DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel
(LAC 28:CXXXI. Chapters 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15 and 23)

Editor’s Note: In accordance with R.S. 49:954.1, this Emergency Rule is being published without regard to its validity. The contents of this Emergency Rule contain numerous errors to be addressed by the promulgating agency.

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has LAC 28:CXXXI in Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel. The proposed revisions: adopt new high school and middle school Math Praxis exams; remove the requirement that teaching experience be in an educator area of certification as a condition of advancing a teaching certificate; require teacher preparation providers to submit all practitioner license (PL) applications; allow the issuance of Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certifications to applicants who fail to meet minimum grade point average requirements, contingent upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of a personal interview by the employing school system; allow a “family childcare” child development associate (CDA) credential for purposes of earning an ancillary Early Childhood Certificate; allow uncertified nonpublic school educators to serve as mentor teachers; align Child Nutrition Coordinator requirements with Federal regulations; align CTTIE certificate structure issuance and renewal with standard teaching certification; reduce the number of years of teaching experience for Educational Leader Certificate Level 3 (EDL3) and Out-of-State Superintendent (OSS) from 5 years to 3 years; and provide for technical edits. This Declaration of Emergency, effective February 14, 2022, is for a period of 180 days from adoption, or until finally adopted as Rule.

Title 28
EDUCATION
Part CXXXI. Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel
Chapter 2. Initial Teacher Certification
Subchapter B. Testing Required for Certification Areas
§303. Certification Exams and Scores

A. A teacher applicant for certification must successfully complete the appropriate written or computer-delivered exam.
B. Content and Pedagogy Requirements

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assessment identified in this Section prior to issuance of a Louisiana educator certification.

1. Core Academic Skills for Educators. Teacher applicants in all content areas must pass all three Praxis core academic skills tests for educators.
   a. An ACT composite score of 22 or an SAT combined score of 1100 or higher (new SAT) or 1030 or higher (pre-March 2016 SAT) may be used in lieu of PRAXIS 1 PPST exams or core academic skills tests for educators in reading, writing and math by prospective teachers in Louisiana.
   b. Applicants possessing a non-education graduate degree from an institution accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 will be exempted from the core skills exam.

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1NOTE: To differentiate the computer delivered tests, Educational Testing Service has placed the number “5” or “6” preceding the current test code. The department will accept computer delivered passing test scores for licensure.

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* The passing score for tests taken prior to January 1, 2020 is 160.

2. All-Level K-12 Certification

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1. Praxis scores, for certification purposes, must be received by the LDE via one of the following ways:
   a. the electronic ETS Praxis score report forwarded directly from ETS; or
   b. the original Praxis score report issued by ETS submitted with the certification application.

G. Mentor Teacher and Content Leader. The mentor teacher certificate and the content leader certificate may be earned by passing the applicable Louisiana assessment series.

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Chapter 5. Teaching Credentials, Licenses and Certifications

Subchapter A. Standard Teaching Certificates

§503. Introduction

A. There are seven types of standard teaching certificates issued by the state of Louisiana:
   1. professional Level 1, 2, and 3 certificates;
   2. type C, B, and A certificates;
   3. out-of-state certificate;
   4. world language certificates (WLC);
   5. practitioner 1, 2, and 3 licenses;
   6. extended endorsement license (EEL); and
   7. standard certificates for teachers in non-public schools.

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§505. General Provisions

A. Non-Practicing Status or Operational Role Status for Standard Teaching Certificates

1. The LDE may grant:
   a. non-practicing status to any teacher who applies after ceasing employment as a teacher or leader in a local education agency;
   b. operational role status to any teacher who is serving in a role that cannot be evaluated per student growth measures.

2. Non-practicing status will take effect on the last day of employment in the local education agency evaluated role, as verified by the employing LEA.

3. Operational role status will take effect on the first day of employment in a role that cannot be evaluated per student growth measures, as verified by the employing LEA.

4. Operational role teachers returning to a role that can be evaluated per student growth measures must be evaluated with student growth measures upon return to that role.

5. Non-practicing teachers returning to practice and operational role teachers returning to a role that can be evaluated per student growth measures may apply through a local education agency for an extension of the certificate for the number of years remaining in the renewal period of the certificate.

6. Final effectiveness ratings earned while in active status will be retained during non-practicing status and operational role status and applied to any subsequent renewal or extension.

7. The first date an educator can enter into non-practicing or operational role is August 1, 2012.

B. Medical Excuse and Exceptions. Exceptions to policy will be considered in the case of serious medical condition or unavailability of required coursework or exams. When serious medical problems of the teacher or immediate family exist, a doctor statement is required with a letter of assurance from the teacher that the unmet policy requirements will be completed within one year of granting the exception. The final authority for approval and policy flexibility is at the discretion of the LDE.
§507. Professional Level Certificates

A. Level 1 is the entry-level professional certificate, valid for three years. The level 2 and level 3 certificates are valid for five years.

1. Eligibility Requirements for Level 1 Professional Certificate

a. Louisiana graduate:
   i. successfully complete a state-approved traditional or alternate teacher preparation program:
      (a). for alternate preparation completers, the applicant must receive mentoring by a school-based mentor teacher in accordance with §553 of this Chapter;
      ii. have a minimum 2.50 undergraduate grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale;
      (a). an applicant who does not meet the GPA requirement may be certified if by meeting the following requirements in an alternate teacher preparation program:
         (i). satisfactorily complete a personal interview by the program admissions officer;
         (ii). if the program awards credit hours, the applicant shall achieve a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in alternate teacher preparation program courses by the end of the first 12 credit hours and successfully complete the program;
         (iii). if the program does not award credit hours, the applicant shall demonstrate mastery of competencies as required by the program administrator and by the school system in which the applicant completes required clinical practice; and
         (iv). satisfactorily complete all program requirements as set forth by BESE, including any requirements for clinical practice, at graduation;
   iii. present appropriate scores on the core exams; the principles of learning and teaching (PLT) or other pedagogy exam(s) required for the area(s) of certification as specified in §303 of this Part; and the specialty area (content) exam in the certification area in which the teacher preparation program was completed or in which the initial certificate was issued;
   (a). See §303 of this Part for exam substitutions;
   iv. be recommended by a state-approved university or private program provider for certification.

b. Out-of-State graduate:
   i. possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602;
      (a). credentials may be submitted to a credentialing agency that follows the standards of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) for evaluation with the original course-by-course evaluation including a statement verifying the comparability of the baccalaureate degree in the field of education;
      ii. hold a standard out-of-state teaching certificate, or if no certificate was issued, a letter from the state education agency (SEA) or teacher preparation program provider in the state of origin verifying eligibility in that state for a certificate in the certification area(s);
   iii. pass all parts of Praxis exam(s) required for Louisiana certification:
      (a). present appropriate scores on the core exams, the principles of learning and teaching (PLT) or other pedagogy exam required for the area(s) of certification, and the specialty area (content) exam in the certification area in which the teacher preparation program was completed or in which the initial certificate was issued;
      (b). if applicant has obtained National Board Certification (NBC) in corresponding areas for which certification is being sought as well as certification/licensure in the state of origin, the examination required for NBC will be accepted to fulfill the testing requirements for certification;
      (a). See §303 of this Part for exam substitutions.
   iv. has completed student teaching, an internship, or year(s) of teaching experience as required by the teacher preparation program provider; and
   v. has not been out of teaching in the five years immediately preceding first employment or application for a Louisiana certificate. A candidate who has not taught in five years may be issued a one-year non-renewable (OS1) certificate during completion of six semester hours required for the issuance of a three-year non-renewable (OS) certificate.
   vi. A candidate who is certified in another state can qualify for exclusion from the BESE adopted exam(s) required for Louisiana certification under the following criteria:
      (a). meet all requirements for Louisiana certification except the Praxis exam requirements; have at least three years of successful teaching experience in another state, as verified by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA; and teach on an out-of-state certificate for one year in a Louisiana-approved public or an approved nonpublic school system;
      (b). the employing authority must verify that the teacher has completed one year of successful teaching experience in a Louisiana approved public or an approved nonpublic school and is recommended for further employment;
      (c). the employing authority must request that the teacher be granted a valid Louisiana teaching certificate.

   c. Foreign Applicant (OS) Certificate eligibility requirements:
      i. possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree verified by an institution in the United States accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602, or if the institution is located in Louisiana, the dean of the College of Education must recommend the applicant for certification based upon Louisiana requirements and submit the original course-by-course evaluation including a statement verifying the comparability of the baccalaureate degree in the field of education, or if the institution is located in another state/country, the guidelines prescribed for out-of-state applicants must be followed; or
      ii. credentials may be submitted to a credentialing agency that follows the standards of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) for evaluation, and the original course-by-course evaluation must include a statement verifying the
comparability of the baccalaureate degree in the field of education.

d. Foreign Applicant—Level 1 Certificate eligibility requirements:
   i. possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree
   verified by an institution in the United States accredited in
   accordance with 34 CFR 602, or if the institution is located
   in Louisiana, the dean of the College of Education must
   recommend the applicant for certification based upon
   Louisiana requirements with the original course-by-course
   evaluation including a statement verifying the comparability
   of the baccalaureate degree in the field of education, or if the
   institution is located in another state/country, the guidelines
   prescribed for out-of-state applicants must be followed; or
   ii. credentials may be submitted by an agency that
   follows the standard of the American Association of
   Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
   for evaluation, and the original course-by-course
   evaluation for certification must include a statement verifying
   the comparability of the baccalaureate degree in the field of
   education; and
   iii. present appropriate scores on the core exams
   for the principles of learning and teaching (PLT) or other
   pedagogy exam required for the area(s) of certification and
   the specialty area (content) exam(s) in the certification
   area(s) in which the teacher preparation program was
   completed or in which the initial certificate was issued.

   (a). See §303 of this Part for exam substitutions.

B. Level 2 Professional Certificate eligibility requirements:
   1. hold or meet eligibility requirements for a level 1 certificate;
   2. successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for
      three years pursuant to state law and LAC 28:CXLVII
      (Bulletin 130);
      a. all out-of-state experience must be verified as
         successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA;
         and
      3. accrue three years of experience in an approved
         educational setting.
   4. If the level 2 certificate is the initial certificate, a
      state-approved teacher preparation program provider must
      submit the request.
   5. If the level 1 certificated teacher qualifies for
      advancement to a level 2 certificate, the request for the
      higher certificate must be submitted directly to the LDE by
      the employing authority.

