



Louisiana Educational Leadership Certification Structure

Teacher Leader Endorsement (Optional)

Must have Type B or Level 2 certificate or higher and can add by completing a state-approved Teacher Leader Institute.

1. Requires a minimum of six graduate hours (90 contact hours).
2. Includes a combination of face-to-face and field-based professional development activities that may include the use of a cohort approach.
3. Provides support from and mentoring by current outstanding administrators serving as mentors and facilitators.
4. Includes an electronic component (online or compressed video) to ensure each participant's access to key resources and to build a statewide network of qualified administrator candidates that may include the development of cohorts
5. 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.

Renewal requires completion of a minimum of 150 CLUs every five years that is consistent with the leader's Individual Professional Growth Plan (IPGP)

Educational Leader Certificate – Level 1

Required for all candidates for school and district leadership positions

A. Regular Path

1. Type A or Level 3 Certificate.
2. Completed a competency-based graduate degree preparation program in the area of educational leadership from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
3. Earn a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SSA) (168 recommended).
4. Upon employment, must enroll in a two-year Educational Leader Induction Program.
5. Must complete the two-year Educational Leader Induction Program in three years.

B. Alternate Path

1. Type A or Level 3 Certificate.
2. Graduate Degree from regionally accredited institution.
3. Meet competency based requirements demonstrated by completion of an individualized program of Educational Leadership from a regionally accredited institution.
4. Earn a passing score the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SSA) (168 recommended).
5. Upon employment, must enroll in a two-year Educational Leader Induction Program.
6. Must complete the two-year Educational Leader Induction Program in three years.

Educational Leader Certificate – Level 2

1. Hold a valid Level 1 Certificate.
2. Complete Induction Program.
3. Earn a passing score on the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) School Leader Portfolio Assessment.

To renew, must complete a minimum of 150 CLUs of Professional Development over a 5 year period that is consistent with Individual Professional Growth Plan and includes updating the educational leader portfolio.

Educational Leader Certificate – Level 3 (Superintendent)

1. Hold a valid Level 2 Ed. Leader Certificate.
2. 5 years of successful experience at the level of Principal or above.
3. Earn a passing score on the School Superintendent Assessment (SSA) (154 recommended).
4. Earn a passing score on the ISLLC School Leader Portfolio Assessment.

To renew, must complete a minimum of 150 CLUs of Professional Development over a 5 year period that are consistent with Individual Professional Growth Plan.