



# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Program Approval

### Provider Assurances for Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate Program

NAME OF PROVIDER \_\_\_\_\_

*Bulletin 996- Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs* establishes minimum requirements for early childhood ancillary certificate programs. Specifically, as required by chapter 3, section 305, early childhood ancillary certificate programs must, at minimum:

be designed to develop and ensure candidates' mastery of the early childhood teacher competencies required for certification. The program design must:

center on courses and practice experiences that integrate content, theory, and practice;

expressly teach current Louisiana early learning and development standards and instructional resources;

require candidates to demonstrate mastery of required competencies through a series of performance assessments; and

require candidates to demonstrate mastery of mandated child abuse reporting.

include required applied practice experiences for teacher preparation, including at least two observations using the *Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®)*; and

be jointly developed in partnership with members of the local early childhood care and education community network (LAC 28:CLXVII, *Bulletin 140—Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*). Evidence of partnership may include, but not be limited to, a formal agreement, such as a memorandum of understanding or memorandum of agreement, that describes shared roles and responsibilities for program design, program implementation, and program evaluation.

The program director and/or administrator of the operating agency commit that:

Program will comply will program accountability system requirements;

Program will participate in onsite visits and interviews to monitor and observe the preparation program during the term of approval;

Program will participate in collaborative events with the ECAC Program community;

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All necessary authorities for the organization have been notified of the plan to apply for approval to provide the proposed coursework enclosed in this application;

All information within the enclosed application for approval is true to the best of the applicants knowledge; and,

The application has been completed by staff of the agency or institution seeking approval. If there has been any collaboration in the construction of the application other than the MOU, please include an additional appendix describing the nature of the collaboration.

*The signatures below and corresponding initials above indicate that leaders responsible for overseeing design and implementation of the programs included in this application, including deans and/or directors of colleges and/or schools who provide coursework for these programs, have approved the information provided in this application for submission to the Louisiana Department of Education. We further certify that, if approved, the programs and residency model described in this application will meet all minimum practice experience requirements as established in Bulletin 996.*

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Dean or Director, Print/Type Name

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Dean or Director, Signature

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Date

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Operating Agency CEO/Administrator, Print/Type Name

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