C. Level 3 Professional Certificate eligibility requirements:
   1. hold or meet eligibility requirements for a level 2 certificate;
   2. earn a graduate degree from a college or university
      accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602; and
   3. have five years of experience in an approved educational setting.
      a. All out-of-state experience must be verified as
         successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA.
   4. If the level 3 certificate is initial certificate, a state-
      approved teacher preparation program provider must submit
      the request.
   5. If the level 2 certificated teacher qualifies for
      advancement to a level 3 certificate, the request for the
      higher certificate must be submitted directly to the LDE by
      the employing authority.

D. Renewal/Extension Guidelines for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Certificates
   1. Level 1 certificate:
      a. valid for three years initially and may be
         extended thereafter for a period of one year at the request of
         a Louisiana employing authority with extensions of Level 1
         certificates being limited to two such extensions.
      2. Level 2 and level 3 certificates:
         a. valid for five years initially and may be renewed
            thereafter for a period of five years at the request of a
            Louisiana employing authority, with renewal of level 2 and
            level 3 certificates, contingent upon candidates successfully
            meeting the standards of effectiveness for at least three years
            during the five-year initial or renewal period pursuant to
            state law and Bulletin 130.

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         17:411.10, (11), and (15), 17:6(6), 17:10, 17:22(6), 17:391.1-391.10, and 17:411

         HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of
         Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 48:

§509. Type C Certificates
A. Effective July 1, 2002, type C certificates are no longer issued for initial certification. The type C certificate is valid for three years. Teachers who hold type B and type A lifetime certificates will continue to hold these certificates. Effective July 1, 2012, type B and type A lifetime certificates will no longer be issued to teachers holding type C certificates applying for advanced certificates. Teachers holding a type C certificate who wish to apply for more advanced certification credentials will be granted a level 2 certificate, upon meeting the standards of effectiveness for at least three years, pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902.

B. Type C Certificate Renewal Guidelines. The type C certificate may be renewed for an additional one-year period upon the request of the Louisiana employing authority, subject to the approval of the LDE. Type C certificates are limited to two such extensions.

C. Type B Certificate—a lifetime certificate for
   continuous service, provided the holder does not allow any
   period of five or more consecutive years of disuse to accrue
   where not a regularly employed teacher for at least one
   semester, or 90 consecutive days, and/or the certificate is not
   revoked by the Board of Elementary and Secondary
   Education (BESE).

D. Type A Certificate—a lifetime certificate for
   continuous service, provided the holder does not allow any
   period of five or more consecutive years of disuse to accrue
   where not a regularly employed teacher for at least one
   semester, or 90 consecutive days, and/or the certificate is not
   revoked by the BESE.

   1. Eligibility requirements:
      a. hold a type B or B* certificate;
      b. successfully complete the local evaluation plan
         mandated by state law and Bulletin 130;
      c. earn a graduate degree from an institution
         of higher education accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602; and

      d. have five years of experience in an approved educational setting.
      i. All out-of-state experience must be verified as
         successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA.
   2. The request for the higher certificate must be submitted directly to the LDE by the employing authority.
E. Process for Reinstating Lapsed Types B and A Certificates:

1. A certificate will lapse for disuse if the holder allows a period of five consecutive calendar years to pass where not a regularly employed teacher for at least one semester, or 90 consecutive days.
2. To reinstate a lapsed certificate, the holder must present evidence of earning six semester hours of credit in state-approved courses during the five-year period immediately preceding the request for reinstatement.
3. If the holder did not earn six semester hours or equivalent, the lapsed certificate may be reactivated upon request of the Louisiana employing authority at the level that was attained prior to disuse for a period of one year, during which time the holder must complete reinstatement requirements.

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§511. Out-of-State (OS) Certificate

A. An out-of-state (OS) certificate, valid for a three-year period, is not renewable, and is issued to a teacher who has completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program and either holds or is eligible for a certificate in the state in which the program was completed. The teacher is not initially eligible for a level 1, 2, or 3 Louisiana certificate but meets Louisiana certification requirements with the exception of the Praxis/National Teacher Exam requirements. OS certification provides a transition period that permits the holder to be employed in Louisiana K-12 schools while completing Louisiana Praxis/NTE requirements or meeting Praxis exclusion eligibility requirements. For continued employment as a teacher in a Louisiana school system after the three-year period has elapsed, the OS certificate holder must fulfill guidelines for a level 1 or higher-level certificate.

B. OS Eligibility requirements:

1. earn a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602;
2. complete a teacher preparation program in another state;
3. hold a standard out-of-state teaching certificate, or if no certificate was issued, a letter from the state department of education or college of education dean verifying eligibility in that state for a certificate in the certification area(s);
4. complete student teaching or internship in a certification area, or in lieu of student teaching or internship have three years of successful teaching experience in a certification area;
5. if applicant earned a degree five or more years prior to the date of application, the educator must have been a regularly employed teacher for at least one semester, or 90 consecutive days, within the five year period immediately preceding first employment in Louisiana or application for a Louisiana certificate, or if lacking this experience, must earn six semester hours of credit in state-approved courses during the five year period immediately preceding application, and a candidate who has not taught in five years may be issued a
6. beginning January 1, 2017, the LDE will issue a letter of eligibility for an OS certificate to requesting teachers at the request of the Louisiana employing authority.

C. Advancing from OS to Professional Level 1, 2, or 3 Certificate

1. Pass all parts of exam(s) required for Louisiana certification identified in §303:
   a. present appropriate scores on the core exams; the principles of learning and teaching (PLT) or other pedagogy exam required for the area(s) of certification, and the specialty area (content) exam in the certification area in which the teacher preparation program was completed or in which the initial certificate was issued:
      i. (iii). See §303 of this Part for exam substitutions; and
   b. if applicant has obtained national board certification (NBC) in corresponding areas for which certification is being sought as well as certification/licensure in the state of origin, the examination required for NBC will be accepted to fulfill the testing requirements for certification;
   c. a candidate who is certified in another state can qualify for exclusion from the exam(s) required for Louisiana certification under the following criteria:
      i. meet all requirements for Louisiana certification except the Praxis exam requirements with at least three years of successful teaching experience in another state, prior to issuance of the OS, as verified by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA, and teach on an OS certificate for one year in a Louisiana approved public or an approved nonpublic school system;
      ii. the Louisiana employing authority verifies that completion of one year of successful teaching experience in a Louisiana approved public or an approved nonpublic school and has been recommended for further employment; and
      iii. the employing authority requests issuance of a valid Louisiana teaching certificate.

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§515. Practitioner Licenses

A. Issuance and Renewals

1. Practitioner licenses (PL) 1 and 2 may be issued for one school year, renewed annually, and held a maximum of three years while the holder completes an alternate program. Upon completion of the three years of employment on a PL certificate, the holder must fulfill guidelines for a level 1 or higher-level certificate for continued employment in a Louisiana school system.

2. The practitioner license 3 may be issued for one school year, renewed annually, and held a maximum of four years while the holder completes an alternate program. Upon completion of the four years of employment on a PL certificate, the holder must fulfill guidelines for a level 1 or
higher-level certificate for continued employment in a Louisiana school system.

3. Practitioner Licenses 1-3. Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, in order to obtain the first renewal only of a practitioner license 1, 2, or 3 certificate, practitioner candidates participating in a residency as a teacher of record, must receive mentorship by a school-based mentor teacher who may collaborate with other personnel providing mentoring support, in accordance with LAC 28:XLV (Bulletin 996).

   a. The school-based mentor teacher must be credentialed in accordance with §553 or §1369 of this Chapter.
   b. The mentorship must be at least 15 percent, or 5 hours per week, of the instructional time of the school.
   c. The mentorship must include intensive support, including:
      i. co-teaching;
      ii. collaborative planning; and
      iii. observation and feedback sessions.

4. Eligibility requirements:
   a. minimum of a non-education baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602;
   b. 2.50 or higher undergraduate grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale to enter a non-university provider program; or a 2.20 or higher undergraduate GPA on a 4.00 scale to enter a college or university program; or be granted conditional admittance into an alternate teacher preparation program following a satisfactory personal interview by the program administration officer; and
   c. passing scores on core academic skills for educators and current Praxis core content area exam(s), or if no examination has been adopted for Louisiana in the certification area, candidates must present a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework specific to the content area for admission to the program. See §303 of this part for exam substitutions.

   d. Special education mild/moderate certification candidates must qualify for admission to alternate programs by passing a Praxis specialty area exam, and secondary education candidates (grades 6-12) must pass a Praxis core subject area exam, or if there is no content Praxis exam adopted by the State in the specific secondary core subject area, candidates must demonstrate content mastery by presenting 30 semester credit hours in the core subject area.

5. The approved teacher preparation program provider shall submit the request for the initial practitioner license as well as renewals directly to the LDE.

6. Renewal Requirements. The candidate must remain enrolled in the practitioner teacher, certification-only, or master's degree alternate certification program and fulfill a minimum of six semester hours of coursework or equivalent contact hours per year for PL1, or nine semester hours or equivalent contact hours per year for PL2/3 to the extent that required semester hours remain in the program to be completed, teaching assignments, and prescribed activities identified by the program provider.

   a. Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, the first renewal only of a PL 1, 2, or 3 will be conducted in accordance with §515.A of this Chapter.

7. For certification purposes, non-university providers and colleges or universities will submit signed statements to the LDE indicating that the student completing the practitioner teacher, certification-only, or master's degree program alternative certification path meets the following requirements:

   a. passed all licensure exams required for certification pursuant to §503; and
   b. completed all program requirements including the residency with a 2.50 or higher GPA for candidates in a university program;
   c. if an applicant who does not meet the requirement of Subparagraph b of this Paragraph, certification may be issued if the following requirements in an alternate teacher preparation program are met:
      i. satisfactory completion a personal interview by the program admission officer;
      ii. if the program awards credit hours, the applicant shall achieve a minimum GPA of 3.00 in alternate teacher preparation program courses by the end of the first 12 credit hours and successfully complete the program;
      iii. if the program does not award credit hours, the applicant must demonstrate mastery of competencies as required by the program administrator and by the school system in which the applicant completes required clinical practice; and
      iv. satisfactory completion of all program requirements as set forth by BESE, including any requirements for clinical practice, at graduation;
   d. demonstrate proficiency in reading and literary competencies through successfully completing the required number of credit or contact hours in reading and literacy as specified in LAC 28:XLV (Bulletin 996) or passing a reading competency assessment noting that the reading competency assessment for early childhood PK-3, elementary 1-5, and special education candidates is the Praxis teaching reading exam, and middle grades 4-8 and secondary grades 6-12 will be required to take the required reading course credit hours or equivalent contact hours until an appropriate reading competency assessment is developed and adopted; and
   e. complete prescriptive plans as determined by the preparation provider.

