

LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS

2007-2008 INSTITUTIONAL REPORT FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

Message from the Commissioner:

Louisiana is being recognized nationally for the efforts of our universities to prepare high-quality new teachers who enter the profession prepared to address the needs of PK-12 students. All campuses are to be commended for the work they have done in the past and the work they are doing today to enhance the knowledge and skills of all new teachers. As improved student achievement continues to be a goal of all educators in Louisiana, the success of your work will continue for years to come as your well-prepared new teachers further develop their capabilities and become even more effective teachers in the future. The work you are doing is of the utmost importance, for it impacts the lives of students in Louisiana, and it impacts the economic health of our state.

*E. Joseph Savoie
Commissioner of Higher Education*

Mission of University

The University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) serves its students and community through a dynamic and diverse campus that is technologically modern and conducive to learning. Faculty and staff are committed to a complete educational experience that nurtures students and encourages them to broaden their values, intellect, interests, talents, and abilities to become thoughtful and productive citizens. As a community leader, ULM improves the quality of life through pure and applied research, clinics, teacher education, and partnerships with both public and private entities. A major center for the health sciences, the University provides valuable healthcare resources. Through its physical and academic resources, ULM serves as a cultural center to promote the area's unique arts, archaeology, history, folk life, and natural sciences.

Student Characteristics of University

During Fall 2006, the university had a total enrollment of 7,714 undergraduate and 857 graduate students. A total of 2,977 students were males and 5,594 were females. The majority of the students were from Louisiana with a total of 6,920 in-state students, 641 out-of-state students, and 153 foreign students. Among students enrolled in the undergraduate program, 2052 were black, 5331 were white, and 331 were other races. Among students enrolled in the graduate program, 216 were black, 591 were white, and 55 were other races.

Accreditation and Approval of Teacher Preparation Program

The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In addition, the university is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All of the university's teacher preparation programs are approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Department of Education.

Notable Features and Accomplishments of Teacher Preparation Program

- ULM guarantees its beginning teachers who graduate from ULM regular teacher education programs through the Teacher Warranty Program. In addition to comprehensive undergraduate teacher preparation programs, ULM offers alternate certification programs that build upon baccalaureate degrees in other areas and lead to the M.A.T. in elementary, secondary, special education or multiple levels.
- ULM is a partner in a Transition to Teaching grant that brings \$5.3 million to the delta region to alternatively prepare mid career professionals and recent college graduates to be teachers in high need areas.
- ULM's Physical Education Program Grant partnerships with local schools promote K-12 physical education that teaches children fitness and health concepts without sacrificing movement or activity.
- All 2006-2007 ULM program completers successfully passed applicable parts of the PRAXIS, including the specialty area tests required for Louisiana certification, for a 100% pass rate. ULM continues to offer support services to assist prospective teachers in their preparation for the PRAXIS.
- The Louisiana Components of Effective Teaching are both modeled and taught in methods courses and also serve as benchmark standards for assessing student performances in the methods courses, student teaching, and internships.
- Student teaching includes placements with supervising teachers who are fully certified both in the teaching areas and as classroom supervisors. Professional development seminars, an integral part of student teaching and internships, are also offered to recent program completers.

Notable Features and Accomplishments of Teacher Preparation Program (Cont'd)

- Partner schools are central to teacher preparation. Substantive field experiences are an integral part of all professional courses in which prospective teachers are supervised and mentored by exemplary teachers in authentic teaching experiences in PK-12 classrooms.
- Electronic course offerings have increased significantly.
- ULM is one of only two sites in the state to offer the Advanced Placement Summer Institute for professional development of teachers.
- ULM models an innovative assessment system utilizing web-based electronic portfolio technology.
- A ULM Service Learning Grant in 2007, "Future Teachers: Outreach and Empowerment with Technology," provided for ten groups of at risk K-12 students come to ULM to work with education candidates on technology projects.

Teacher Preparation Program Data

The following data have been provided about the teacher preparation program.

1. Total number of students formally admitted to the regular teacher preparation program and enrolled in one or more courses during academic year 2006-2007 including all areas of teaching specialization.	196
2. Total number of students enrolled in the regular teacher preparation program and alternate certification program including all areas of teaching specialization who participated in programs of supervised student teaching or supervised internships during Summer 2006, Fall 2006, and/or Spring 2007.	114

Teacher Preparation Program Data (Cont'd)

3. Supervising faculty for supervised student teaching and internship experiences.	
a. Number of appointed full time faculty in professional education	26
b. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2006, Fall 2006, and Spring 2007.	3
c. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution, who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2005, Fall 2006, and Spring 2007.	3
d. Total number of supervising faculty for the teacher preparation program during 2006-2007.	32
4. Student/faculty ratio for student teaching and internship experiences	3:6
5. Student participation in student teaching.	
a. Average number of hours per week required of student participation in supervised student teaching during academic year 2006-2007.	37.55
b. Total number of weeks per semester of supervised student teaching required for student teaching during academic year 2006-2007.	15
c. Total number of hours required during academic year 2006-2007 for student teaching.	563.3



LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS 2007-2008 TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

OVERVIEW

In compliance with the Higher Education Act of 1998, Louisiana created a Teacher Preparation Accountability System to assess the performance of teacher preparation programs within the state. During the first phase (2001-2002) of the accountability system, the performance of the regular and alternate certification students on the state teachers' examination (PRAXIS) was assessed. During subsequent phases (2002-2003, 2003-04, and 2004-05), the quantity of program completers at each institution and the performance of each institution (e.g., performance of regular and alternate certification students on the state teachers' Praxis examinations and ratings by teachers of their teacher preparation programs) were assessed. In the future, additional factors will be assessed to examine such areas as ratings of programs by first year teachers' mentors and growth of learning of students taught by new teachers. The purpose of this accountability system is to clearly demonstrate to the public that all universities and colleges in Louisiana are working diligently to produce quality teachers who work effectively with PK-12 students.

