

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](#).

Providers can apply for a new pathway(s) and/or certification area(s) through the initial request process.

INITIAL REQUEST

Teacher preparation providers can apply to offer new pathways and/or new certification areas. Current and/or new providers can submit a [Notice of Intent](#) 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.

Current and new providers may access resources available on Louisiana Believes via the [Preparation Library](#).

INITIAL REQUEST TIMELINE

Notice of Intent Submitted	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
6/1/2018	7/1/2018	7/1/2018-8/30/2018	9/1/2018	10/17/2018
11/16/2018	12/14/2018	1/4/2019-3/15/2019	3/18/2019	4/17/2019
7/1/2019	8/1/2019	8/1/2019-9/13/2019	9/13/2019	10/15/2019

INNOVATIVE REQUEST

Teacher preparation providers that received an approved extension to redesigning their programs had the option of submitting an innovative proposal by the June 29, 2018 deadline and are scheduled to receive feedback by August 3, 2018. Providers moving forward with their innovative proposals should adhere to the following timelines for their final proposal submission.

INNOVATIVE PROPOSAL TIMELINE

Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers <i>(if recommended for approval)</i>
6/29/2018	7/1/2018-8/1/2018	8/3/2018	8/14/2018
8/24/2018	8/27/2018-9/21/2018	9/24/2018	10/16/2018
9/21/2018	10/1/2018-11/9/2018	11/16/2018	12/11/2018