

## PROGRAM APPROVAL

The preparation program review process provides a comprehensive, unbiased evaluation of all teacher preparation program applications according to clearly defined standards found in BESE policy: [initial teacher certification competencies](#) and [teacher preparation program requirements](#).

**Currently approved teacher preparation program providers** must demonstrate alignment to new policies by July 1, 2018. Teacher preparation providers with extenuating circumstances may submit a request to BESE for an extension of this deadline. All extension requests must be received by January 1, 2018.

Providers have two options for demonstrating alignment to new policies.

<b>Assurances</b>	Teacher preparation providers that align their programs to the new program design and practice experiences outlined in <a href="#">Bulletin 996</a> , Chapter 7 Subchapter C, will submit a set of assurances to the LDOE. BESE will receive the assurances. The assurances can be submitted through the <a href="#">Program Approval Application Portal: Alignment</a>
<b>Innovative model</b>	Teacher preparation providers may seek approval to offer an innovative residency model that does not meet the minimum residency time requirements but meets a specific workforce need and includes high-quality clinical experiences. The LDOE will review these applications; BESE will consider the LDOE's recommendation. This application can be submitted through the <a href="#">Program Approval Application Portal: Alignment</a>

Providers can also apply for a new pathway(s) and/or certification area(s).

<b>Initial Request</b>	Teacher preparation providers can apply to offer new pathways and/or new certification areas. Current provider can submit a <a href="#">Notice of Intent</a> to offer a new pathway and/or certification area(s). Once the NOI is received, the link to the application will be sent to the provider that submitted the NOI.
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Current and new providers may access resources available on Louisiana Believes via the [Preparation Library](#).

## Educator Preparation Program Alignment Timelines

Request Type: Extension	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	BESE Considers
	1/1/2018	1/2/18-1/19/18	1/23/2018

Request Type: Innovative	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	BESE Considers
	12/1/2017	12/4/18-1/19/18	1/23/2018
	1/2/2018	1/3/18-2/14/18	3/12/2018
	2/2/2018	2/5/18-3/21/18	4/17/2018
	4/2/2018	4/3/18-5/23/18	6/19/2018

Alignment Review	Signed Assurances Deadline	BESE Considers
	1/1/2018	1/23/2018
	1/26/2018	3/12/2018
	3/2/2018	4/17/2018
	5/4/2018	6/19/2018

Request Type: Initial	Notice of Intent Submitted	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers
Current Providers	12/9/2017	2/16/2018	2/16/18-3/21/18	4/2/2018	4/17/2018
Current Providers	5/1/2018	6/1/2018	6/1/18-8/30/18	9/1/2018	10/17/2018
New Providers	5/1/2018	6/1/2018	6/1/18-8/30/18	9/1/2018	10/17/2018
New Providers	11/16/2018	12/14/2018	1/4/19-3/15/19	3/18/2019	4/17/2019