

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL**

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

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

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25-27: Teacher Leader Summit

June 1-11: Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series

June 30: Preparation Provider monthly webinar

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

May 10: Teacher Leader Summit In- person registration deadline

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar

Due to Teacher Leader Summit, the May monthly webinar is canceled. The next monthly webinar will be June 30, 2021.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, June 30 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 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 June. Contact Believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Mentor Credential Policy Updates

At the April 2021 BESE meeting the board approved changes to Bulletin 746 regarding mentor credential requirements. These updates include:

1. Honoring Previous Training and Experience
 - a. EDL or previous administrative certifications
 - b. NIET trained evaluators
 - c. CLASS trained evaluators
 - d. Supervision of Student Teachers
2. Removing the Content- Specific Assessments
3. Creating an Add-On Mentor Endorsement

These revisions will not begin the Notice of Intent process (advertised in the State Register) until June 20, 2021. The policy will go into effect **September 20, 2021**. Further details about the timeline for applying for the mentor credential under these new guidelines will be provided this summer.

Please reach out to believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Mentor and Content Leader Training Providers

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 updated [process for data collection and verification](#) can be found in the Training Provider Section of the Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Library. As an update to this process,

teacherleadertraining@la.gov should now be included with Bloomboard on all Enrollment form submissions.

Contact 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 10 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 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.

Sessions relevant to and facilitated by preparation provider faculty and staff will be offered during the virtual summit. Below are a few sessions that might be of interest to teacher preparation faculty.

ED503	Recruiting and Retaining Candidates of Color
ED519	High Quality Feedback and Coaching
ED502	How to Build and Maintain Strong Partnerships between K12 and Teacher Preparation Programs
ED501	ELA Pre- Service Teachers, how to ensure they are prepared for the K12 classroom
ED500	Math Pre- Service Teachers, how to ensure they are prepared for the K12 classroom

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
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.

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

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.

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 (if recommended for approval)
6/2/2021	6/30/2021	07/02/2021 - 08/19/2021	09/23/2021	10/13/2021

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