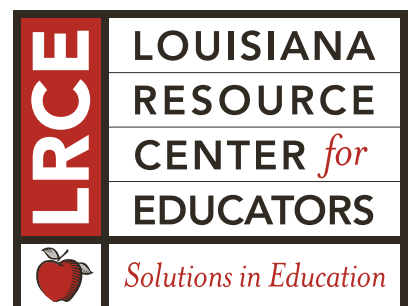


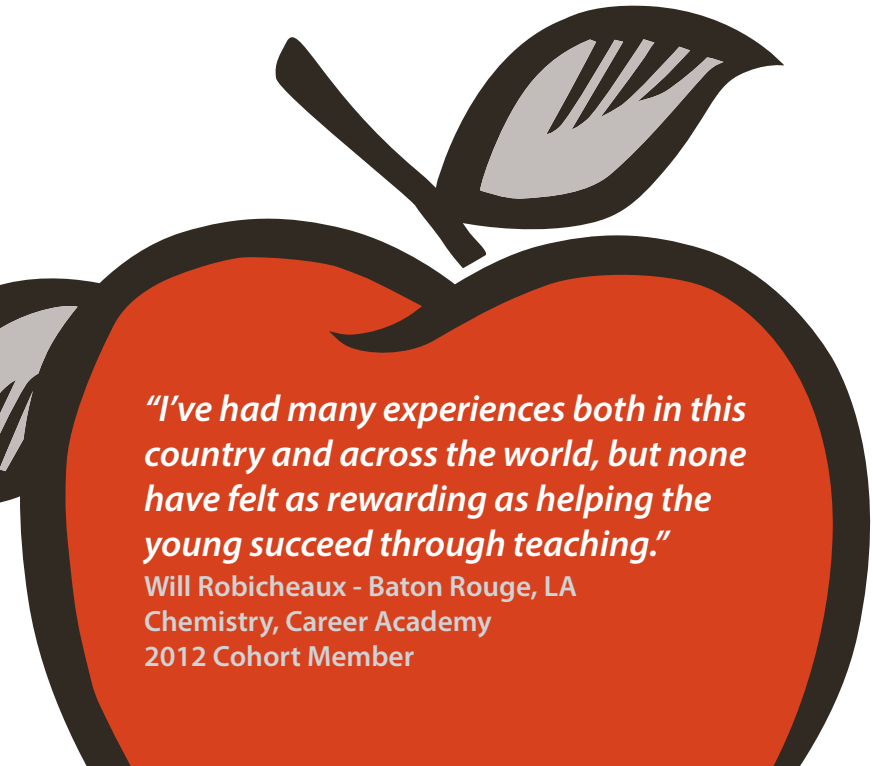
Certification Solutions

Program Catalogue



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"I've had many experiences both in this country and across the world, but none have felt as rewarding as helping the young succeed through teaching."

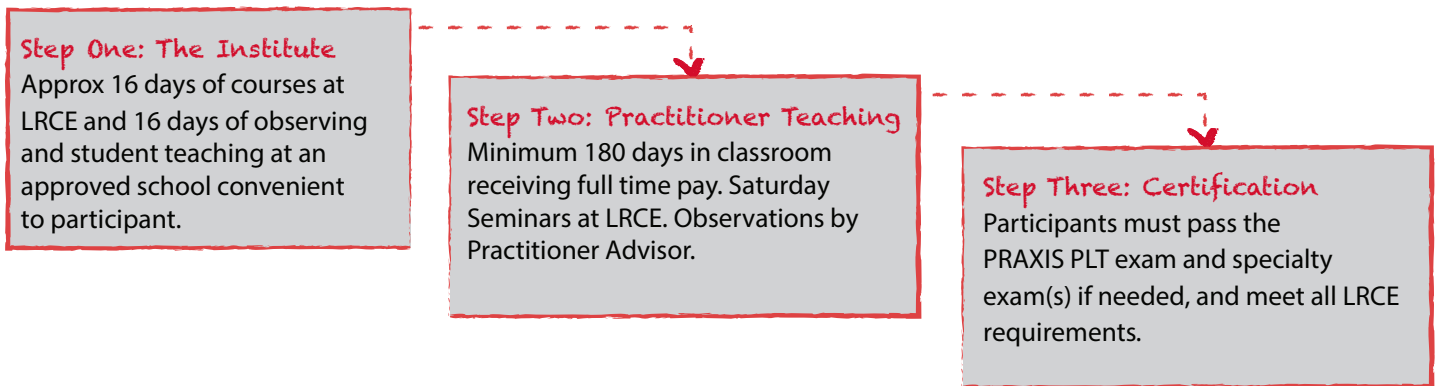
Will Robicheaux - Baton Rouge, LA
Chemistry, Career Academy
2012 Cohort Member

