

COMPARISON DOCUMENT

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CXXXI. *Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*

Chapter 5. Teaching Credentials, Licenses and Certifications

§528. Pre-Practitioner License

A. The pre-practitioner license is a temporary, ~~non-renewable~~ certificate issued in accordance with provisional admittance into an alternate certification program pursuant to LAC 28:XLV. ~~Effective June 1, 2024, Pre Practitioner Licenses will no longer be issued.~~

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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 teacher preparation college or university program; or documentation of conditional acceptance into a teacher preparation program be granted conditional admittance into an alternate teacher preparation program following a satisfactory personal interview by the program admission officer; and~~

c. ~~passing scores on content area exam(s) have not been achieved. Candidate must complete courses or programs offered by the teacher preparation program designed to support the educator in passing the required exams. , 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 requirements.~~

d. ~~The candidate may complete up to twelve required credit hours or equivalent contact hours for the approved program while holding a pre-practitioner license. 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.~~

e. The candidate must receive mentoring by a school-based mentor teacher in accordance with §553 of this Chapter for each year on the pre-practitioner license.

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3. Teacher candidates issued the pre-practitioner license prior to June 1, 2024, having received ~~receiving~~ mentoring while on the pre-practitioner license by a certified mentor in accordance with §515, 553, and 1369 of this Part and completing all other certification requirements for issuance of the initial standard level teaching certificate may advance from the pre-practitioner license to the standard level teaching certificate.

4. Teacher candidates issued the pre-practitioner license prior to June 1, 2024, not having received ~~not receiving~~ mentoring while on the pre-practitioner license by a certified mentor in accordance with §515, 553, and 1369 of this Part must serve on the practitioner license and be mentored by a certified mentor for a year and meet all other certification requirements prior to advancing to the standard level teaching certificate.

B. Renewal Requirements. The pre-practitioner license issued after June 1, 2024, is valid for one year initially and may be renewed for one additional year while the holder pursues requirements for full admission into the teacher preparation program.

1. The candidate must remain provisionally enrolled in the practitioner teacher, certification-only, or master's degree alternate certification program and have completed no more than twelve of the required credit hours or equivalent contact hours for the approved program.

2. The candidate must provide evidence that all content exams required for full admission into the enrolled program have been attempted twice since issuance of the pre-practitioner license.

3. The candidate must receive mentoring by a school-based mentor teacher in accordance with §553 of this Chapter for each year on the pre-practitioner license. Such mentoring does not replace the one-year mentored residency during the first year on the Practitioner License or Resident Teacher certificate required for professional certification.

4. The candidate must complete courses or programs offered by the teacher preparation program designed to support the educator in passing the required exams.

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Part XLV. *Bulletin 996—Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs*

Chapter 1. Introduction

§103. Definitions

Practitioner—a candidate who serves as the teacher of record and is currently enrolled in an alternative certification program.

Provisional Admission—a temporary admission status for candidates enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program who have not yet passed the required Praxis content examination for full program admission. Candidates admitted provisionally may complete up to twelve credit hours, or equivalent contact hours, of coursework focused on content exam preparation and classroom readiness prior to earning a passing score on the required content examination.

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Chapter 7. Louisiana State Standards for Educator Preparation Programs

Subchapter A. Teacher Preparation Programs

§745. Minimum Requirements for Alternate Teacher Preparation Programs

A. – D.4.b.

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5. Practitioner teacher programs shall require candidates to complete the residency as a teacher of record. Candidates must hold a valid practitioner teacher license pursuant to LAC 28:CXXXI.515 *Bulletin 746* ~~Bulletin 746~~. Candidates admitted under provisional admission status are not eligible for residency placement until all content examination requirements have been met.

D.6. – F.3.

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a. Effective October 20, 2026, teacher preparation providers may provisionally admit candidates who have not yet earned a passing score on the required Praxis content examination. Provisionally admitted candidates may complete no more than twelve credit hours, or equivalent contact hours, of coursework prior to earning a passing score on the required content examination. Coursework completed during provisional admission shall be limited to content preparation and classroom readiness. Candidates shall meet all testing requirements established in LAC 28:CXXXI.515 *Bulletin 746* prior to beginning residency.

F.4. – J. ...

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