



TEACH Practitioner Program - Most Teacher Friendly Program!

You can only begin the TEACH program in the summer. Coursework in the TEACH Program is graduate level and you have the **option** of doing just certification or completing the Master of Arts in Teaching degree. We are approved to offer certification in the following areas in the TEACH Program: Early Childhood PK-3; Elementary 1-5; Middle School 4-8 areas; most Secondary 6-12 areas; Special Education Mild/Moderate 1-5, 4-8 and 6-12; and All Level Art, PE and Music. For additional areas of Certification click here:

<https://www.teachlouisiana.net/Prospect.aspx?PageID=413>

Credit hours required for certification:

Early Childhood: 24-27 hrs. {12 hrs. summer, 6 hrs. fall, 6-9* hrs. spring (*option of taking additional 3 hr. reading course OR taking PRAXIS Teaching Reading 0242 or 5204)}

SPED 1-5, SPED 4-8, or SPED 6-12: 24-27 hrs. {12 hrs. summer, 6 hrs. fall, 6-9* hrs. spring (*option of taking additional 3 hr. reading course OR taking PRAXIS Teaching Reading 0242 or 5204)}

Elementary 1-5: 21-24 hrs. {9 hrs. summer, 6 hrs. fall, 6-9* hrs. spring (*option of taking additional 3 hr. reading course OR taking PRAXIS Teaching Reading 0242 or 5204)}

Middle School 4-8: 21 hrs. (9 hrs. summer, 6 hrs. fall, 6 hrs. spring)

Secondary 6-12: 21 hrs. (9 hrs. summer, 6 hrs. fall, 6 hrs. spring)

All-Level K-12: 21 hrs. (9 hrs. summer, 6 hrs. fall, 6 hrs. spring)

For admission into this program, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Undergrad GPA of 2.2 or higher and a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited institution
2. Passing PRAXIS PPST Scores, Passing **Core Academic Skills for Educators** Reading, Writing and Math Scores (register for PRAXIS at www.ets.org) OR an ACT of 22 or higher, or SAT of 1030 or higher, or Master's degree can exempt you from the **C.A.S.E.** tests.
3. Passing PRAXIS Content Score in the area you are seeking certification (SPED will need to take a CORE SUBJECT exam for their grade level). **If you are seeking certification in any Special Education area**, the PRAXIS exam for Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543 or 5543) Exam is also required for entry to our Program.
4. Submission of TEACH/MAT application and all other required documents (transcripts, recommendations, PRAXIS scores, etc.) listed with the application. **We begin accepting applications in January each year.** The Application/Materials fee is 100.00 IF ALL documents are submitted by April 1st. After April 1st, the fee is 125.00.

This is how the TEACH program works:

1. Classes begin June 1st (ED 570, 4-5 week course, 9-12 credit hours). Class is held Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm (**ending times vary between 12:30-2:30**). (Housing is available for summer at the cost of \$85 per week—you will need to submit a housing application and assignments are made on a first-come-first-served basis.)
2. At the end of the summer, we apply for a Practitioner License PL1 if you have successfully completed ED 570 and submitted Employment Verification for the upcoming school year.
3. For Fall eligibility, you must be employed full-time in a state approved school and teaching in the area you are seeking certification in (Internship = 3 credit hours). You also attend Saturday Seminar classes once a month (5 Saturdays total) for another 3 credit hours.
4. In the spring, you repeat the fall scenario and earn another 6 credit hours total. Some certification areas may require an additional 3 hours of reading coursework or the PRAXIS Teaching Reading for certification.
5. Sometime during the fall or spring, you should take the final part of the PRAXIS which is the PLT for your certification grade level. **NOTE:** Special Education takes the PLT for their grade level
6. Once all requirements are met, you are eligible for a Level One Teaching Certificate.

Go All the Way! Get a Master's Degree with just 12 more hours!

You also have the option of continuing in our program and earning your Master of Arts in Teaching Degree if you so choose. To earn a Master's Degree in the Master's Program upon completion of TEACH you will complete an additional 7 credit hours in the summer and 5 credit hours in the fall. Already certified candidates can contact the School of Education for further information about our MAT degree as well as Education Leadership Certification at: 318-487-7302 or email: sonya.williams@lacollege.edu

More information is available on our website at

<http://www.lacollege.edu/academics/departments/department-of-teacher-education/resources>