



2023 Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy

July 10-14, 2023

University of Louisiana Monroe

Overview

The Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy is a one-of-a-kind, five-day, hybrid of a summer camp and a professional learning experience for high school students enrolled in the [Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway](#) or other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators.

Hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education and staffed by a team of advisors and coaches from around the state, the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy will take place at the **University of Louisiana Monroe on July 10-14, 2023.**

The Aspiring Educator Summer Academy will bring together one-hundred aspiring educators from around the state for a high-energy, professional leadership experience that propels them on their pathway to becoming highly effective, educational leaders in our state.

The academy staff will be made up of 36 exceptional individuals that represent different parts of the Louisiana educator pipeline.

- Twenty-four college students will lead and serve as coaches to smaller cohorts of academy participants.
- Twelve exceptional teachers, professors, and other practicing educators will serve as advisors throughout the week.

Goals

A general day at the academy will give participants an opportunity to engage in workshops led by extraordinary Louisiana education advocates, to be mentored by exceptional educators at various points in their career, to practice skills related to being an effective educational leader, and to network and build community with other Louisiana aspiring educators.

During the Academy, participants will:

- Continue to increase their skills and knowledge related to becoming a highly-effective educator.
- Develop steps to increasing their leadership and advocacy skills.
- Network and build a community amongst other Louisiana aspiring educators.



A Day At the Academy

Time	Location	Description
8:00-8:30	Morning Dorm Huddle	Coaches review daily schedules and lead participants in community building and daily goal setting.
8:30-9:30	Breakfast	University of Louisiana Monroe Cafeteria
9:30-11:00	Morning Seminar #1	Participants will engage in an interactive seminar that explores their own values and strengths as they relate to leadership in the classroom. Participants will walk away with a deeper understanding of themselves and how their identity and experiences impact their future work as an effective educator.
11:00-1:00	Cohort	Cohorts prepare a lesson to lead during the afternoon's clinical experience.
1:00-2:00	Lunch	University of Louisiana Monroe Cafeteria
2:00-4:30	Clinical Experience	Cohorts lead groups of children from the Boys & Girls Club in their prepared lesson.
4:30-5:30	Cohort Debrief	Participants debrief their clinical experience and complete reflection aligned to the Pre-Educator Pathway Learner Engagement Microcredential . Participants make connections between Seminar #1 and their clinical experiences.
5:30-6:30	Cohort Dinner	University of Louisiana Monroe Cafeteria
6:30-9:00	Game Night Social	Nightly social hosted by coaches.
9:00-10:00	Evening Dorm Huddle	Participants reflect on the day by sharing highlights, lowlights, and goals for the next day. Coaches set expectations for the next day.



Application Process and Timeline

To be nominated to attend the Academy,

- Interested participants must complete a self-nomination activity and submit to their school system's Pre-Educator Pathway lead.
- School system and teacher leads will select one student from each participating high school to attend the academy.
- School system leads will select one alternate per school site.
- School systems must nominate students to attend the academy.
- Alternates will be selected to fill vacant spots. All alternates will be notified by 05/31/2023 of their registration status.

Registration Timeline

Date	Description
04/06/2023	<p>School system leads review program overview and registration process during system lead professional learning community.</p> <p>System Lead Professional Learning Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar Date and Time: April 6, 2023 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM • Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179 • Webinar Phone Number: +13462487799,,3455048179# • Meeting ID: 345 504 8179
04/07/2023-04/19/2023	School systems share Summer Academy information with aspiring educators.
04/25/2023	<p>Aspiring Educator Summer Academy Information Webinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar Date and Time: April 25, 2023 5:30 PM- 6:30PM • Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179 • Webinar Phone Number: +14703812552,,3455048179# • Meeting ID: 345 504 8179
04/10/2023-05/03/2023	Aspiring Educators review and complete self-nomination activities. Aspiring Educators submit completed self-nomination activities to Pre-Educator Pathway System Leads.
05/15/2023	Teacher Leaders and School System leads select one participant and one alternate from each participating high school. School system lead registers participants and alternates before the deadline.



Academy Participants Characteristics & Qualifications

School systems that offer the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway are eligible to register one aspiring educator per high school to attend the Summer Academy. Additionally, each school site will nominate one alternate to be considered to attend the academy.

An ideal academy participant is a high-school student that is determined to make a positive impact in the field of education in Louisiana.