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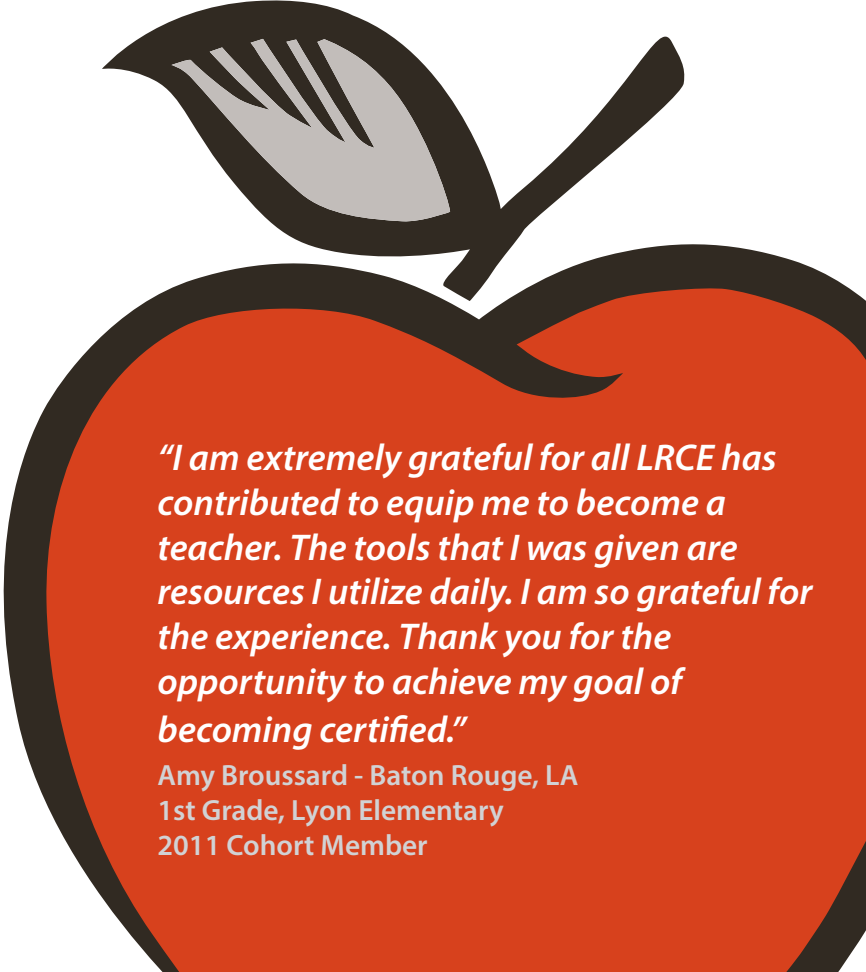


Our Mission

The mission of Certification Solutions is to identify, train, and support practitioner teachers who exhibit character traits of academic excellence, integrity, enthusiasm, and maturity so that the children of Louisiana receive an exemplary education.

Successful candidates earn a Louisiana teaching certificate in as little as 12 months while working full time in a public or state-approved private school and earning full-time pay.

LRCE has certified over **1400** teachers since 2003.



"I am extremely grateful for all LRCE has contributed to equip me to become a teacher. The tools that I was given are resources I utilize daily. I am so grateful for the experience. Thank you for the opportunity to achieve my goal of becoming certified."