8. The teacher is restricted to the specific grade level and content area as designated on the practitioner license as outlined in Bulletin 996.

B. Practitioner License 1 is issued to a candidate who is admitted to and enrolled in a state-approved practitioner teacher program. Program requirements must be completed within the three-year maximum that the license can be held.

C. Practitioner License 2 is issued to a candidate who is admitted to and enrolled in a state-approved certification-only alternate certification program. Program requirements must be completed within the three-year maximum that the license can be held.

D. Practitioner License 3 is issued to a candidate who is admitted to and enrolled in a state-approved master's degree alternate certification program. Program requirements must be completed within the four-year maximum that the license can be held.

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§519. Standard Certificates for Teachers in Nonpublic Schools

A. A standard certificate with an asterisk (*) following the certificate type is issued to a teacher in a nonpublic school. If the teacher enters a public school system in Louisiana, the educator will be required to meet the standards of effectiveness pursuant to state law and in accordance with LAC 28:XLVII (Bulletin 130) for issuance of a level 2 or level 3 teaching certificate.

B. Level 2* (2-asterisk) Certificate—valid for five years.
   1. Eligibility requirements:
      a. a Louisiana level 1 certificate;
      b. successfully taught for three years;
      c. complete a teacher evaluation program for three years at a nonpublic school, with the principal as evaluator and the teacher performance rated as satisfactory in the areas of planning, instruction, and professional development.
   2. The request for the level 2* certificate must be submitted directly to the LDE by the Louisiana employing authority.

C. Level 3* (3-asterisk) Certificate—valid for five years.
   1. Eligibility requirements:
      a. hold or be eligible to hold a Louisiana level 1, 2 or 2* certificate;
      b. successfully taught for five years;
      c. graduate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602; and
      d. complete a teacher evaluation program for three years at a nonpublic school, with the principal as evaluator and the teacher performance rated as satisfactory in the areas of planning, management, instruction, and professional development.
   2. The request for the level 3* certificate must be submitted directly to the LDE by the Louisiana employing authority.

3. Renewal Guidelines for Level 2* and Level 3* Certificates
   a. A teacher must earn effective ratings per local personnel evaluations for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period.
   b. The Louisiana employing authority must request renewal of a level 2* or level 3* certificate.

D. Type B* (B-asterisk) Certificate—a lifetime nonpublic school certificate for continuous service, provided the holder does not allow any period of 5 or more consecutive years of disuse to accrue where not a regularly employed teacher for at least 1 semester, or 90 consecutive days, and/or certificate is not BESE.
   1. Eligibility requirements:
      a. a Louisiana type B certificate;
      b. successfully taught for five years;
      c. graduate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602; and
      d. complete a teacher evaluation program for three years at a nonpublic school, with the principal as evaluator and the teacher performance rated as satisfactory in the areas of planning, management, instruction, and professional development.
   2. The request for the type B* certificate must be submitted directly to the LDE by the Louisiana employing authority.

3. The type B* certificate is valid for life of continuous service in a nonpublic school setting, and if the teacher enters a Louisiana public/charter school the requirement shall be to complete the local evaluation plan mandated by state law and Bulletin 130 regulations.

E. Type A* (A-asterisk) Certificate is valid for life for continuous service in a nonpublic school setting, provided the holder does not allow any period of 5 or more consecutive years of disuse to accrue where not a regularly employed teacher for at least 1 semester, or 90 consecutive days, and/or the certificate is not revoked by the BESE.
   1. Eligibility requirements:
      a. a Louisiana type B, or type B* certificate;
      b. successfully taught for five years;
      c. graduate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602; and
      d. complete a teacher evaluation program for three years at a nonpublic school, with the principal as evaluator and the teacher performance rated as satisfactory in the areas of planning, management, instruction, and professional development.

2. The request for the type A* certificate must be submitted directly to the LDE by the Louisiana employing authority.

3. The type A* certificate is valid for life of continuous service in a nonpublic school setting, and if the teacher enters a Louisiana public school the requirement shall be to successfully complete the local evaluation plan mandated by state law and Bulletin 130.

F. Reinstating Lapsed Types B* or A* Certificate
   1. If the holder of a type B*, or type A* certificate allows a period of five consecutive calendar years to pass in which the educator is not a regularly employed teacher for at least one semester, or 90 consecutive days, the certificate will lapse for disuse.
   2. To reinstate a lapsed certificate, the holder must present evidence that the educator earned six semester hours of credit in state-approved courses during the five-year period immediately preceding the request for reinstatement.
   3. If the holder did not earn six semester hours or equivalent, the lapsed certificate may be reactivated upon request of the Louisiana employing authority at the level that was attained prior to disuse for a period of one year, during which time the holder must complete reinstatement requirements.

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Subchapter B. Nonstandard Teaching Credentials

§525. Introduction

A. There are five types of nonstandard teaching credentials issued in Louisiana: temporary authority to teach (TAT); out-of-field authorization to teach (OFAT); temporary employment permit (TEP); nonpublic temporary certificate (T); and resident teacher certificate (R). Nonstandard credentials are of a temporary nature but may be renewed under specified guidelines.

B. Medical Excuse and Exceptions. Exceptions to policy will be considered in the case of serious medical condition or unavailability of required coursework or exams. When serious medical problems of the teacher or immediate family exist, a doctor statement is required with a letter of assurance.
§527. Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT)

A. Temporary authority to teach (TAT) is issued for one calendar year, while the holder pursues alternate certification program admission requirements or certification requirements. A TAT cannot be issued to teachers who previously held a temporary employment permit (TEP) or a standard teaching certificate.

B. Eligibility Requirements:
   1. The applicant must teach in a demonstrated area of need as evidenced by LEA-level workforce needs.
   2. The applicant must have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an institution accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602.
   3. The applicant must possess passing scores on the core academic skills for educators in reading and writing examinations or appropriate scores on the ACT or SAT.
      a. See §303 for exam substitutions.
   4. The applicant must have at least a 2.20 undergraduate GPA. An applicant who does not meet the GPA requirement may be certified upon satisfactorily completion of a personal interview by the employing school system.
   C. The employing school system must submit the application and provide an affidavit signed by the local superintendent, or the designee, verifying that good faith efforts for recruiting certified personnel have been made, including posting all positions for which TATs are issued and that there is no regularly certified, competent, and suitable person available for the position.
   D. Renewal Requirements
      1. TATs are valid for one year initially and may be renewed twice thereafter provided:
         a. the applicant provides evidence that the required exam(s) for admission into a teacher preparation program has been taken at least twice since the issuance of the TAT;
         b. the applicant provides evidence of meeting the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130;
         c. the employing school system submits the application on behalf of the applicant and provides an affidavit signed by the local superintendent, or the designee, verifying that good faith efforts for recruiting certified personnel have been made, including posting all positions for which TATs are issued and
         d. there is no regularly certified, competent, and suitable person available for the position.
   
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§529. Out-of-Field Authorization to Teach (OFAT)

A. Out-of-Field Authorization to Teach (OFAT) is issued for one three-year period while the holder pursues endorsement or add-on certification requirements. The OFAT is limited to two certification areas and is transferable to other employing school systems for the remaining validity period. If the teacher is actively pursuing certification in the field and the LDE has designated the area as an area that requires extensive hours for completion, up to two additional years of renewal may be granted. Issuance of subsequent OFAT requests may be considered once the previous OFAT certification area(s) have been added to the holder's standard teaching certificate.

B. Eligibility requirements:
   1. issued to an applicant who holds a valid Louisiana out-of-state certificate;
   2. temporary employment permit; or
   3. a type C, type B or B* type A or A*, level 1, level 2 or 2*, or level 3 or 3* or OS teaching certificate but is teaching outside of the certified area(s).

   OFAT Stipulations:
   1. LEAs must submit the application and provide an affidavit signed by the local superintendent, or the designee, verifying that good faith efforts for recruiting certified personnel have been made, including consulting the Teach Louisiana website, and that there is no regularly certified, competent, and suitable person available for the position, and that the applicant is the best-qualified person for the position.
   2. If the teacher is actively pursuing certification in the field and the LDE designates the area as an area that requires extensive hours for completion, up to two additional years of renewal may be granted. Designated areas are as follows:
      a. applicants pursuing certification in academically gifted, significant disabilities, early interventionist, deaf or hard of hearing, and visual impairments/blind may be granted two additional years of renewal; and
      b. applicants pursuing certification in mild/moderate may be granted one additional year of renewal.
   D. COVID-19 OFAT Extensions. Educators for whom the 2019-2020 school year was the final year of OFAT validity period and who were unable to successfully meet endorsement or add-on certification requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, shall be granted a one-year OFAT extension for the 2020-2021 school year. This OFAT extension is only available to educators employed in 2019-2020 as reported by school systems in the Profile for Educational Personnel (PEP).

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§535. Resident Teacher Certificate (R)

A. Beginning July 1, 2018, the resident teacher certificate (R) shall be required for individuals completing a one-year residency required for certification in Louisiana pursuant to Bulletin 996.

B. Resident teacher certificates are valid for one school year, are renewable, and may be held a maximum of three
years while the holder pursues certification through a BESE-approved teacher preparation program.

C. Eligibility guidelines:
   1. enrollment in a BESE-approved traditional, master's degree, or certification-only teacher preparation program;

   2. placement in a classroom in a public or approved nonpublic school with a teacher of record who holds a valid level 1, 2, 3, type A, or type B teaching certificate in the area for which the candidate is pursuing certification pursuant to Bulletin 746;

      a. resident teachers placed in charter schools must be placed with a teacher of record who has demonstrated effectiveness pursuant to state law and Bulletin 130; and

   3. passing scores on required core academic skills exams for initial issuance, including exam substitutions outlined §303 of this Part.