- Rising tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students previously enrolled in at least one of the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway courses listed below are eligible to attend the academy free of charge.
- Academy participants are responsible for their transportation to and from the Academy. School systems are encouraged to support and partner with nearby school systems when possible.
- Students should possess dispositions, interests, and characteristics of effective educators included but not limited to:
 - being open-minded, compassionate, respectful, inclusive, and service-oriented;
 - having an interest in community, state, and national service;
 - possessing a desire to serve children and the community through improving outcomes for all children no matter their background, zip code, or family circumstances;
 - enjoying collaborative activities;
 - sharing a passion for a certain topic or content area;
 - developing strong interpersonal and communication skills;
 - exploring skills and strategies of an effective 21st century educator.

Self-Nomination Activities

Pre-Educator Pathway System Leads should work closely with Pre-Educator Pathway Teacher Leaders to share the self-nomination activities with interested aspiring educators. System leads should set a timeline and submission system for interested aspiring educators to complete the self-nomination activities. Based on self-nomination submissions, school system leads should work with teacher leaders to select one student per high school and one alternate per high school that meet the ideal academy participant characteristics.

Aspiring educators should complete one of the following self-nomination activities and submit to their teacher leader.

- Record a video that describes your favorite school related experience and how it connects to your current interest to become an educator. Videos should not exceed 2 minutes.
- Draft a letter or speech to your local school board that explains what you would do if you could serve as a school board member for one year. Speeches or letters should not exceed two pages.
- Write an essay that answers the following question: Why is it important to have a highly effective educator workforce in your community? Responses should not exceed two pages.

Contact toriano.hayward@la.gov with any questions.



Questions & Answers

I am a high school Pre-Educator Pathway student interested in attending the Summer Academy. What should I do next?

- Plan to attend the parent and aspiring educator interest meeting. This is a great opportunity for parents and potential participants to learn more details about the 2023 Summer Academy and ask any questions they may have. If you are unable to attend, a recording will be posted in the Louisiana [Pre-Educator Pathway Resource Library](#).
 - 2023 Summer Academy Information Webinar
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- Inform your Pre-Educator Pathway, Educators Rising, Foundations of Education, or Multicultural Learning Communities Teacher about your interest to attend.
- Complete one of the following self-nomination activities and submit to your teacher leader by the deadline given by your teacher.
 - Record a video that describes your favorite school related experience and how it connects to your current interest to become an educator. Videos should not exceed 2 minutes.
 - Draft a letter or speech to your local school board that explains what you would do if you could serve as a school board member for one year. Speeches or letters should not exceed two pages.
 - Write an essay that answers the following question: Why is it important to have a highly effective educator workforce in your community? Responses should not exceed two pages.

I am a Pre-Educator Pathway Teacher or System Leader. What do I need to do to nominate and register students to attend the 2023 Summer Academy?

- System leads should plan to attend the April System Lead Professional Learning Community to learn more details about the academy.
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- Teacher leaders should share the opportunity with strong aspiring educator candidates that possess the characteristics described above.
- Teacher leaders and system leads should collect self-nomination activities from interested rising tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders previously or currently enrolled in at least one of the Pre-Educator Pathway courses.
- System leads should use the [nomination form](#) to register one participant and one alternate from each high school that offers Pre-Educator Pathway coursework. After submitting the [nomination form](#), systems will be responsible for ensuring aspiring educators, parents/guardians, and teacher leaders remain informed of next steps.



How will alternate candidates be reviewed and selected?

- In addition to registering one student per high school, each school that offers the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway will have the opportunity to nominate an alternate to be considered for the remaining Academy spots.
- The Summer Academy team will review the self-nomination activities for all alternates submitted by school systems through the [nomination form](#).
- School system leads, teacher leaders, and alternates will receive an email with next steps as alternates are selected to attend.

Who should apply to serve on the Louisiana Summer Academy Staff?

- **Coaches-** College students that are currently enrolled in a Louisiana teacher preparation program and/or college/university with a demonstrated interest and skill in mentorship, service, and leadership will be considered to serve as coaches.
- **Advisors-** Currently practicing exemplary educators with a specific interest and demonstrated skill in teaching, teacher mentorship, and aspiring teacher development will serve as advisors during the academy.
- For more details related to being considered for academy staff, refer to the 2023 Louisiana Summer Academy Staffing Descriptions in the [Pre-Educator Pathway Resource Library](#).

How can I find out which schools are eligible to submit Academy participants?

- If you have any questions about the Academy, including eligibility, contact toriano.hayward@la.gov.