

LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS

2009-2010 INSTITUTIONAL REPORT FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS

LOUISIANA COLLEGE

Message from the Commissioner:

I would like to congratulate all of our campuses for their hard work to prepare effective new teachers. It is rewarding to find that we have some universities who are preparing new teachers in specific content areas whose students demonstrate as much or more growth in achievement than students taught by experienced teachers as measured by our Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment. We anticipate that more universities will have similar findings once they receive the results for their redesigned programs for the first time during summer 2010. Our teacher preparation programs are also to be commended for the outreach that they have provided to students and teachers in schools that surround their universities. These efforts help to strengthen the lives of children both within and outside the school environment.

*Sally Clausen
Commissioner of Higher Education*

Mission of University

The mission of Louisiana College is to provide a liberal arts education characterized by academic excellence, a commitment to the preeminence of the Lord Jesus, an allegiance to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, and a passion for changing the world for Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Student Characteristics of University

During Fall 2008, the university had a total enrollment of 897 undergraduate and 199 graduate students. A total of 499 students were males and 597 were females. The majority of the students were from Louisiana with a total of 1,011 in-state students, 76 out-of-state students, and 9 foreign students. Among students enrolled in the undergraduate program, 119 were black, 726 were white, and 52 were other races. Among students enrolled in the graduate program, 49 were black, 144 were white, and 6 were other races.

Accreditation and Approval of Teacher Preparation Program

The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In addition, the university is accredited

by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All of the university's teacher preparation programs are approved by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Department of Education.

Notable Features and Accomplishments of Teacher Preparation Program

- Louisiana College is a private coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences, operated under the auspices of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Located in Pineville, it is in the center of the state and easily accessible from major interstates, highways, and the Alexandria International Airport.
- The Louisiana College Division of Education achieved initial NCATE Accreditation in October 2007. This was the Division's first attempt at accreditation.
- In June 2008, Louisiana College was approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer a Master of Arts in Teaching degree program. This is the first graduate level program in the colleges' one hundred-year history.
- Louisiana College teacher education graduates excel in passing the PRAXIS (National Teacher Exam). We have a 100% passage rate in PRAXIS for the last four years, and 98% passage rate on the test since it was first required in Louisiana during 1979. The job market for education graduates from Louisiana College remains very strong.
- In the first two years of the Value Added Study conducted by the State of Louisiana, Louisiana College graduates scored at or near the top of each category measured.
- Louisiana College has been recognized for having two teacher preparation graduates who have achieved national certification
- The college recruits highly qualified faculty who value effective teaching and learning, who are engaged in scholarly and creative activity, and who are committed to their own professional development. With its small classes, individualized instruction empathetic advising, and personal attention, the college provides students with a quality education experience.

Notable Features and Accomplishments of Teacher Preparation Program (Cont'd)

- Louisiana College offers a Practitioner Teacher Program called TEACH for non-certified teachers with a bachelor’s degree, a 2.5 grade point average, appropriate PRAXIS scores, and employment in the area of certification. The 21 - 30 hour program is designed for those who wish to participate in an intensive summer program, seminars during the fall and spring, and an internship while working full time as a teacher in a school.
- Louisiana College distributes nearly \$4 million annually in federal and state funds and scholarships to more than 90% of its students.
- Louisiana College is one of the most recognized colleges in the South. Louisiana College was ranked 20th under Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor’s (Southern Region) in the 2007 issue of *U.S. News and World Report’s America’s Best Colleges*.
- The Christian faculty is noted for the personal attention it pays to individual students in small classes.
- Louisiana College was recently recognized for leadership in the field of student character development in *The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development*. Louisiana College is profiled in the Faculty and Curriculum Programs section for its Values Program.
- Louisiana College was recognized in the 2006-2007 issue of America’s 100 Best Christian Colleges.
- Louisiana College challenges students, faculty, and staff to grow both in knowledge and faith.
- Affirming the proposition that all truth is one and that all truth is God’s truth, the college is committed to the task of integrating faith.

Teacher Preparation Program Data

The following data have been provided about the teacher preparation program.

1. Total number of students formally admitted to the regular teacher preparation program and enrolled in one or more courses during academic year 2008-2009 including all areas of teaching specialization.	19
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Teacher Preparation Program Data (Cont'd)

2. Total number of students enrolled in the regular teacher preparation program and alternate certification program including all areas of teaching specialization who participated in programs of supervised student teaching or supervised internships during Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and/or Spring 2009.	150
3. Supervising faculty for supervised student teaching and internship experiences.	
a. Number of appointed full-time faculty in professional education.	8
b. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and Spring 2009.	6
c. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution, who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and Spring 2009.	5
d. Total number of supervising faculty for the teacher preparation program during 2008-2009.	19
4. Student/faculty ratio for student teaching and internship experiences.	8:1
5. Student participation in student teaching.	
a. Average number of hours per week required of student participation in supervised student teaching during academic year 2008-2009.	35
b. Total number of weeks per semester of supervised student teaching required for student teaching during academic year 2008-2009.	15
c. Total number of hours required during academic year 2008-2009 for student teaching.	525



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2009-2010 TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