Amy Broussard - Baton Rouge, LA
1st Grade, Lyon Elementary
2011 Cohort Member

Certification Areas

Early Childhood Pre-K - 3

Elementary 1- 5

Spanish or French K - 12

English/Language Arts 4 - 8 or 6 - 12

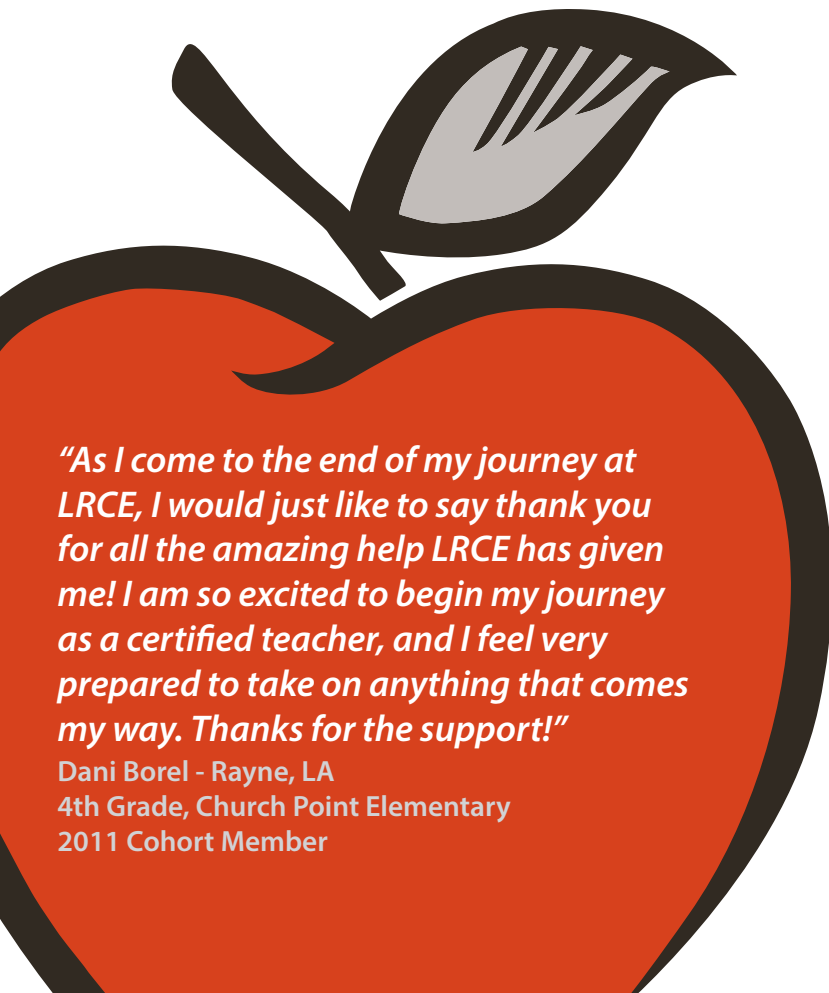
Mathematics 4 - 8 or 6 - 12

Science 4 - 8 or 6 - 12

Social Studies 4 - 8 or 6 - 12

Special Education (Mild/Moderate)* 1 - 5, 4 - 8, or 6 - 12

**(Dual Certification in both Special Education and the content area in which the PRAXIS II exam is passed)*



"As I come to the end of my journey at LRCE, I would just like to say thank you for all the amazing help LRCE has given me! I am so excited to begin my journey as a certified teacher, and I feel very prepared to take on anything that comes my way. Thanks for the support!"

Dani Borel - Rayne, LA
4th Grade, Church Point Elementary
2011 Cohort Member

Getting Started

Admission Requirements & Timeline

Qualifications

1. Bachelor's Degree from accredited college or university
2. Minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA
3. U.S. citizenship or work permit
4. Passing scores on PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II Content Specialty Exams
5. Satisfactory background check as required by the hiring school system

Tuition

Total cost for the program is \$4,000 (excluding PRAXIS exams, application, and licensing fees).

\$2,000 minimum payment required to begin program. A payment plan requiring automatic draft from a banking account is offered for the remaining \$2000 balance and allows for eight payments of \$250 while teaching full time.

Timeline

Step 1

Submit completed package:

- Completed 2-page application form (available at LRCteach.org)
- \$65 application fee (\$2.25 online processing fee)
- Resumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Intent
- Official sealed transcript
- Passing PRAXIS I & II scores (or proof of exemption from PRAXIS I exam)

Applications will be pre-screened prior to the interview. Due to the large number of applicants, all contact from the CS staff is made via email.

