

ALTERNATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS*

	Practitioner Teacher Program	Certification-Only Program	Master's Degree Program
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coursework plus on-the job streamlined approach ▪ Requires full-time commitment ▪ Can be offered by private providers ▪ Available for Grades PK-3, 1-5, 4-8, 6-12, All-level (K-12), and Mild/Moderate special education certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be offered by private providers ▪ Flexibility in delivery (online or f2f) ▪ GPA may be calculated using last 60 hours of coursework ▪ Available for Grades PK-3, 1-5, 4-8, 6-12, All-level (K-12), and all special education areas except Mild/Moderate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be full-time or part-time ▪ Candidate completes with Master's Degree plus teacher certification ▪ Available for Grades PK-3, 1-5, 4-8, 6-12, All-level (K-12), and all special education areas certification
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS			
Admission to the Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2.20-2.50 GPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2.20 – 2.50 GPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2.50 GPA
Knowledge of the Learner/Learning Environment	9-12 hours (intensive summer or fall segment)	12 hours (80 contact hours of classroom readiness training required before issuance of Practitioner License 2)	15 hours
Methodology and Teaching (Content-specific methods courses and clinical/field experiences)	plus two 3-hour seminars (spring semester, fall semester)	6 hours	12-15 hours
Student Teaching or Internship	12 hours (internship)	6 hours (internship or student teaching)	6 - 9 hours (internship or student teaching)
Prescriptive Hours	1-9 hours (to be used only for candidate who demonstrates areas of need)	None available	None available
Total Hours	21-33	27-33	33-42
Special Education Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidates enrolled in Special Education Programs: Early Interventionist, Mild/Moderate 1-5, 4-8 & 6-12, Hearing Impaired K-12, Visually Impaired K-12, and Significant Disabilities 1-12 will complete course work and field/clinical experiences aligned to the needs of infants, toddlers and children specific exceptionality. 		
Additional Certification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed program with a 2.50 GPA ▪ Passed the required pedagogy PRAXIS exam requirements ▪ Demonstrated proficiency in BESE Reading Competencies by (1) completing same number of reading course hours required by statute for undergraduate teacher preparation programs: PK-3 or Elementary 1-5, nine hours; Middle Grades 4-8, six hours; Secondary 6-12 or All-Level K-12, three hours or (2) passing state reading competency assessment <i>NOTE: Six hrs of reading and literacy required for MAT Mild/Moderate 6-12.</i> 		

*View the Teacher Preparation Center on the TEACH LOUISIANA website (www.teachlouisiana.net) for location of programs throughout the state.