During 2005-06, it was not possible to implement the Teacher Preparation Accountability System due to the closure of universities and schools in Louisiana and the inability to collect data from displaced teachers and mentors due to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. A decision was made to revise the Teacher Preparation Accountability System. Quantity and PRAXIS examination passage rate data have been collected and are being disseminated to the public in the *2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 Institutional Reports for the Preparation of Teachers*. These reports can be found on the Board of Regents web site at: <http://asa.regents.state.la.us/TE/reports/2007>. The documents provide an overview of the quantity of program completers and the passage rates of program completers at individual universities.

**QUANTITY OF PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND
SUMMARY OF HEA TITLE II PRAXIS EXAMINATION PASSAGE RATES
2006-2007 REGULAR AND ALTERNATE PROGRAM COMPLETERS**

UNIVERSITY	TYPES OF PROGRAMS	TOTAL COMPLETED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE	HEA Title II 2006-2007 Regular Program Completers	54	54	100%
	HEA Title II 2006-2007 Alternate Program Completers	106	106	100%
	Total Number of 2006-2007 Program Completers	160	160	100%



**HEA - Title II
2006-2007 Academic Year**

Institution Name	UNIVERSITY OF LA AT MONROE
Institution Code	6482
State	Louisiana
Number of Program Completers Submitted	54
Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	54

March 30, 2008

<i>Type of Assessment</i>	Assessment Code Number	Number Taking Assessment	Number Passing Assessment	Institutional Pass Rate	Statewide		
					Number Taking Assessment	Number Passing Assessment	Statewide Pass Rate
Basic Skills							
PPST READING	710	2			328	328	100%
PPST WRITING	720	3			340	340	100%
PPST MATHEMATICS	730	2			335	335	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST READING	5710	47	47	100%	1020	1020	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST WRITING	5720	46	46	100%	1011	1011	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST MATHEMATICS	5730	48	48	100%	1020	1020	100%
Professional Knowledge							
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	020	1			184	184	100%
EDUC. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS: CK	353				51	51	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING K-6	522	35	35	100%	699	699	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	523				53	53	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 7-12	524	18	18	100%	488	484	100%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: MILD MODER. DISABIL	542				37	37	100%
Academic Content Areas							
ELEMENTARY ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	014	36	36	100%	845	841	99%
BIOLOGY AND GENERAL SCIENCE	030				2		
ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	041	5			92	91	99%
ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY	043	5			92	92	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	049				10	10	100%
MATHEMATICS	060				1		
MATHEMATICS: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	061	1			55	55	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	069				13	13	100%
CHEM PHYSICS AND GENERAL SCIENCE	070				2		



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Academic Content Areas							
SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	081	2			119	119	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: INTERPRET MATERIALS	083	2			118	118	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	089				12	12	100%
PHYSICAL ED: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	091	7			107	107	100%
BUSINESS EDUCATION	100				11	11	100%
MUSIC EDUCATION	110				1		
MUSIC CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	113	4			81	80	99%
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES	120				6		
ART CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	133				30	29	97%
FRENCH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	173				5		
SPANISH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	191				7		
SPEECH COMMUNICATION	220				7		
BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	235				23	23	100%
CHEMISTRY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	245				2		
GENERAL SCI CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	435				4		
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	439				15	15	100%
AGRICULTURE	700				2		



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<i>Type of Assessment²</i>	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Institutional Pass Rate</i>	Statewide		
				<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Statewide Pass Rate</i>
Aggregate - Basic Skills	50	50	100%	1361	1361	100%
Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	54	54	100%	1471	1467	100%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	55	55	100%	1454	1443	99%
Aggregate - Other Content Areas (Career/Technical Education, Health Educations, etc.)						
Aggregate - Teaching Special Populations (Special Education, ELS, etc.)						
Aggregate - Performance Assessments						
Summary Totals and Pass Rates⁵	54	54	100%	1429	1416	99%

Footnotes:

- ¹ The number of program completers found, matched and used in the passing rate calculation will not equal the sum of the column labeled "Number Taking Assessment" since a completer can take more than one assessment.
- ² Institutions and/or States did not require the assessments within an aggregate where data cells are blank.
- ³ Number of completers who took one or more tests in a category and within their area of specialization.
- ⁴ Number who passed all tests they took in a category and within their area of specialization.
- ⁵ Summary Totals and Pass Rate: Number of completers who successfully completed one or more tests across all categories used by the state for licensure and the total pass rate.