

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

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

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

October 20: Preparation Provider Office Hours

October 28: Teacher Preparation monthly webinar

November 6: [ETS Title II Data Collection](#) due

November 20: 2019-2020 Informational Performance Profile data verification due

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher Preparation Office Hours

We are excited to announce the launch of our monthly office hours. These office hours will focus on topics identified by teacher preparation providers. They will often be led by teacher preparation provider faculty.

Based on our communications survey, the topic for October's office hours will be K12 Partnerships including but not limited to:

- How to strengthen existing partnerships
- How to build new partnerships
- What are key elements of strong partnerships

The first Office hours will be held **October 20th from 11-12**, led by Jordan Ahrend from Southeastern and Heather Kennedy from ULM.

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

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 **October 28 at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, October 28 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.

Funding for Yearlong Residents

As communicated previously, the \$1,000 funding for yearlong undergraduate residents will continue in the 2020-2021 school year. In addition, we will be able to provide funding to any post baccalaureate residents completing a residency that mirrors that of undergraduate residents. This applies to post baccalaureate candidates who are not serving as a teacher of record on a Practitioner's License, but are co-teaching in a classroom with a mentor teacher instead. Note, these residents need to meet the same criteria as undergraduate residents to qualify for funding. As a reminder, that criteria is listed below.

Eligibility criteria for resident funding

- The resident must hold a resident certificate with a valid 'from' date on or before October 1, 2020. *(It is suggested that providers apply for resident certificates by September 1 to ensure they are processed in time for the stipend.)*
- The resident must serve in an MFP funded entity.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher in the same MFP funded entity as the resident teacher.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher that is reported in PEP with an object code of 112 (teacher) and a function code within the 1000s excluding 1530 (Pre-K) and 1531 (Head Start).
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher that is not a contract employee.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher holding one of the following on October 1, 2020:
 - Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate
 - Provisional Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate
 - Supervisor of Student Teaching Certificate
 - 2020-2021 Mentor Credential Waiver

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Mentor Teacher Workgroup

The purpose of this workgroup is to examine what steps might need to be taken in order to ensure a robust pool of effective mentor teachers in all content areas and grade bands. The goals of the workgroup include:

1. Increase the number of credentialed mentor teachers across the state.

2. Ensure that there is an adequate number of mentors in the content areas, grade levels, and regions where needed in order to support undergraduate and post- baccalaureate residents.

The workgroup will consist of participants from the following groups/organizations: LACTE, LAATE, LAICU, BESE, LSASPA, approved mentor training providers, teachers who have completed the mentor training, principals, and superintendents. The workgroup will kick off in late October.

Please contact Kmberly.Eckert@la.gov with any questions.

Compass Rater Reliability Training

The **rater-reliability training** required for all evaluators will be available in the [Compass Library](#) as a self-guided virtual training beginning **October 9th** under the *Observation and Feedback* subheading. It will be labeled *2020-2021 Rater Reliability Training for Evaluators*.

This training:

- Can be completed at the convenience of the evaluator;
- Should be completed per [policy](#) prior to any formal evaluations;
- Is for both new *and* returning evaluators; and
- Will take into account a blended learning format.

Please note: A survey link at the end of the training will provide a timestamp for completion of the rater-reliability training in lieu of individualized completion certificate distribution. Timestamp sheets will be updated under the subheading *Compass Training Sign-In Sheets* at the end of each month for evaluator supervisors.

Please email compass@la.gov with any questions.

Teacher Certification

When submitting applications, please use most current [application packets](#) from TeachLA Live site. Ensure **all** parts of application are complete, especially dates (program admission dates, etc.).

When scheduling [office hours](#), please be sure to include as much case/topic information as possible in the invite--case number, certificate number, full name.

Resident applications have been updated to include an indicator of which type of residency the applicant is enrolled in--undergrad or post-bacc. Please clearly indicate residency type on all [resident applications](#). New applications will be required by October 1, 2020.

Virtual Series on Understanding Critical Content in ELA

TeachingWorks is offering a series of virtual learning mini-courses that will enable you to build your understanding of critical content in ELA and develop practice-based approaches for teaching that content to novice teachers. This free virtual mini-course series will support ELA teacher educators to develop K-12 instruction and teacher education that fills immediate needs for children and contributes to building an education that dismantles injustice instead of perpetuating it. Learn more and register at teachingworks.catalog.instructure.com.

TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

Louisiana Teacher Preparation Providers Onsite Review Exemplar Guidance

Based upon feedback from teacher preparation providers, the Department released the [Louisiana Onsite Review Exemplar Guidance](#). The guidance has exemplar tools and resources to support preparation providers with the Preparation Program Experience onsite review process.

The Department will also host a series of webinars to support preparation providers with the exemplar guidance this winter.

If you have any questions, please contact Sara.Delano@la.gov.

2019-2020 Performance Profile Data Collection and Verification

Thank you to all providers that have completed the [performance profile data collection](#) for the 2019-2020 informational performance profiles. If you have not submitted your file to your FTP or need an extension, please email erich.schultz@la.gov.

The performance profile data verification system will open on **November 2** and will close on **November 20**. Please join us for one of the technical assistance webinars listed below to review the data verification process.

Webinar #1 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Monday, November 2; 2:00-3:00PM
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98738009048>
- Webinar Phone Number: +13126266799,,98738009048#
- Meeting ID#: 987 3800 9048

Webinar #2 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Tuesday, November 3; 2:00-3:00PM
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98738009048>
- Webinar Phone Number: +13126266799,,98738009048#
- Meeting ID#: 987 3800 9048

Please contact erich.schultz@la.gov and lydia.hill@la.gov with 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 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.

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

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