

**BULLETIN 746: LA STANDARDS FOR STATE
CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**Subchapter A. The
Educational Leadership Certificate**

Chapter 7. Administrative and Supervisory Credentials

§701. Overview

A. An individual who serves as an administrator and/or supervisor in Louisiana schools is required to obtain the appropriate credential for the area of assignment. A teacher already certified in Louisiana can have an educational leader certificate issued to provide administrative or supervisory services in a Louisiana school system.

B. This Chapter is divided into three parts, as follows:

1. educational leadership certification structure;
2. administrative and supervisory endorsements that were superseded by the educational leadership certification structure, including a Section showing educational leadership title equivalencies; and
3. all other supervisory endorsements.

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Subchapter A. The Educational Leadership Certificate

§703. 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; it 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 (e.g., 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 moves 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.

B. Educational leadership preparation programs and induction programs are aligned with the following state and national standards:

1. standards for educational leaders in Louisiana;
2. Interstate School Leaders License Consortium [ISLLC] standards for school leaders; and
3. Educational Leadership Constituent Council [ELCC] standards for advanced programs in educational leadership, the standards used by the National Council for

the Accreditation of Colleges of Teachers Evaluation [NCATE] for university program reviews.

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

A. This is the certificate needed by those who fill school and district educational leadership positions (e.g., assistant principal, principal, parish or city supervisor of instruction, supervisor of child welfare and attendance, special education supervisor, or comparable school/district leader positions). This certificate is issued upon the request of the LEA once the individual is hired to serve as an Educational Leader. An Educational Leader Certificate Level 1 may be obtained through either a master's degree pathway or through one of three alternate pathways.

1. Master's Degree Pathway. To receive an entry-level EDL 1, the candidate must:

a. hold or be eligible to hold a valid Louisiana Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate or have a comparable level out-of-state teaching certificate and three years of teaching experience in his/her area of certification;

b. complete a competency-based graduate degree preparation program in the area of educational leadership from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and

c. have a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA), in accordance with state requirements.

2. Alternate Pathway 1. The Alternate Pathway 1 is for persons who already hold a master's degree and are seeking to receive an EDL 1. The candidate must:

a. hold or be eligible to hold a valid Louisiana Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate or have a comparable level out-of-state teaching certificate and three years of teaching experience in his/her area of certification;

b. have previously completed a graduate degree program from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;

c. meet competency-based requirements, as demonstrated by completion of an individualized program of educational leadership from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. An individualized program will be developed based on a screening of each candidate's competencies upon entering into the graduate alternative certification program; and

d. have a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) in accordance with state requirements.

3. Alternate Pathway 2. The Alternate Pathway 2 is for persons who already hold a master's degree in education and are seeking to receive an EDL 1. The candidate must:

a. hold or be eligible to hold a valid Louisiana Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate or have a comparable level out-of-state teaching certificate and three years of teaching experience in his/her area of certification;

b. have previously completed a graduate degree program in education from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;

c. provide documented evidence of leadership experiences (240 clock hours or more) at the school and/or district level; and

d. have a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) in accordance with state requirements.

4. Alternate Pathway 3. The Alternate Pathway 3 is for persons who already hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and are seeking to receive an EDL 1 through a competency-based educational leader practitioner (residency) program (See Chapter 2, §240). The candidate must:

a. hold or be eligible to hold a valid Louisiana Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate or have a comparable level out-of-state teaching certificate and three years of teaching experience in his/her area of certification;

b. demonstrate strong knowledge of instruction through a rigorous screening process by an approved program provider;

c. complete a competency-based educational leader practitioner/residency preparation program in the area of educational leadership from a state-approved private provider or a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and

d. have a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) in accordance with state requirements.

5. EDL 1 Extensions/Renewals

a. An EDL 1 is valid for three years initially and may be extended thereafter for a period of one year at the request of an LEA. EDL 1 certificates are limited to two such extensions.

b. Individuals who hold an educational leader add-on endorsement issued prior to July 1, 2012 and are employed in a leadership capacity will be required to meet the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902 for three years out of the five year renewal period in order to renew their endorsement.