D. Renewal Guidelines: Passing scores on required content knowledge exams for renewal.

E. The request for the Resident Teacher license as well as renewal requests must be submitted directly to the LDE by the preparation provider.

F. The LDE will begin issuing resident teacher certificates to candidates completing residencies in BESE-approved programs with one-year residencies beginning July 1, 2017.

G. There shall be no fee charged for the resident teacher certificate issuance.

H. Holders of the resident teacher certificate may serve as a substitute teacher in the residency school system for up to ten days each semester. Such service shall not impede residency performance or ability to successfully complete the preparation program.

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§537. Introduction

A. Types of Ancillary Teaching Certificates

   1. Ancillary certificates are issued by the LDE for individuals who provide teaching, support, administrative, or supervisory services to children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and early learning centers serving children from birth to five years old.

      a. See Chapter 7 of this Part regarding ancillary certificates issued for individuals who provide support services in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and early learning centers serving children from birth to five years old.

      b. See Chapter 15 of this Part regarding ancillary certificates issued for individuals who provide administrative and supervisory services in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade schools.

   2. Types of ancillary teaching certificates are as follows:

      a. ancillary artist or talented;
      b. early childhood ancillary;
      c. nonpublic Montessori teacher;
      d. family and consumer sciences (occupational programs);
      e. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) instructor;
      f. math for professionals;
      g. mentor teacher ancillary; and
      h. content leader ancillary.

   3. Non-Practicing status or operational role status for ancillary teaching certificates may be granted in accordance with §505 of this Part.

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§541. Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate

A. The early childhood ancillary certificate authorizes an individual to teach in a publicly-funded early learning center serving children ages birth to five as defined in R.S. 17:407.33, unless program requirements mandate a professional-level certificate. After June 30, 2019, an individual shall have, at a minimum, an early childhood ancillary certificate to serve as a lead teacher in a publicly-funded early learning center.

B. Early Childhood Ancillary Certificates

   1. Eligibility Requirements. An early childhood ancillary certificate shall be issued to an applicant who submits evidence of one of the following to the LDE:

      a. a baccalaureate degree or higher from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602;

      b. a current child development associate (CDA) credential, either infant/toddler, preschool or family childcare, awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition and a high school diploma or equivalent:

         i. after July 1, 2018, all 120 clock hours of coursework for the CDA must be earned from a BESE-approved early childhood ancillary certificate program provider for initial issuance:

            (a) an individual who has completed 36 or more clock hours of coursework for the CDA by July 1, 2018, may complete the remaining coursework for the CDA from any CDA provider;

            (b) an individual who has not completed 36 or more clock hours of coursework for the CDA by July 1, 2018, must earn all 120 hours of coursework for the CDA from a BESE-approved early childhood ancillary certificate program provider;

            (c) after July 1, 2018, individuals may submit a request to the LDE to waive the requirement that all 120 hours of coursework for the CDA be obtained from a BESE-approved early childhood ancillary certificate program provider;

         ii. after July 1, 2018, applicants who obtained a CDA or completed coursework from a provider that is not BESE-approved while residing in another state shall submit additional documentation of program components for approval;

         iii. coursework counting toward the early childhood ancillary certificate shall include at least 10 training hours in each of the following subject areas:

            (a) planning and implementing a safe and healthy learning environment;

            (b) advancing physical and intellectual development;
§549. Math for Professionals Certificate
A. An ancillary math for professionals certificate is issued to an applicant who has an undergraduate degree from a university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 and/or evidence of a math and/or science work-related background.
B. Math for professionals certificate allows an individual to teach one or more mathematics courses.
C. Eligibility requirements:
1. meets at least one of the following:
   a. earned 30 credit hours of mathematics;
   b. earned a graduate degree in mathematics, engineering, or science content area; or
   c. successful passing of the Praxis Secondary Mathematics: Content Knowledge test.
2. recommendation and support of current employing school system. Written request is required from the Louisiana employing authority indicating that the person will be employed in the area upon issuance of certification;
3. complete a district developed classroom readiness/training program, based on state guidelines.
D. Renewal requirements. Valid for three years initially and may be renewed thereafter for a period of five years at the request of an LEA. For renewal of the certificate, a candidate must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the initial or renewal period in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902.
E. The holder of such certification is not eligible for tenure.

§553. Mentor Teacher (MT) Ancillary Certificate
A. Beginning September 1, 2020, the mentor teacher ancillary certificate will be required for individuals who serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents.
B. Provisional MT Certification. Individuals serving as mentors who have not successfully completed a BESE-approved mentor training program or mentor assessments will be issued a nonrenewable provisional mentor teacher ancillary certificate, valid for one calendar year from the date of issuance while the holder completes a BESE-approved mentor training program or mentor assessments.
C. Provisional certification eligibility requirements:
1. hold, or be eligible to hold, a valid type C, level 1 or higher Louisiana teaching certificate; or
2. if teaching in a charter school without a valid type C, level 1 or higher certificate, have at least two years of successful teaching in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902; or
3. if teaching in a nonpublic school without a valid type C, level 1, or higher certificate earn at least two years of effective ratings per local personnel evaluations; and
4. all out-of-state experience must be verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA; and
5. enroll in a BESE-approved mentor training program.
D. MT Ancillary Certification. Individuals who have completed a BESE-approved mentor teacher training program and earn a passing score on the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series will be issued a mentor teacher ancillary certificate. For teachers holding a valid type C, Level 1 or higher Louisiana teaching certificate, see §1369 of this Part. The LDE will begin issuing mentor teacher ancillary certificates no later than July 1, 2019.

E. MT Ancillary certification eligibility requirements:
1. if teaching in a charter school without a valid type C, level 1 or higher, certificate, have at least two years of successful teaching in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902; or
2. if teaching in a nonpublic school without a valid type C, level 1, or higher certificate earn at least two years of effective ratings per local personnel evaluations; and
3. all out-of-state experience must be verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA;
4. successfully complete a BESE-approved mentor teacher training program; and
5. earn a passing score on the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.
6. Individuals who successfully complete LDE mentor teacher training from November 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020, are eligible for the mentor teacher ancillary certificate after passing the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.
7. Individuals who hold National Board certification are eligible for mentor teacher ancillary certification after passing the coaching-related components of the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.
8. Individuals who currently hold or are eligible to hold National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) Teacher Evaluator Training Certification may apply for the ancillary certificate, which makes the individual eligible to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents.
9. Certified CLASS ® observers may apply for the ancillary certificate and upon issuance are eligible to serve as mentors of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate residents.

F. MT Ancillary Certificate Renewal Guidelines. Mentor teacher ancillary certificates are valid for five years and may be renewed at the request of the employing authority.
1. Teachers in charter schools who do not hold a level 1, 2, or 3 certificate must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year renewal period in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902.
2. Teachers in nonpublic schools who do not hold a level 1, 2, or 3 certificate must earn effective ratings per local personnel evaluations for at least three years during the five-year renewal period in order to renew the mentor teacher ancillary certificate.

G. For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, the requirement that all undergraduate residents and post-baccalaureate candidates be placed with mentor teachers holding the ancillary mentor teacher certificate, the ancillary provisional mentor teacher certificate, or the Supervisor of Student Teaching certificate, is waived with the following contingencies:
1. Mentor teacher waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis through the application process established by the LDE and at no fee to the applicant, school system, or teacher preparation provider;
2. The waiver will be issued by the LDE for educators highly recommended by the mentor’s principal and who possess one or more of the following qualifications:
   a. Two years of Highly Effective Compass ratings;
   b. National Board Certification;
   c. Statewide or national distinction for excellence in teaching;
   d. Experience as a TAP mentor, master teacher, executive master teacher or certified TP evaluator;
   e. Content leader experiences, as evidenced by participation in Content Leader training or redelivery of professional development; or
   f. Master’s or doctorate in education and exemplary experience hosting student teachers.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 45:230 (February 2019), amended LR 45:1460 (October 2019), LR 46:1379 (October 2020), LR 48:

§555. Content Leader (CL) Ancillary Certificate (Optional)

A. The content leader ancillary certificate is an optional certificate that districts may require. The LDE will begin issuing content leader ancillary certificates to candidates no later than July 1, 2019.

B. CL Ancillary Certificate eligibility requirements:
1. if teaching in a charter school without a valid type C, level 1 or higher, certificate, have at least two years of successful teaching in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902; or
2. if teaching in a nonpublic school without a valid type C, level 1, or higher certificate, earn at least two years of effective ratings per local personnel evaluations; and
3. all out-of-state experience must be verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA;
4. successfully complete a BESE-approved content leader training program; and
5. have a passing score on the Louisiana content leader assessment series (see §303 of this Part).

C. Individuals who have successfully completed LDE content leader training from November 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020, in accordance with Paragraph 1 of this Subsection, are eligible for content leader ancillary certification.

D. Renewal Guidelines. The content leader ancillary certificate is valid for a period of five years and may be renewed at the request of the employing authority.
1. Teachers in charter schools who do not hold a level 1, 2, or 3 certificate must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year renewal period in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902.
2. Teachers in nonpublic schools who do not hold a level 1, 2, or 3 certificate must earn effective ratings per local personnel evaluations for at least three years during the five-year renewal period in order to renew the mentor teacher ancillary certificate.

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Subchapter D. Special Considerations for Teachers Called to Active Military Duty

§557. Introduction
A. A teacher employed on a Louisiana certificate of any type who is called to active military duty will not be penalized for the time spent in active service. The educator must present copies of official documents indicating beginning and ending dates of active military duty when applying for renewal or extension of the certificate.
B. For the period of military service:
   1. non-practicing status may be requested by the educator for the time in active service; and
   2. additional time commensurate with the amount of time spent in active duty will be added to the validity period on the temporary or regular certificate, for the school year(s) or portion thereof spent in active military service.
C. Upon completion of the validity period, the renewal guidelines for temporary and/or regular certificates are effective.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 32:1806 (October 2006), amended LR 48:

Chapter 7. Ancillary School Service Certificates

§701. Introduction
A. An individual must have an official license or certificate from the state to provide services to children in a Louisiana school setting. An ancillary certificate allows a qualified person who is not a certified teacher to provide such services. The holder of an ancillary certificate is authorized to perform only those services that are specifically stated on the certificate in Louisiana school systems.
B. Non-Practicing Status for all Ancillary Teaching Certificates or Operational Role Status for Ancillary Teaching Certificates may be issued by the LDE in accordance with §505.

