

Purpose

To better meet the needs of Louisiana’s learners with diverse needs, the Department aims to increase the number of teachers holding certification in: 1) [special education: mild/moderate](#) and 2) [English learner](#).

Description

LDOE will invest in teachers obtaining their certification in two high-need areas. Through Super App, school systems will submit the number of teachers who will complete an add-on certification in special education: mild/moderate or English learner as well as a description of the need, including the count of impacted students and the current number of teachers holding those certifications. Each school system may request up to \$4,000 per special education:mild/moderate add-on certification and \$2,000 per EL add-on certification.

Guidance

- Teachers may complete the add-on certification through any [approved certification programs](#). Not all approved providers offer the required coursework. School systems should confirm with their preparation provider partner which add-on coursework they offer. Below is a chart of programs currently offering the required coursework.
- School systems should follow the add-on guidance documents for [special education:mild/moderate](#) and [English learner](#) to support teacher’s understanding of what coursework and Praxis exams are required for the add-on certification.
- Guidelines for adding on [special education:mild/moderate](#) certification vary based on the teacher’s current area of certification and which special education:mild/moderate grade level they wish to add. Generally, most teachers will need to complete six, 3-credit hour courses or an approved alternative add-on program and a special education Praxis exam. Additional praxis exams may be required if the teacher is pursuing special education:mild/moderate certification in an area different from their initial certification area. For additional guidance on which checklist to follow, please contact certification@la.gov.
- The cost for the add-on certification varies by programs. School systems should confirm costs directly with the preparation provider. Below is a chart of approximate costs.
- The special education: mild/moderate add-on certification includes the additional cost of the required Praxis exam(s). Details about the content of the required [Praxis exam\(s\)](#) can be located on the [ETS website](#). You can refer to this [Praxis chart](#) for additional details about the required exam(s).

Program Name	Mild Moderate Special Education Classes	EL classes	Contact information
Louisiana College	Offered online @ cost= \$5,400	Not offered at this time	education@lacollege.edu
Louisiana Resource Center for Educators	Offered online @ cost = \$3,500	Not offered at this time	teach@lrce.org
Louisiana State University Alexandria	Offered online @ cost= \$5,232	Offered online @ cost = \$3,450	aduos@lsua.edu
Louisiana State University Baton Rouge	Offered online @ cost= \$9,270	Offered online and in person @ cost = \$6,205	SPED pmooney@lsu.edu EL esbarreraiv@lsu.edu

Louisiana State University Shreveport	Offered online @ cost= \$5,495	Offered online @ cost = \$3,663	Tracey.Burrell@lsus.edu
Louisiana Tech University	Offered online @ cost= \$6,600	Not offered at this time	hebertd@latech.edu
McNeese State University Burton College of Education	Offered online @ cost= \$7,300	Offered online @ cost = \$4,500	alebretton@mcneese.edu
Nicholls State University	Offered online @ cost= \$7,800	Not offered at this time	derek.shanman@nicholls.edu or grant.gautreaux@nicholls.edu
Northwestern State University	Offered online @ cost= \$5,195	Offered online @ cost = \$5,195	jordank@nsula.edu
Southeastern Louisiana University	Offered online @ cost= \$7,950	Offered online @ cost= \$5,300	susan.zimlich@southeastern.edu collegeofeducation@southeastern.edu
Southern University and A&M College	Offered online @ cost= \$5,000	Not offered at this time	verjanis_peoples@subr.edu
TNTP	Offered online @ cost= \$4,700	Not offered at this time	louisianapedaddon@tntpteachingfellows.org
Tulane University	Offered online @ cost= \$8,300	Offered online @ cost = \$5,030	kmcclore1@tulane.edu
University of Holy Cross	Offered in person @ cost= \$8,200	Offered online @ cost= \$5,400	Lsullivan@uhcno.edu
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Offered in person @ cost= \$7,776	Offered in person @ cost= \$5,184	education@louisiana.edu
University of Louisiana Monroe	Offered online @ cost= \$5,400	Offered online @ cost = \$3,600	fitch@ulm.edu
University of New Orleans	Offered online and in person @ cost= \$8,000	Offered online and in person @ cost= \$6,000	mblancha@uno.edu
Xavier University of Louisiana	Offered in person @ cost= \$8,300	Not offered at this time	rvakbar@xula.edu

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.