

PRACTITIONER LICENSE (PL)

What is a PL?

- Students enrolled in the “Alt Cert” Program may be eligible to receive a **Practitioner License (PL)** through the Louisiana Department of Education. The PL allows students to teach while pursuing alternate certification. The PL may be issued for one school year, renewed annually, and held for a maximum of three years while completing the “Alt Cert” Program. To be eligible for renewal, students must remain enrolled in the “Alt Cert” Program and complete nine hours each year, unless fewer hours are needed to complete the program.

How Do I Apply for a PL?

- You don’t. If you are admitted to the “Alt Cert” program and meet the criteria listed below, we provide you with a PL eligibility letter for you present to your employer. Your employer submits the letter to the Louisiana Department of Education who then issues your PL to your employer.

What Must I Do to Receive a PL Eligibility Letter?

- In order to receive a PL eligibility letter from Southeastern to present to your employer, you must first complete 80 contact hours of classroom readiness training. You can verify that you’ve completed this training by meeting **ONE** of the following:

- 1) Complete six (6) hours of “KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEARNER AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT” courses. These courses are listed on your Official Plan of Study forms.**
 - Upon completion of these six hours, students must contact the “Alt Cert” Coordinator at bsilk@selu.edu or 985-549-2217 and request a verification letter. This letter should be presented to potential employers as official verification of Practitioner License eligibility.
- 2) Document teaching experience in the content area by submitting employment verification on official letterhead to: Coordinator of Alternate Certification Program, College of Education and Human Development, SLU 10671, Hammond, LA 70401, or fax to 985-549-2070.**
 - Upon receiving this information, the Coordinator of Alternate Certification will issue a verification letter to the student. This letter should be presented to potential employers as official verification of Practitioner License eligibility.