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Subchapter A. General Ancillary School Certificates

§703. Child Nutrition Program Supervisor
A. For certificates issued July 1, 2020 and beyond, minimum eligibility requirements:
   1. LEAs with a student enrollment of 2,499 or less:
      a. at least 8 hours of food safety training is required either not more than five years prior to the date of employment or completed within 30 calendar days of the date of employment; and
      i. a bachelor’s degree, or equivalent educational experience, with an academic major or concentration in food and nutrition, food service management, dietetics, family and consumer sciences, nutrition education, culinary arts, business, or a related field; or
      ii. a bachelor’s degree, or equivalent educational experience, with any academic major or area of concentration, and either a state-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors or at least one year of relevant food service experience; or
   iii. a high school diploma or state-issued high school equivalency credential and three years of relevant food service experience;
   2. LEAs with a student enrollment of 2,500 - 9,999:
      a. at least 8 hours of food safety training is required either not more than five years prior to the date of employment or completed within 30 calendar days of the date of employment; and
      i. a bachelor’s degree, or equivalent educational experience, with an academic major or concentration in food and nutrition, food service management, dietetics, family and consumer sciences, nutrition education, culinary arts, business, or a related field; or
      ii. a bachelor’s degree, or equivalent educational experience, with any academic major or area of concentration, and a state-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; or
   iii. a bachelor’s degree in any academic major and at least two years of relevant school nutrition program experience; or
   iv. an associate’s degree, or equivalent educational experience, with an academic major or concentration in food and nutrition, food service management, dietetics, family and consumer sciences, nutrition education, culinary arts, business, or a related field; or
      a. at least 8 hours of food safety training is required either not more than five years prior to the date of employment or completed within 30 calendar days of the date of employment; and
      i. a bachelor’s degree, or equivalent educational experience, with an academic major or concentration in food and nutrition, food service management, dietetics, family and consumer sciences, nutrition education, culinary arts, business, or a related field; or
      ii. a bachelor’s degree, or equivalent educational experience, with any academic major or area of concentration, and a state-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; or
   iii. a bachelor’s degree in any academic major and at least five years of experience in management of school nutrition programs.
B. Renewal Guidelines. Valid for one year and renewable each year thereafter upon presentation of completion of twelve hours of annual continuing education/training. The annual training must include, but is not limited to, administrative practices including training in school meal application, certification and verification, and meal counting and claiming procedures, as applicable, and any other specific topics, as needed, to address program integrity or other critical issues. Continuing education/training required under this paragraph is in addition to the food safety training required in the first year of employment under §703 of this Part.
C. Reinstatement of a Lapsed Certificate. If a certificate holder allows a period of one calendar year to elapse where
not employed as a child nutrition program supervisor, the applicant must verify evidence of having met the hiring standards under §703 of this Part.

D. Provisional Certificate. A provisional certificate may be issued to an individual employed as an acting child nutrition program supervisor.

1. Eligibility Requirements. For provisional certificates issued September 1, 2021 and beyond, the minimum requirements include:
   a. High school diploma (or equivalent);
   b. 2 years of relevant school nutrition programs experience; and
   c. at least 8 hours of food safety training either not more than five years prior to the date of employment or completed within 30 calendar days of the date of employment.

2. Renewal Guidelines. Valid for one year initially and renewable each year thereafter upon presentation of 12 hours of annual food service continuing education/training. A provisional certificate may be issued for a maximum of five years.

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§705. Counselor K-12 (Counselor in a School Setting)

A. Eligibility Requirements Prior to June 30, 2017. For candidates who completed all courses and degree requirements by June 30, 2017, the endorsement add-on requirements include:

1. graduate degree in school counseling from an institution accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 or a graduate degree with the equivalent hours and courses required for a graduate degree in school counseling; and

2. graduate training that includes 24 semester hours of professional courses distributed so that at least one course will be taken in each of the following basic areas:
   a. principles and administration of school counseling programs;
   b. career and lifestyle development;
   c. individual appraisal;
   d. counseling theory and practice;
   e. group processes;
   f. human growth and development;
   g. social and cultural foundations in counseling; and
   h. supervised practicum in a school setting.

B. Eligibility requirements after June 30, 2017:

1. completion of a standards-based graduate degree program in counseling from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 and approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP), and candidates completing counseling programs not in the specialty area of school counseling must complete six credit hours of school counseling courses from a CACREP-accredited program;

2. practicum/internship requirements:
   a. complete a practicum in counseling from a CACREP-accredited program to include 100 contact hours; and
   b. complete an internship in counseling from a CACREP-accredited program to include 600 contact hours in a school setting; and

3. pass the PRAXIS examination in school guidance and counseling (0421 or 5421).

C. Renewal Requirements. Certification is issued for a period of five years. For purposes of maintaining a valid counseling certificate, any school counselor receiving initial or renewal certification after July 1, 2013, must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year validity period in accordance with Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902.

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§711. School Librarian

A. School Librarian eligibility requirements:

1. master's degree in library science from an institution accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602; and

2. passing score on Praxis Library Media Specialist examination.

B. Renewal requirements:

1. candidates must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year period of validity pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902;

2. the Louisiana employing authority must request renewal of an ancillary school librarian certificate; and

3. valid for five years.


§715. School Nurse

A. Type C School Nurse—valid for three years.

1. Eligibility requirements:
   a. current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse; and
   b. minimum of two years of experience as a registered nurse.

2. Renewal Guidelines. May be renewed once for a three year period, upon presentation of a copy of current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse and upon request of Louisiana employing authority.

B. Type B School Nurse—valid for five years.

1. Eligibility requirements:
   a. current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse; and
   b. three years of experience as a Type C school nurse.

2. Renewal Guidelines. May be renewed for a five year period, upon presentation of a copy of current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse and upon request of Louisiana employing authority.

C. Type A School Nurse—valid for five years.

1. Eligibility requirements:
   a. current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse; and
   b. baccalaureate degree in nursing or a health-related field from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602; and
c. five years of experience as a certified type B school nurse.

2. Renewal Guidelines. May be renewed for a five year period, except for those with a current certificate that is valid for life of continuous service, upon presentation of a copy of current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse and upon request of Louisiana employing authority.

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Subchapter B. School Therapists
§725. Overview
A. School Art Therapist—Valid as long as holder remains in the same school system.
1. Eligibility requirements:
   a. verify successful completion of accredited art therapy degree program, and current registration or membership in the American Art Therapy Association; and
   b. meet requirements of the educational program:
      i. three semester hours, Introduction to Education of Exceptional Children; and
      ii. three semester hours, Psychology of Exceptional Children; and
   c. 50 percent of preclinical experience must have been directed toward a population aged zero through 21 years, in both institutional and school settings.

2. Renewal Guidelines. The LEA must request renewal with any change of employment to another school system.

B. Dance Therapist—valid as long as holder remains in same school system.
1. Graduate Level
   a. Eligibility requirements:
      i. graduate degree in dance therapy;
      ii. requirements of the educational program:
         (a). three semester hours, Introduction to Education of Exceptional Children; and
         (b). three semester hours, Psychology of Exceptional Children; and
         iii. current registration or membership in the American Dance Therapy Association.
   b. Renewal Guidelines. The LEA must request renewal with any change of employment to another school system.

2. Bachelor's Level
   a. Eligibility requirements:
      i. bachelor's degree in dance therapy;
      ii. requirements of the educational program:
         (a). three semester hours, Introduction to Education of Exceptional Children; and
         (b). three semester hours, Psychology of Exceptional Children; and
         iii. practicum for two semesters in both a clinical and a school setting with fifty percent of the practicum involving work with a population aged zero through 21 years; and
      iv. current registration or membership the American Dance Therapy Association.
   b. Renewal Guidelines. The LEA must request renewal with any change of employment to another school system.

C. Music Therapist—valid as long as holder remains in same school system.
1. Eligibility requirements:
   a. evidence of successful completion of an accredited music therapy degree program, and registration by the National Association of Music Therapy, Inc.;
   b. meet the course requirements of the music therapy component of the degree program to include:
      i. three semester hours, Introduction to Education of Exceptional Children;
      ii. three semester hours, Psychology of Exceptional Children; and
      iii. recreational music; and
   iv. school music; and
   c. 50 percent of pre-clinical and clinical experiences should be directed toward a population aged zero through 21 years, in both institutional and school settings.

2. Renewal Guidelines. The LEA must request renewal with any change of employment to another school system.

D. Occupational Therapy
1. Certified Licensed Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA)—valid for five years; renewable.
   a. Eligibility Requirements. A valid COTA license to practice occupational therapy in Louisiana in compliance with R.S. 37:3001-3014, as administered by the Board of Medical Examiners; and
   b. must work under the supervision of a Licensed Occupational Therapist.
   c. Renewal Guidelines. Applicant must present copy of current licensure, and renewal request submitted by the LEA.

2. Occupational Therapist Provisional Certification—valid for two years.
   a. Eligibility Requirements. A temporary license to practice occupational therapy in Louisiana in compliance with R.S. 37:3001-3014, as administered by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

3. Occupational Therapist Full Certificate—valid for five years; renewable.
   a. Eligibility Requirements. A valid license to practice occupational therapy in Louisiana in compliance with R.S. 37:3001-3014, as administered by the Board of Medical Examiners.
   b. Renewal Guidelines. Applicant must present copy of current licensure, and renewal request submitted by the LEA.

E. Physical Therapy
1. Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)—valid for five years.
   a. Eligibility Requirements. A valid PTA license to assist in the practice of physical therapy in compliance with R.S. 37:2401-2424, as administered by the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
   b. A PTA must work under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
   c. Renewal Guidelines. Applicant must present a copy of current licensure, and renewal request submitted by the LEA.


