

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

Below are important events and deadlines for teacher preparation providers for the month of June, including updates and information related to COVID-19. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 15 & 16: Technical assistance [webinars](#) for Practitioner License extensions
- June 24: Preparation Provider [monthly webinar](#)
- June 30: First On-site Review Framework Training with Class Measures
- July 16: 2020-2021 Planning Webinar

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PREPARATION PROVIDER WEBINAR

The Department will continue holding monthly webinars for teacher preparation providers to provide updates and information. The next webinar will be on **June 24 at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, June 24 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with questions.

TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT- RECORDED SESSIONS

The 2020 Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series brought together over 6,000 educators and content experts focused on creating meaningful growth for every student, every day. Educators shared knowledge, learned new skills, and prepared for the 2020-2021 school year.

In an effort to ensure as many Louisiana educators as possible were able to gain the content knowledge from the sessions, the Department released a [list of sessions](#) that were broadcasted live on YouTube.

The live broadcasts allowed educators across the state to attend the sessions live regardless of event registration.

Additionally, all sessions were recorded for offline viewing. The recordings will be posted to the [Teacher Leader Library](#) later this month.

MENTOR TEACHER AND CONTENT LEADER ASSESSMENT SERIES UPDATE REPORT

BESE will receive an update report in June regarding the Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Assessment Series. The update report and recommendations therein were developed based upon feedback from Mentor training participants, approved Mentor training providers, Regional Talent Coaches, and a teacher preparation group that includes representatives from the Louisiana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (LACTE), private teacher preparation providers, and BESE.

The recommendations in the report include:

1. Reducing the artifact requirements and clarifying assessment rubrics
2. Scaling down (from six to four individual assessments) and restructuring the Elementary assessment series
3. Providing ongoing and increased technical assistance to approved mentor training providers

Given the impact of these recommendations and subsequent policy revision to reduce the number of Elementary assessments, during the Notice of Intent (NOI) period, the LDE will meet with approved providers to share this update report and to continue a dialogue regarding the Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Assessment Series.

MENTOR TEACHER AND CONTENT LEADER NEWLY APPROVED PROVIDERS

Congratulations to the following programs who were approved by BESE in May to offer mentor teacher or Content Leader training.

Mentor Teacher Training

- Collegiate Academies
- Crescent City Schools
- FirstLine Schools
- Learning Forward
- Louisiana State University- Baton Rouge
- Louisiana State University- Shreveport
- Loyola University
- Northwestern State University
- Relay Graduate School of Education
- SchoolKit Group
- St. Tammany Public Schools
- Tangipahoa Parish Schools
- TNTP
- University of Holy Cross
- University of New Orleans
- University of Texas at Austin, Dana Center

Content Leader Training

- Great Minds PhD Science (science)
- Leading Educators (ELA, math)
- Louisiana State University, Gordon Cain Center (math)

- SchoolKit Group (math, science)
- St. Tammany Schools (ELA, math)
- University of Texas at Austin, Dana Center (science)

PRAXIS TESTS FROM HOME: UPDATE

ETS has partnered with ProctorU to develop a remote testing option, *Praxis Tests at Home*, that enables test takers to take the exams from home while testing centers are closed. The [Praxis Tests at Home document](#) provides information relative to the *Praxis Tests at Home* testing solution. It is based upon information received from ETS on May 5 and includes:

- Launch dates
- The list of tests that are slated to be launched during each phase
- Registration procedures for the *Praxis at Home* testing solution

Please visit the [ETS Testing Updates webpage](#) for additional updates.

MENTOR ELIGIBILITY REPORT

The Department has updated the Mentor eligibility report, which outlines the candidates from each school system who are eligible to serve as a Mentor for 2020-2021. The file can be accessed in the [Louisiana Department of Education Secure FTP](#) (File Transfer) application.

Please contact Andrew.Palermo@la.gov with any questions.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Practitioner Licenses (PLs) for the 2020-2021 school year and Resident certificates (Rs) for the Fall/Spring 2020-2021 session will begin to be issued on July 1, 2020.

When preparing to submit and submitting applications, please be sure to:

- Update any bookmarks or other documents that refer to the payment portal, as the new payment portal is live
- Download the most current application packet before distributing to students/teacher candidates
- Complete admission date on initial applications
- Complete the GPA met or flexibility form
 - GPA must be the undergraduate GPA and cannot be calculated using the last 60 hours of coursework
- Submit applications as one PDF
- Schedule office hours for specific questions

PRACTITIONER LICENSE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXTENSION

BESE has granted a regulatory flexibility to extend teachers' practitioner license by one year if they were impacted by ETS' transition to at home tests.

The process of indicating the teachers who will need extensions will start June 15 and must be completed by July 1. Please join us for one of the technical assistance webinars below to learn about the process for indicating these teachers.

Webinar #1 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Monday, June 15 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/7328306617>

- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 732 830 6617

Webinar #2 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Tuesday, June 16 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/7328306617>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 732 830 6617

Please contact erich.schultz@la.gov with questions.

TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

ON SITE REVIEWS FOR 2020-2021

The updated on-site review framework, which will be used for on-site reviews beginning in 2020-2021 is available [here](#) (On-site Review Framework 2020). Class Measures will hold two virtual webinars for preparation providers to go over the new framework, one on June 30 and the other on August 27. Please see below for the details.

June 30 On-site Review Framework Session

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Webinar Link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

August 27 On-site Review Framework Session

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Webinar Link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

PERFORMANCE PROFILE WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Department is in the final steps of mapping the data submitted by programs to the performance profile website pages. Once complete, the Department will send an email detailing the validation process for providers to review and approve their pages. To ensure all programs are able to validate their pages, the website will launch in early Summer.

The website launch will contain informational data only including:

- An overview of each program, including certification areas offered and images
- Program completers numbers and demographics
- A map of residency placement sites
- Retention at the school-, school system- and state-level

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TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

REQUESTS TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS: OCTOBER MEETING

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the process outlined below. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI), and once that is received, the Department will send a link to the application.

Current and new providers may access resources available on the [Department's website](#) via the [Preparation Library](#).

Milestone	Fall 2020
Application submission deadline	7/31/20
Evaluation period	7/31/20 - 9/11/20
Notification of evaluation results	9/11/20
BESE Considers if recommended for approval	10/13/20