Step 2

Personal Interview with CS staff member. Due to the limited number of spots available, as well as school districts' demand for teachers, not all applicants who are interviewed will be accepted into the program.

Step 3

Mandatory meeting for all accepted applicants. Deadline to submit minimum tuition payment of \$2,000.

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PRAXIS Requirements

The PRAXIS Series™ assessments are educational tests Louisiana uses as part of its teacher licensure and certification process. Certification Solutions applicants are required to pass the PRAXIS I exams and PRAXIS II content specialty exam before participating in the CS program. However, applicants with a Master's or doctorate degree, ACT score of 22 or higher, or SAT score of 1030 or higher, are exempt from taking the PRAXIS I exams, but must provide proof of exemption to be eligible.

Certification Area	PRAXIS Content Exam Requirements for PROGRAM ENTRY	PRAXIS Exam Requirements for PROGRAM COMPLETION and Level 1 Certificate
Early Childhood (PreK-3)	-Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5014)	-Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood (5621) -Teaching Reading (5204)
Elementary Education (1-5)	-Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5014)	-Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (5622) -Teaching Reading (5204)
English Language Arts (4-8) Mathematics (4-8) Science (4-8) Social Studies (4-8)	-Middle School English/Language Arts (5047) -Middle School Mathematics (5169) -Middle School Science (5440) -Middle School Social Studies (5089)	-Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5-9 (5623)
English (6-12) Mathematics (6-12) General Science (6-12) Biology (6-12) Chemistry (6-12) Physics (6-12) Social Studies (6-12)	-English Language, Literature, & Composition: Content Knowledge (5039) -Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) -General Science: Content Knowledge (5435) -Biology: Content Knowledge (5235) -Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245) -Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) -Social Studies: Content & Interpretation (5086)	-Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 (5624)
SPED M/M & Elem (1-5)	-Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5014)	-SPED: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications (5543) -Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (5622) -Teaching Reading (5204)
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SPED & English (6-12) SPED & Mathematics (6-12) SPED & Science (6-12) SPED & Social Studies (6-12)	-English Language, Literature, & Composition: Content Knowledge (5041) -Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) -General Science: Content Knowledge (5435) <u>OR</u> -Biology: Content Knowledge (5235) <u>OR</u> -Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245) <u>OR</u> -Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) -Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (5086)	-SPED: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications (5543) -Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 (5624) -Teaching Reading (5204)
Foreign Languages (K-12)	-French: World Language (5174) -Spanish: World Language (5195)	- World Languages Pedagogy (5841)

Getting Started

Computer Testing Options

Praxis I Core Academic Skills Exams:

Reading (5712), Writing (5722), Math (5732) OR Combined Test (5751)

Continuous Computer Testing Available for:

Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5014)

Computer-Delivered Testing Centers

City	Test Center Code	Address	Phone
Alexandria	5160	Prometric Testing Center	318.427.7540
Baton Rouge	7567	Louisiana State University: Office of Assessment and Evaluation	225.578.9487
Baton Rouge	5233	Prometric Testing Center	225.293.8489
Bossier City	1308	Prometric Testing Center	318.742.7349
Lake Charles	1311	Delta Tech	337.433.9852
Metairie	0061	Prometric Testing Center	504.834.2155
Metairie	5397	Prometric Testing Center	504.834.2155
Monroe	7540	University of Louisiana-Monroe	318.342.5349
New Orleans	7568	University of New Orleans	504.280.8378

Looking for more information on a Praxis exam? Visit www.ets.org

Computer-based test dates: http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates/computer

Prometric Testing Center Website: <https://www.prometric.com>

Questions regarding PRAXIS or want to schedule a computer-delivered exam?

1.800.772.9476

The Program

Step One: The Institute

7 Weeks

Monday through Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Participants complete a 7-week program including approximately 16 days at LRCE Headquarters and 16 days of field experience by observing and student teaching at a school geographically convenient to the participant. *(Field Experience days follow school and holiday schedule.)*

All participants receive training on general topics such as:

Classroom Management

Psychology & Development

Lesson Planning

Curriculum

Assessment

Content-specific workshops are provided based on certification area. Examples include:

Teaching Reading

Literacy Across the Curriculum

Special Education Mild-to-Moderate Applications

The Early Childhood Classroom

The Program

Step Two: Practitioner Teaching

180 Days in the Classroom

9 Monthly Saturday Seminars 9am - 4pm

- * Participants teach full-time for a state-required minimum of 180 days with a Practitioner's License in any public or state-approved private school in Louisiana while receiving full-time salary and benefits from the school/district.
- * One Saturday per month during the academic school year, from 9am to 4pm, Practitioners attend content-specific seminars at LRCE Headquarters.
- * During this same time period, each Practitioner receives guidance and observation feedback from an assigned LRCE Practitioner Advisor.



"I have learned so much. My time at LRCE is always enjoyable and worthy of my time."

Monique Sanchez
8th-11th grade Spanish,
Assembly Christian School
2012 Cohort Member

The Program

Step Three: Certification

All Practitioners Require:

- * Completion of one full school year (180 Days) teaching with Practitioner's License
- * Satisfactory recommendations from Principal, Practitioner Advisor and CS Director
- * Regular attendance at Saturday Seminars (to meet contact hour requirements)
- * Full and timely payment of tuition
- * Passing score for PRAXIS Principles of Learning & Teaching exam:
 - Early Childhood (5621);
 - Grades K - 6 (5622);
 - Grades 5 - 9 (5623);
 - Grades 7 - 12 (5624); or
 - World Languages Pedagogy (5841)

Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education Participants Also Require:

- * Passing score for PRAXIS Teaching Reading exam (5204)

Special Education Participants Also Require:

- * Passing score for the Special Education and Mild-Moderate Applications exam (5543)

FAQs

Q: Is my certification valid for the entire state of Louisiana?

Yes, the Practitioner License granted while enrolled in the program is applicable to any public or state-approved private school in Louisiana. Upon completion of program requirements, the Level 1 certificate is also valid for applicable teaching positions at any school in Louisiana.

Q: What if my background is not in education?

Persons holding a minimum of a bachelor's degree in any field of study may apply to the program. It is not required that the selected area of concentration be the same as the degree field(s).

Q: Can I apply to the program if I haven't taken the PRAXIS I and II?

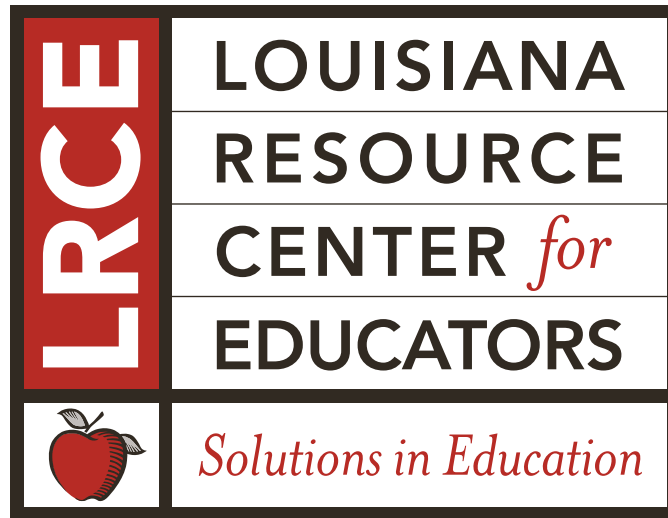
Yes, you can apply to the program if you have not taken the PRAXIS I and II; however, passing scores for these exams must be received by the CS office prior to the acceptance meeting, in order for you to be eligible to participate in the program. Praxis scores will be matched to your application upon receipt. Applicants with passing PRAXIS scores are given priority when interview slots are offered. Please review our online PRAXIS requirements and PRAXIS schedule.

Q: Will I be able to teach after completion of the Institute?

Yes, successful completion of the Institute courses and field experience allow eligibility for program participants to acquire a Practitioner License to begin teaching at the start of the next semester. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) requires that a teaching position be secured in order to be eligible for a practitioner license.

Q: What is a Level 1 certificate?

In Louisiana, a Level 1 certificate is earned after completion of all program and LDOE requirements for such. The Level 1 certificate is valid for a three-year period, and it must be renewed directly through the LDOE.



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