2. Physical Therapist Provisional Certification—valid for two years.
   a. Eligibility Requirements. A temporary license to practice physical therapy in compliance with R.S. 37:2401-2424, as administered by the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
   a. Eligibility Requirements: a valid Louisiana license to practice physical therapy in compliance with R.S. 37:2401-2424, as administered by the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
   b. Renewal Guidelines: Applicant must present a copy of current licensure, and renewal request submitted by the LEA.
4. Certified Behavior Analyst
   1. Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)
      a. Eligibility requirements:
         i. bachelor’s degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602;
         ii. current assistant level certification issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) or other nationally credentialing bodies as approved by the BACB;
         iii. the word assistant designates that direct supervision by a BCBA is required; and
         iv. a written request from the Louisiana employing authority indicating that the person will be employed upon certification issuance.
      b. Renewal Guidelines. This certificate is valid provided the holder maintains current level certification issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) or other nationally credentialing bodies as approved by the BACB. A worker who changes employing school systems must provide a copy of current certification issued by BACB to serve as a behavior analyst.
   2. Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
      a. Eligibility requirements:
         i. graduate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602;
         ii. current behavior analyst certification issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) or other nationally credentialing bodies as approved by the BACB; and
         iii. a written request from the LEA indicating that the person will be employed upon certification issuance.
      b. Renewal Guidelines. This certificate is valid provided the holder maintains current level certification issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) or other nationally credentialing bodies as approved by the BACB. A worker who changes employing school systems must provide a copy of current certification issued by BACB to serve as a behavior analyst.

Chapter 11. Standards for Secondary Career and Technical Trade and Industrial Education Personnel

§1101. Introduction
A. Career and technical trade and industrial education (CTTIE) certificates authorize full-time or part-time employment for instructors of courses aligned to an area of expertise. The applicant being certified under the requirements found in this Part may teach CTTIE courses as listed on the LDE Teach Louisiana website (http://www.teachlouisiana.net).
B. Non-Practicing Status or Operational Role Status for CTTIE Certificates shall be in accordance with §505 of this Part.

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§1103. Career and Technical Certificate Types Issued
Prior to July 1, 2006
A. Vocational Technical Industrial Education (VTIE) Certificates— Issued prior to July 1, 2004
1. Vocational Temporary (VT)—valid for one year; renewable annually while holder completes required coursework.
2. Vocational Permanent (VP)—lifetime certificate for continuous service.
   1. CTTIE Temporary Certificate (CT)—valid for one year; renewable annually while holder completes required coursework.
   2. CTTIE Permanent Certificate (CP)—lifetime certificate for continuous service.

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§1105. Career and Technical Certificate Types
A. CTTIE-Provisional—a one-year, non-renewable certificate issued while instructor completes requirements for CTTIE-1.
B. CTTIE-1 Certificate—an entry-level industry-based teaching certificate, valid for three years initially and may be extended for a period of one year at the request of the LEA. CTTIE-1 certificates are limited to two such extensions. CTTIE teachers must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S.17:3902 to advance to CTTIE-2.
C. CTTIE-2 Certificate—valid for five years initially and may be renewed thereafter for a period of five years at the request of the employing LEA.
   1. For renewal of the CTTIE-2 certificate, candidates must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S.17:3902.

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§1107. CTTIE Certificate-Eligibility Requirements

A. CTTIE certificates are issued to instructors who teach courses listed on the Teach Louisiana website aligned to the area of expertise.

B. CTTIE Provisional Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants shall hold a high school diploma, or have passed an equivalency test approved by the LDE.

2. Applicants shall have a minimum of four years of full time work experience or 7,680 hours of experience aligned to the CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) area in the selected career and technical field, of which at least one year of full time work experience or 1,920 hours of experience must have been acquired within the five calendar years immediately prior to certification:

   a. Technical Diploma or Associate degree, or out-of-state equivalent, registered apprenticeship, or LWC approved training provider aligned to work experience and CIP area will be given credit for two years or 3,840 hours of occupational experience if the training is in the field for which the applicant is applying;

   b. Graduates with a bachelor's degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 will be given credit for two years or 3,840 hours of experience;

   c. Graduates with an advanced degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 will be given credit for three years or 5,760 hours of occupational experience;

   d. Graduates with a technical degree in the selected field and a bachelor's degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 will be given credit for three years or 5,760 hours of occupational experience;

   e. Graduates with a bachelor's degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 and an industry-based certification (IBC) in the selected field will be given credit for three years or 5,760 hours of occupational experience;

   f. Applicants holding current approved industry-based certification, aligned to work experience and CIP area will be given credit for two years or 3,840 hours of work experience. An industry-based certification may not be combined with educational attainment to qualify for a waiver from all required work experience.

   g. Applicants with an earned baccalaureate degree, and who hold an industry-based certification (IBC) in the selected instructional field aligned to work experience and CIP area may also apply years of teaching experience in that field toward the required work experience.

   h. Applicants with prior teaching experience at a postsecondary institution, registered apprenticeship, or LWC approved training provider in the selected instructional field may apply those years of teaching at a postsecondary institution toward the required work experience. All out-of-state experience must be verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA.

   i. In addition to CTTIE certification, a current license must be held when a state or national license is required in the workplace. A state or national license will be recognized as an industry-based certification.

   a. Instructors providing content aligned to an industry-based certification must carry the IBC in which instruction will occur.

   b. If a certifying agency requires specialized certification to instruct content, the instructor must carry the required certification.

C. CTTIE-1 Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants shall hold a high school diploma, or have passed an equivalency test approved by the LDE.

2. Applicants shall have a minimum of four years of full time work experience or 7,680 hours of experience aligned to the CIP area in the selected career and technical field, of which at least one year of full time work experience or 1,920 hours must have been acquired within the five calendar years immediately prior to certification:

   a. Technical Diploma or Associate degree, or out-of-state equivalent, registered apprenticeship, or LWC approved training provider aligned to work experience and CIP area will be given credit for two years or 3,840 hours of experience;

   b. Graduates with a baccalaureate degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 will be given credit for two years or 3,840 hours of experience;

   c. Graduates with an advanced degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 will be given credit for three years or 5,760 hours of occupational experience;

   d. Graduates with a technical degree in the selected field and a baccalaureate degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 will be given credit for three years or 5,760 hours of occupational experience;

   e. Graduates with a baccalaureate degree aligned to work experience and CIP area from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 and an industry-based certification (IBC) in the selected field, will be given credit for three years or 5,760 hours of occupational experience;

   f. Applicants holding current approved industry-based certification aligned to work experience and CIP area will be given credit for two years or 3,840 hours of work experience, but an industry-based certification may not be combined with educational attainment to qualify for a waiver from all required work experience.

   g. Applicants with an earned baccalaureate degree, and who hold an industry-based certification (IBC) in the selected instructional field aligned to work experience and CIP area may also apply years of teaching experience in that field toward the required work experience.

   h. Applicants with prior teaching experience at a postsecondary institution, registered apprenticeship, or LWC approved training provider in the selected instructional field may apply the years of teaching at a postsecondary institution toward the required work experience with all out-of-state experience verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA.

3. In addition to CTTIE certification, a current license must be held when a state or national license is required in
the workplace. A state or national license will be recognized as an industry-based certification.
   a. Instructors who will be providing content aligned to an industry-based certification must carry the IBC in which instruction will occur.
   b. If a certifying agency requires specialized certification to instruct content, the instructor must carry that certification.

4. Applicants shall complete a new instructor workshop prior to issuance of CTTIE-1. The LDE shall make available a list of new instructor course providers. Applicants with at least three years of effective K-12 teaching experience as defined by Bulletin 130 or three years of post-secondary teaching experience are not subject to the New Instructor Workshop completion requirement.

D. CTTIE-2 Eligibility Requirements
   1. Eligibility Requirements:
      a. hold or meet eligibility requirements for a CTTIE-1;
      b. successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year renewal period pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902 with all out-of-state experience verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA; and
      c. accrue three years of teaching experience in an approved educational setting.

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§1109. CTTIE Areas of Specialization

A. Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATP/NATCEP)/ Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Eligibility Requirements:
   1. Applicant shall be a professional nursing program graduate with current Louisiana licensure as a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN).
   2. All instructors shall have one of the following: CTTIE, VTIE, master's degree or above, or a CNA train the trainer certificate and meet nurse aide training and competency evaluation program (NATP/NATCEP) regulations, as mandated by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Health Standards Section.
   3. LPNs may serve as a certified nursing assistant/NATP instructor under the direct supervision of an RN. LPNs, under the general supervision of the primary instructor, may provide classroom and skills training instruction and supervision with two years of experience in provision of long term care services.

B. Certified Nursing Assistant, Program Coordinator Eligibility Requirements. The program coordinator shall have the following experience and qualifications:
   1. current Louisiana licensure as a registered nurse (RN);
   2. a minimum of two years of nursing experience, of which at least one year must be in the provision of long term care facility services such as a nursing home or skilled nursing facility;
   3. completion of VTIE, CTTIE, CNA train-the-trainer program or a graduate degree; and
   4. meet requirements mandated by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Health Standards Section;
   C. Emergency Medical Technician
      1. An emergency medical technician (EMT) instructor must be approved by the Bureau of EMS.
   D. Sports Medicine Eligibility Requirements
      1. Sports medicine instructors shall have at least a Bachelor of Science degree and have a valid current state and/or national certification as an athletic trainer and meet all CTTIE requirements.
      2. Applicants pursuing a graduate degree in athletic training who are working as an athletic trainer graduate assistant at a university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 may count the work experience hours toward meeting the required work hours for the CTTIE application. CTTIE application must include a letter from the director of athletics at the university with the actual number of hours worked and assigned duties.
   E. Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Louisiana Job Specialist eligibility requirements:
      1. a bachelor's degree from a state-approved college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602, plus two years of full-time work experience, or 3,840 hours of work experience within four years of date of application; or
      2. a valid standard Louisiana teaching or school counselor certification.