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

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§707. Educational Leader Certificate Level 2 (EDL 2)

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

1. hold a valid EDL 1 certificate, Louisiana provisional principal certification, or comparable level out-of-state educational leader certificate;

2. have three years of teaching experience in his/her area(s) of certification;

3. participate in an education leader induction administered, if required by the LEA; and

4. meet the standards of effectiveness as an Educational Leader for three years pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S.17:3902.

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

1. Individuals who hold an Educational Leader add-on endorsement issued prior to July 1, 2012 and are employed in a leadership capacity will be required to meet the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S.17:3902 for three years out of the five year renewal period in order to renew their endorsement.

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§709. 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. valid EDL 2 or one of the Louisiana administrative/supervisory certifications that preceded the educational leadership certification structure;

b. five years of teaching experience in his/her area of certification;

c. five years of successful administrative or management experience in education at the level of assistant principal or above. The assistant principal experience would be limited to a maximum of two years of experience in that position; and

d. passing score on the School Superintendent Assessment (SSA), in keeping with state requirements.

2. **Renewal Requirements.** An EDL 3 is valid for five years initially and may be extended thereafter for a period of five years at the request of an LEA. For renewal of an EDL 3 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.

3. Individuals who hold an educational leader add-on endorsement issued prior to July 1, 2012 and are employed in a leadership capacity will be required to meet the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902 for three years out of the five year renewal period in order to renew their endorsement.

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§710. Turnaround Specialist Certificate (TSC)

A. The Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program (LSTS) is a leadership development program designed to strengthen the organizational and instructional leadership skills of currently certified and experienced principals to prepare them to lead low-performing schools to higher student achievement.

1. To receive a TSC the individual must meet all of the following requirements:

a. hold a valid level 2, level 3, type B, type A, or out-of-state (OS) teaching certificate with three years of teaching in the certified area and certification as an elementary/secondary principal, principal, or educational leader;

b. successfully complete the LSTS Program;

c. meet all achievement targets which are a part of the LSTS program;

2. **Renewal Requirements.** A TSC is valid for five years initially and may be extended thereafter for a period of five years at the request of an LEA. For renewal of a TSC 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.

3. Individuals who hold an educational leader add-on endorsement issued prior to July 1, 2012 and are employed in a leadership capacity will be required to meet the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130 and R.S. 17:3902 for three years out of the five year renewal period in order to renew their endorsement.

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§711. Teacher Leader Endorsement (Optional)

A. As part of the educational leader certification structure, there is an option for a teacher to become certified as a teacher leader. This optional endorsement allows principals the opportunity to afford leadership experiences to teachers at the school level and recruit potential educational leader candidates for their school districts. Teacher leader is the certification authorization needed by those who fill school site leadership roles (e.g., serving as a school curriculum coordinator, chairperson or content teacher, serving as the school improvement team chairperson, serving as the lead teacher in developing and scheduling a special activity at the school site, serving as the lead teacher in the school's preparation for a technical assistance visit etc.).

B. Eligibility requirements:

1. valid type B, level 2, or higher Louisiana teaching certificate;

2. completion of a state-approved teacher leader program that requires, at minimum, the equivalent of six graduate hours, or 90 contact hours, including a combination of face-to-face and field-based professional development activities that:

a. may include the use of a cohort approach;

b. provides support from and monitoring by current outstanding administrators serving as mentors and/or facilitators;

c. includes an electronic component (online and/or compressed video) to ensure each participant's access to key resources and to build a statewide network of qualified administrator candidates that could include the development of cohorts; and

d. requires the development and presentation of a culminating portfolio that provides evidence that knowledge gained and skills acquired are aligned with national and state leader standards.

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Subchapter B. Out-of-State Administrative Certification Structure

§721. Out-of-State Principal Level 1 (OSP1)

A. This is a three year, non-renewable Louisiana certificate issued to an individual who holds comparable out-of-state certification as a principal or educational leader. It authorizes the individual to serve as a principal or assistant principal in a Louisiana public school system, and is issued when upon employment as a principal or assistant principal in a Louisiana public school system.

1. Eligibility requirements: