

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 questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21: Preparation provider [office hours](#)

October 27: Preparation provider [monthly webinar](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

October 15: [Literacy training survey](#) due

October 29: School systems submit Mentor data files via FTP

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar

Please join the next monthly webinar on October 27, 2021.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, October 27 from 10-11 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.

Preparation Provider Office Hours

Mark your calendars for the first office hours call of the 2021-2022 school year! The Department will again offer office hour calls designed and led by teacher preparation provider faculty. These calls will cover topics relevant to the work of preparation programs. The October call will focus on residency placements in high poverty schools. It will be led by faculty from Nicholls, Southern, and Xavier.

Webinar Date/Time: October 21 at 2 p.m.

Webinar link: <https://tinyurl.com/wzkxb54a>

Meeting ID: 936 6026 8060
Passcode: 904425
Phone: 1-470-381-2552

If you or other faculty members from your program are interested in co-facilitating an office hours session this year or have suggestions for additional topics, please email nicole.bono@la.gov.

Mentor and Resident Funding Data Collection Process

Thank you for completing the Preparation provider portion of the Mentor and Resident data collection process. School systems will receive a list of residents via the FTP on **October 11**. The Mentor and resident data template is due on **October 29**. Please support school system partners in completing this template.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Literacy Updates

ACT 108 (SB 216) requires all K-3 teachers and leaders to be trained in a foundational literacy skills instruction course that is based on the science of reading designed for the professional development of educators, and includes information on instructing students regarding phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

The Department released an RFA for vendors. The following vendors were selected through this process:

- AIM Institute for Learning and Research (*AIM Pathways*)
- Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (*Literacy Foundations Training: The Science of Reading*)
- Keys to Literacy (*Keys to Beginning Reading*)
- Voyager Sopris Learning (*LETRS*)

The literacy team has secured funds to also offer teacher preparation providers the opportunity to attend the same training as K-12 educators. School systems will be encouraged to include all residents in the training as well. Please complete this [survey](#) by **October 15** to indicate your interest in the foundational literacy skills training.

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

K-12 and Teacher Preparation Partnerships

With the release of the school system planning process on September 10, the Department also released [guidance](#) for school systems on partnerships with teacher preparation partners. This guidance document provides information on:

- Using workforce data to identify school system specific needs
- Determining areas where preparation providers could potentially provide support
- A sample MOU to define the roles of preparation providers and K-12 systems

School systems and teacher preparation providers should utilize this guidance document to establish or expand existing relationships.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Teacher Leader Lagniappe Podcast

Teacher Leader Lagniappe offers a little something extra for Louisiana educators. As educators, we are leaders - leaders of our families, classrooms, schools, teams, and systems. Host Em Cooper shares inspiring stories from leaders in Louisiana and across the country. You'll hear from innovators, change agents, and experts that will empower you to grow in your profession. Educators can subscribe to the [podcast](#) and listen to the latest episode.

Recently released episodes are below

Episode 9: School Culture and Climate with Dr. Erin Stokes

Episode 10: Music, Art, and Movement with First Lady Donna Edwards

Episode 11: Crazy for Kids with 2021 Principal of the Year Dione Bradford

Episode 12: Addressing the Literacy Crisis with Dr. Kymyona Burk

Share Your Stories: Educators can submit [pictures](#) of the great things happening in your school and system for our What's Making Me Smile segment.

Please contact em.cooper@la.gov with questions.

Certification Updates

Certification processing protocols have changed. Some of those changes include:

- Requiring two forms of identification for all application submissions
- Requiring applications to be completed electronically
- Requiring a Plan of Study with all initial PL applications

All certification applications have been updated. As a part of the new Practitioner License (PL) application, new documents are required: program plan of study and intent to employ (also available to human resource contacts). **All** practitioner license applications must now be submitted by teacher preparation providers.

As of **October 1**, all certification submissions are required to be on the new application forms, completed electronically, and include a copy of the social security card and driver's license.

Certification policy does not allow for the use of ACT and SAT Superscores. Certification applications with ACT or SAT Superscore reports included will be **denied**.

- Score reports must include, composite score, subtest score and test date.
- If providing the score on official university letterhead, a screenshot of the electronic information system where scores are received must be included, showing composite score, subtest score and test date.

Reminder: All candidates completing the *old alternate teacher preparation* program requirements (prior to the redesign), had until **August 31, 2021** to complete the program. A few programs received a one-year extension of old programs. Those students have until **August 31, 2022** to complete the *old* practitioner program requirements.

All candidates completing the old **undergraduate** program requirements (prior to the redesign), have until **August 31, 2022** to complete the program. A few programs received a one-year extension of old programs. Those students have until **August 31, 2023** to complete the *old* undergraduate program requirements.

Redesigned program requirements are listed in sections **743 & 745** of **Bulletin 996**.

Please contact certification@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 (if recommended for approval)
12/13/2021	1/07/2022	01/10/2022 - 02/18/2022	03/11/2022	04/13/2022
6/1/2022	6/30/2022	07/01/2022 - 08/19/2022	09/12/2022	10/12/2022

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