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Chapter 13. Endorsements to Existing Certificates

Subchapter B. Special Education Level and Area Endorsements

§1325. Requirements to add Deaf or Hard of Hearing K-12

A. Individuals holding a valid early childhood certificate for PK-K or PK-3, elementary certificate for grade levels 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, or 1-8, upper elementary or middle school certificate for grade levels 4-8, 5-8, or 6-8, secondary certificate for grade levels 6-12, 7-12, or 9-12, special education certificate, or an All-Level K-12 certificate in art, dance, foreign language, health, physical education, health and physical education, or music must earn the following:
   1. 21 semester credit hours that pertain to children who are deaf or hard of hearing:
      2. introduction to special education;
      3. physiological, psychosocial, historical, sociological, and cultural aspects of deafness;
      4. language development that includes linguistic principles and assessment strategies in language acquisitions for deaf and hard of hearing;
      5. speech and speech reading;
      6. educational audiологии, auditory assistive devices and technology;
      7. instructional strategies and curriculum development for deaf and hard of hearing students; and
      8. communication methodology; and
      9. three semester hours of internship of students who are deaf or hard of hearing or three years of successful teaching experience of students who are deaf or hard of
considerations, and assessment and evaluation; screening/identification, educational placement; variety of settings to apply knowledge and skills in a 45-hour field-based experience using theoretical approaches, screening and identification, educational placement considerations, and assessment and evaluation;

b. Fundamentals of Instructional Technology. Three semester hours of instructional, utility, and management software applications for school use, development of instructional materials, incorporation of commercially available software into lesson and unit structure, the use of technology for UDL (Universal Design for Learning), and how UDL can be used to meet the needs of all students with language development issues;

c. Behavior Support and Intervention. Three semester hours regarding the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to proactively and systematically address student needs that underlie the presence of problem behaviors in schools and class rooms;

d. Collaborative Teaming. Three semester hours that focuses on developing effective partnerships with parents, family members, general educators, and related service providers;

e. Instructional Practices in Special Education. Three semester hours that provide teachers with the ability to select and utilize appropriate instructional strategies, assistive technologies, and instructional materials to address the strengths and needs of diverse learners in grades 1-5; and

f. Reading and Literacy. Three semester hours regarding all aspects of state reading competencies at the elementary level, to include literacy intervention for students with disabilities;

2. Passing score for Praxis exams—Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications.

B. Mild/Moderate: 1-5. Individuals holding a valid upper elementary or middle school certificate grade levels 3-8, 4-8, or 5-8, secondary certificate grade levels 6-12, 7-12, or 9-12, all-level special education certificate in significant disabilities, visually impaired, or deaf or hard of hearing, or an all-level K-12 certificate in art, dance, foreign language, health, physical education, health and physical education, or music must earn the following:

1. 18 semester hours to include the following coursework:

   a. Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Disabilities. Three semester hours in a course is designed for teachers to learn to select, adapt, and use instructional interventions and behavioral strategies with students in a variety of settings and to apply knowledge and skills in a 45-hour field-based experience using theoretical approaches, screening and identification, educational placement considerations, and assessment and evaluation;

b. Fundamentals of Instructional Technology. Three semester hours of instructional, utility, and management software applications for school use, development of instructional materials, incorporation of commercially available software into lesson and unit structure, the use of technology for UDL (Universal Design for Learning), and how UDL can be used to meet the needs of all students with language development issues;

c. Behavior Support and Intervention. Three semester hours regarding the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to proactively and systematically address student needs that underlie the presence of problem behaviors in schools and class rooms;

d. Collaborative Teaming. Three semester hours that focuses on developing effective partnerships with parents, family members, general educators, and related service providers;

e. Instructional Practices in Special Education. Three semester hours that provide teachers with the ability to select and utilize appropriate instructional strategies, assistive technologies, and instructional materials to address the strengths and needs of diverse learners in grades 1-5; and

f. Reading and Literacy. Three semester hours regarding all aspects of state reading competencies at the elementary level, to include literacy intervention for students with disabilities; and

2. passing score for Praxis exams—Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543), Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): K-6, and Elementary Education: Content Knowledge Exam (0014 or 5014) prior to 9/1/15; effective 9/1/15 to 8/31/17 pass Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5018) or Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001); mandatory 9/1/17 pass Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001).

C. Mild/Moderate: Middle Grades 4-8 and Secondary 6-12. Individuals holding a valid early childhood certificate in PK-K or PK-3, elementary certificate in grade levels 1-4, 1-
5, 1-6, or 1-8, or early interventionist certificate must earn the following:

1. 18 semester hours to include the following coursework:
   a. Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Disabilities. Three semester hours in a course designed for teachers to learn to select, adapt, and use instructional interventions and behavioral strategies with students in a variety of settings, and to apply knowledge and skills in a 45-hour field-based experience using theoretical approaches, screening and identification, educational placement considerations, and assessment and evaluation;
   b. Fundamentals of Instructional Technology. Three semester hours in instructional, utility, and management software applications for school use, development of instructional materials, incorporation of commercially available software into lesson and unit structure, and the use of technology regarding UDL (Universal Design for Learning) and how UDL can be used to meet the needs of all students with language development issues;
   c. Self-Determination and Transition. Three semester hours in self-determination and development, implementation and evaluation of self-management instructional programs for students with an emphasis on using self-management and learning strategies to facilitate self-determination and provides an understanding of the special education transition process as specified by federal and state guidelines with the focus on the design and implementation of transition planning that meets student physical, affective, cognitive, and communicative needs across the contexts of school, community, family life, career and recreation/leisure;
   d. Behavior Support and Intervention. Three semester hours of the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for teachers to proactively and systematically address student needs that underlie the presence of problem behaviors in schools and class rooms;
   e. Collaborative Teaming. Three semester hours that focus on developing effective partnerships with parents, family members, general educators, and related service providers; and
   f. Instructional Practices in Special Education. Three semester hours to provide teachers with the ability to select and utilize appropriate instructional strategies, assistive technologies, and instructional materials to address strengths and needs of diverse learners in grades 6-12 with concentration in areas of literacy and numeracy; and

2. Passing score for Praxis exams:
   a. Mild/Moderate (4-8)
      i. Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543);
      ii. Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 5-9; and
   iii. Middle School Content Exam(s)
   b. Mild/Moderate (6-12)
      i. Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543);
      ii. Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 7-12; and
   iii. Secondary Core Content Exam(s).

D. Mild/Moderate: Middle Grades 4-8 and Secondary 6-12. Individuals holding a valid upper elementary or middle school certificate in grade levels 4-8, 5-8, or 6-8 must earn the following:

1. 18 semester hours to include the following coursework:
   a. Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Disabilities. Three semester hours in a course is designed to learn to select, adapt, and use instructional interventions and behavioral strategies with students in a variety of settings and to apply knowledge and skills in a 45-hour field-based experience using theoretical approaches, screening and identification, educational placement considerations, and assessment and evaluation;
   b. Fundamentals of Instructional Technology. Three semester hours of instructional, utility, and management software applications for school use regarding development of instructional materials and incorporation of commercially available software into lesson and unit structure to address the use of technology for UDL (Universal Design for Learning) and how UDL can be used to meet the needs of all students with language development issues;
   c. Self-Determination and Transition. Three semester hours regarding self-determination and development, implementation, and evaluation of self-management instructional programs for students with an emphasis on using self-management and learning strategies to facilitate self-determination that provides the teacher with an understanding of the Special Education transition process as specified by federal and state guidelines and the focus on the design and implementation of transition planning that meets student physical, affective, cognitive, and communicative needs across the contexts of school, community, family life, career and vocation, and recreation and leisure;
   d. Behavior Support and Intervention. Three semester hours to address the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for teachers to proactively and systematically address student needs that underlie the presence of problem behaviors in schools and class rooms;
   e. Collaborative Teaming. Three semester hours to focus on developing effective partnerships with parents, family members, general educators, and related service providers; and
   f. Instructional Practices in Special Education. Three semester hours to provide teachers with the ability to select and utilize appropriate instructional strategies, assistive technologies, and instructional materials to address strengths and needs of diverse learners in grades 6-12 with concentration in areas of literacy and numeracy; and

2. Passing score for Praxis exams:
   a. Mild/Moderate (4-8)—Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543); and/or
   b. Mild/Moderate (6-12):
      i. Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543);
      ii. Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 7-12; and
   iii. Secondary Core Content Exam(s).

E. Mild/Moderate: Middle Grades 4-8 and Secondary 6-12. Individuals holding a valid secondary certificate in grade levels 6-12, 7-12, or 9-12, all-level special education certificate for significant disabilities, visually impaired, or deaf or hard of hearing), or an all-level K-12 certificate in art, dance, foreign language, health, physical education, health and physical education, or music must earn the following:
1. 18 semester hours to include the following coursework:
   a. Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Disabilities. Three semester hours in a course is designed to learn to select, adapt, and use instructional interventions and behavioral strategies with students in a variety of settings and to apply knowledge and skills in a 45-hour field-based experience using theoretical approaches, screening and identification, educational placement considerations, and assessment and evaluation;
   b. Fundamentals of Instructional Technology. Three semester hours of instructional, utility, and management software applications for school use regarding development of instructional materials and incorporation of commercially available software into lesson and unit structure to address the use of technology for UDL (Universal Design for Learning) and how UDL can be used to meet the needs of all students with language development issues;
   c. Self-Determination and Transition. Three semester hours regarding self-determination and development, implementation, and evaluation of self-management instructional programs for students with an emphasis on using self-management and learning strategies to facilitate self-determination that provides the teacher with an understanding of the Special Education transition process as specified by federal and state guidelines and the focus on the design and implementation of transition planning that meets student physical, affective, cognitive, and communicative needs across the contexts of school, community, family life, career and vocation, and recreation and leisure;
   d. Behavior Support and Intervention. Three semester hours to address the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for teachers to proactively and systematically address student needs that underlie the presence of problem behaviors in schools and class rooms;
   e. Collaborative Teaming. Three semester hours to focus on developing effective partnerships with parents, family members, general educators, and related service providers; and
   f. Instructional Practices in Special Education. Three semester hours to provide teachers with the ability to select and utilize appropriate instructional strategies, assistive technologies, and instructional materials to address strengths and needs of diverse learners in grades 6-12 with concentration in areas of literacy and numeracy; and
   2. Passing score for Praxis exams:
      a. Mild/Moderate (4-8):
         i. Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543); and
         ii. Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 5-9; and
      iii. Middle School Content Exam(s); or
      b. Mild/Moderate (6-12)--Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543) and Secondary Content Exam(s).
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### §1334. Computer Literacy