OVERVIEW

In compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 1998, Louisiana created a Teacher Preparation Accountability System to assess the performance of teacher preparation programs within the state. During the first phase (2001-2002) of the accountability system, the performance of the regular and alternate certification students on the state teachers' examination (*Praxis*) was assessed. During subsequent phases (2002-2003, 2003-04, and 2004-05), the *quantity* of program completers at each institution was assessed and the *institutional performance* of each university was examined based upon passage rates on the *Praxis* and survey data from new teachers (who rated their teacher preparation programs on the extent to which the programs prepared the new teachers to address the state standards for teachers). The accountability system was created to include additional factors in the future that would examine growth of achievement of students taught by new teachers and perceptions of mentors of new teachers about the programs that prepared the new teachers. The purpose of the accountability system was to clearly demonstrate to the public that all universities and colleges in Louisiana were working diligently to produce quality teachers who worked effectively with PK-12 students.

During 2005-06, it was not possible to implement the Teacher Preparation Accountability System due to the closure of universities and schools in Louisiana and the inability to collect data from displaced teachers and mentors due to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. A decision was made to revise the Teacher Preparation Accountability System. Institutional data, quantity data, and PRAXIS examination passage rate data have been collected and disseminated to the public in the 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-2010 *Institutional Reports for the Preparation of Teachers*. These reports can be found on the Board of Regents web site at: <http://www.regents.state.la.us/Academic/TE/instreports.htm>.

During 2003-2010, a Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model has been piloted that links growth of achievement of children taught by new teachers to the universities that prepared the new teachers. Initial results were released to the public during October 2007, December 2008, and August 2009. During 2009-10, the value-added model will be integrated into the Teacher Preparation Accountability System, and the revised Teacher Preparation Accountability System will be piloted during 2009-2010.

**QUANTITY OF PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND
SUMMARY OF HEA TITLE II PRAXIS EXAMINATION PASSAGE RATES
2008-2009 REGULAR AND ALTERNATE PROGRAM COMPLETERS**

UNIVERSITY	TYPES OF PROGRAMS	TOTAL COMPLETED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
LOUISIANA COLLEGE	HEA Title II 2008-2009 Regular Program Completers	15	15	100%
	HEA Title II 2009-2009 Alternate Program Completers	57	57	100%
	Total Number of 2008-2009 Program Completers	72	72	100%



**HEA - Title II
2008-2009 Academic Year**

Institution Name	LOUISIANA COLLEGE
Institution Code	6371
State	Louisiana
Number of Program Completers Submitted	15
Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	15

April 24, 2010

<i>Type of Assessment</i>	<i>Assessment Code Number</i>	<i>Number Taking Assessment</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment</i>	<i>Institutional Pass Rate</i>	Statewide		
					<i>Number Taking Assessment</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment</i>	<i>Statewide Pass Rate</i>
Basic Skills							
PPST READING	710	1			178	178	100%
PPST WRITING	720	1			192	192	100%
PPST MATHEMATICS	730	1			184	184	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST READING	5710	7			680	680	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST WRITING	5720	7			670	670	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST MATHEMATICS	5730	7			673	673	100%
Professional Knowledge							
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	020				96	96	100%
EDUC. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS: CK	353				68	68	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING ERLY CHLD	521	1			118	118	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING K-6	522	7			550	550	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	523				55	55	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 7-12	524	8			426	425	100%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: MILD MODER. DISABIL	542				43	43	100%
Academic Content Areas							
ELEMENTARY ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	014	7			769	768	100%
ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	041				97	97	100%
ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY	043				97	97	100%



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MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	049				11	11	100%
MATHEMATICS: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	061				31	30	97%
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	069				25	25	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	081	1			81	81	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: INTERPRET MATERIALS	083	1			81	81	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	089				13	13	100%
PHYSICAL ED: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	091	6			93	93	100%
BUSINESS EDUCATION	100				11	11	100%
MUSIC CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	113	1			75	75	100%
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES	120				1		
ART CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	133				29	29	100%
FRENCH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	173				4		
SPANISH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	191				6		
SPEECH COMMUNICATION	220				4		
BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	235				20	20	100%
CHEMISTRY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	245				3		
PHYSICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	265				1		
GENERAL SCI CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	435				1		
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	439				17	17	100%
AGRICULTURE	700				12	12	100%



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				<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Statewide Pass Rate</i>
Aggregate - Basic Skills	8			872	872	100%
Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	16	16	100%	1313	1312	100%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	15	15	100%	1304	1302	100%
Aggregate - Other Content Areas (Career/Technical Education, Health Educations, etc.)						
Aggregate - Teaching Special Populations (Special Education, ELS, etc.)						
Aggregate - Performance Assessments						
Summary Totals and Pass Rates⁵	15	15	100%	1273	1270	100%

- ¹ The number of program completers found, matched and used in the passing rate calculation will not equal the sum of the column labeled "Number Taking Assessment" since a completer can take more than one assessment.
- ² Institutions and/or States did not require the assessments within an aggregate where data cells are blank.
- ³ Number of completers who took one or more tests in a category and within their area of specialization.
- ⁴ Number who passed all tests they took in a category and within their area of specialization.
- ⁵ Summary Totals and Pass Rate: Number of completers who successfully completed one or more tests across all categories used by the state for licensure and the total passrate.