of support groups show a 115% increase in earned assessments for Mentor candidates participating in a group led by a Regional Talent Coach.

Mentor support groups will continue during the summer to prepare for a strong start to the 2020 school year, focusing on the analyze and develop components outlined on page 6 of this [guidance document](#).

Mentor candidates who wish to participate in a support group should fill out this self-nomination [form](#).

Send questions to believeandprepare@la.gov

PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY CALLS

The Department will continue holding monthly webinars for teacher preparation providers to provide updates and information. The next webinar will be on **May 27 at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, May 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 with questions.

TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

ON SITE REVIEWS FOR 2020-2021

On-site reviews for 2020-2021 have been scheduled. Class Measures will hold two virtual webinars for preparation providers to go over the new framework, one on June 30 and the other on August 27.

PERFORMANCE PROFILE WEBSITE LAUNCH

This Spring, the performance profile website will launch with 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

In early May, providers will have the opportunity to review and approve their page prior to the launch of the website. Please contact erich.schultz@la.gov with any questions.

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

REQUESTS TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS: APRIL MEETING

The April BESE meeting has been rescheduled for May 19th. Committee meetings will take place on May 19th. BESE will consider program approval requests at the rescheduled meeting.