A. Eligibility requirements:
   1. valid OS, Level 1 or higher teaching certificate; and
   2. nine semester hours of coursework in educational technology or computer science.
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   HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 32:1818 (October 2006), amended LR 48:

### §1349. Counselor K-12 (Counselor in a School Setting)

A. Individuals who completed all courses and degree requirements by June 30, 2017, will have the endorsement added to certificates based upon graduate training that included 24 semester hours of professional courses distributed so that at least one course will be taken in each of the basic areas listed below:
   1. Principles and Administration of School Counseling Programs;
   2. Career and Lifestyle Development;
   3. Individual Appraisal;
   4. Counseling Theory and Practice;
   5. Group Processes;
   6. Human Growth and Development;
   7. Social and Cultural Foundations in Counseling; and
   8. Supervised Practicum in a School Setting, or three years of successful experience as a school counselor.
   B. Eligibility requirements after June 30, 2017:
      1. valid Louisiana teaching certificate;
      2. completion of a standards-based graduate degree program in counseling from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP) or candidates who completed counseling programs other than the specialty area of school counseling must complete six credit hours of school counseling courses from a CACREP-accredited program;
      3. practicum/internship requirements:
         a. complete a practicum in counseling from a CACREP-accredited program to include 100 contacts hours; or
         b. complete an internship in counseling from a CACREP-accredited program to include 600 contact hours in a school setting; and
      4. completion of the Praxis examination in school guidance and counseling (0421 or 5421).
   C. Renewal Requirements. For purposes of maintaining a valid counselor endorsement, any school counselor receiving certification after July 1, 2013, is required to successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year renewal period in accordance with Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902.
§1369. Mentor Teacher
A. A certification to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents may be added to a standard teaching certificate for teachers meeting the eligibility requirements.

B. Eligibility requirements:
   1. hold, or be eligible to hold, a valid type C, level 1, or higher Louisiana teaching certificate;
   2. successfully complete a BESE-approved mentor teacher training program; and
   3. earn a passing score on the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.

C. Individuals who successfully complete LDE mentor teacher training from November 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020, are eligible for the mentor teacher add-on endorsement after passing the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.

D. Individuals who hold National Board certification are eligible for mentor teacher add-on endorsement after passing the coaching-related components of the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.

E. Individuals who hold or are eligible to hold a Louisiana Administrative or Supervisory Credential as listed in Chapter 15 of this Part may apply for the Mentor Teacher add-on endorsement.

F. Individuals who currently hold or are eligible to hold National Institute for Excellence in Training (NIET) Teacher Add-on endorsement, and allows the eligible individual to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents without meeting the eligibility requirements for a mentor teacher endorsement outlined in §1369 of this Part.

G. Certified CLASS® observers may apply for the Mentor Teacher add-on endorsement, which allows the individual eligible to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents without meeting the eligibility requirements for a mentor teacher endorsement outlined in §1369 of this Part.

§1371. Content Leader
A. The content leader endorsement is an optional endorsement that districts may require.

B. Eligibility requirements for the content leader endorsement:
   1. hold, or be eligible to hold, a valid type C, level 1, or higher Louisiana teaching certificate with all out-of-state experience verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA.
   2. successfully complete a BESE-approved content leader training program; and
   3. earn a passing score on the Louisiana content leader assessment series in §303 of this Part.

C. Individuals who have successfully completed LDE content leader training from November 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020, in accordance with Paragraph 1 of this Subsection, are eligible for content leader ancillary certification.

Chapter 15. Administrative and Supervisory Credentials

Subchapter A. The Educational Leadership Certificate

§1503. Introduction
A. The educational leadership certification structure provides for four levels of leader certification: teacher leader; educational leader level 1; educational leader level 2; and educational leader level 3. The teacher leader certificate is an option for a teacher to be identified as a teacher leader and is not a state required credential for a specific administrative position. The educational leader level 1 certificate is an entry-level certificate for individuals seeking to qualify for school and/or district leadership positions such as assistant principals, principals, parish or city supervisors of instruction, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, special education supervisors, or comparable school/district leader positions. An individual advances from a level 1 to a level 2 certificate after successfully meeting standards of effectiveness for three years pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902, and completing the required years of experience. The level 3 certificate qualifies an individual for employment as a district superintendent. The LDE will issue a letter of eligibility for an EDL certificate to requesting educators not currently serving in an educational leadership role.

B. Educational leadership preparation programs and induction programs must be aligned with state and national standards in accordance with LAC 28:CXXXVII.301 in Bulletin 125.

C. Medical Excuse and Exceptions. Exceptions to policy will be considered in the case of serious medical condition or unavailability of required coursework or exams, when not in violation of law. When serious medical problems of the teacher or immediate family exist, a doctor statement is required with a letter of assurance from the teacher that the unmet policy requirements will be completed within one year of the exception being granted. The final authority for approval and policy flexibility is at the discretion of the LDE.

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§1505. Educational Leader Certificate Level 1 (EDL 1)

A. The EDL 1 certificate is needed for school and district educational leadership positions such as assistant principal, principal, parish or city supervisor of instruction, supervisor of child welfare and attendance, special education supervisor, or comparable school/district leader positions. The EDL certificate is issued upon the request of the LEA upon employment to serve as an educational leader. An EDL 1 certificate may be obtained through either a master's degree pathway or through one of three alternate pathways.

1. Graduate Degree Pathway. To receive an entry-level EDL 1, the candidate must:
A. To receive an EDL 2, the individual must:

1. hold or be eligible to hold a EDL 1 certificate, a Louisiana provisional principal certification, or comparable level out-of-state educational leader certificate; or
2. have three years of teaching experience; or
3. if applicable, have all out-of-state experience verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA; or
4. participate in an education leader induction administered, if required by the LEA; or
5. for individuals who are employed in a leadership capacity at the school level, meet the standards of effectiveness as an educational leader for three years and have a passing score on the BESE approved school leaders licensure assessment in accordance with state requirements.

B. Individuals who hold an educational leader certification and are employed in a leadership capacity at the school level must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness as a leader for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period in order to renew.

C. Individuals who hold an educational leader certification and are employed in a leadership capacity at the district level must earn effective ratings as a leader per local personnel evaluations for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period in order to renew.

D. Districts may require participation in an education leader induction administered by the LEA.

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A. To receive an EDL 2, the individual must:

1. hold or be eligible to hold a EDL 1 certificate, a Louisiana provisional principal certification, or comparable level out-of-state educational leader certificate; or
2. have three years of teaching experience; or
3. if applicable, have all out-of-state experience verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA; or
4. participate in an education leader induction administered, if required by the LEA; or
5. for individuals who are employed in a leadership capacity at the school level, meet the standards of effectiveness as an educational leader for three years.
pursuant to LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902; and

6. for individuals who are employed in a leadership capacity at the district level, earn effective ratings per local personnel evaluations for three years.

B. Renewal Requirements. An EDL 2 is valid for five years initially and may be renewed thereafter for a period of five years at the request of an LEA. For renewal of EDL 2 certificate:

1. Individuals who hold an educational leader certification and are employed in a leadership capacity at the school level must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness as a leader for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period.

2. Individuals who hold an educational leader certification and are employed in a leadership capacity at the district level must earn effective ratings as a leader per local personnel evaluations for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period.

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§1509. Educational Leader Certificate Level 3 (EDL 3)

A. This certificate is required in order to serve as a school system superintendent or assistant superintendent.

1. Eligibility requirements:
   a. hold or be eligible to hold an EDL 2 or one of the Louisiana administrative/supervisory certifications that preceded the educational leadership certification structure;
   b. three years of teaching experience;
   c. five years of successful administrative or management experience in education at the level of assistant principal or above with assistant principal experience limited to a maximum of two years of the five years of experience with all out-of-state experience verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA; and
   d. earn passing score on the BESE approved school superintendent assessment, in accordance with state requirements.

B. Renewal Requirements. An EDL 3 is valid for five years initially and may be renewed thereafter for a period of five years at the request of an LEA:

1. Individuals who hold an educational leader certification and are employed in a leadership capacity at the school level must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness as a leader for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period.

2. Individuals who hold an educational leader certification and are employed in a leadership capacity at the district level must earn effective ratings as a leader per local personnel evaluations for at least three years during the five-year initial or renewal period.

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Subchapter B. Out-of-State Administrative Certification Structure

§1523. Out-of-State Superintendent (OSS)

A. The out-of-state superintendent (OSS) certificate is valid only for the employing Louisiana public school district requesting issuance, is valid for five years from date of first appointment as a superintendent, and is renewable every five years.

1. Eligibility requirements:
   a. employment by a Louisiana public school system to serve as a superintendent or an assistant superintendent;
   b. a valid teaching certificate from another state with authorization to serve as a school superintendent;
   c. a valid Type B or Level 2 Louisiana certificate and National Board Certification in the field of the supervisory assignment or National Board Certification in the field of the supervisory assignment and successfully complete the three semester-hour course in the supervision of student teaching;
   d. valid Type B or Level 2 Louisiana certificate in the field of the supervisory assignment and successfully complete assessor training through the Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program; or
   e. valid Type B or Level 2 Louisiana certificate and National Board Certification in the field of the supervisory assignment.

C. On September 1, 2023, the mentor teacher endorsement or ancillary certificate will replace the supervisor of student teaching certificate. The supervisor of student teaching certificate will no longer be issued effective December 31, 2020.
Chapter 23. Approved Courses to Reinstate Lapsed Certificates

§2301. Period of Validity
A. The period of validity for a Louisiana teaching certificate is subject to the provision that the certificate holder does not allow a period of five or more consecutive calendar years of disuse to accrue, and/or the certificate is not revoked by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education acting in accordance with law. As applicable to certificate validity, the term disuse is defined as a period of five consecutive calendar years in which a certificated individual is not a teacher of record for at least one semester, or 90 consecutive days. If such a period of disuse occurs, the certificate has lapsed. Lapce does not apply to certificates renewable via the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902.

§2303. Reinstatement of a Lapsed Certificate
A. Reinstatement of a lapsed certificate is made only on evidence that the holder has earned six semester hours of credit in approved courses from an institution of higher education accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602. The credit must be earned within the five-year period immediately preceding request for reinstatement of the certificate. Reinstatement does not apply to certificates renewable via the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902.