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Agenda

Academic and Student Affairs

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 10:45 AM

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor • Louisiana Purchase Room 1–100 1201 N. Third St. • Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Routine Staff Approvals
- IV. 2025 Statewide Strategic Academic Planning
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

Committee Members: Terri P. Sterling, Chair; David J. Aubrey, Vice Chair; Christian C. Creed; Ted H. Glaser III; Darren G. Mire; Samer Shamieh; Devesh Sarda (Student Member); LCTC System Representative; LSU System Representative; SU System Representative; UL System Representative Staff: Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation

AGENDA ITEM III.A.

Routine Academic Requests & Staff Approvals

Institution	Request	
LDCC	Request to offer the following programs 100% online: • AALT & ASLT Louisiana Transfer (CIP 24.0199) • AAS Business Office Administration (CIP 52.0401) • AAS Business Technology (CIP 52.0101) • AAS Computer and Information Technology (CIP 11.0901) • AAS Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0104) • AS Teaching Grades 1–5 (CIP 13.0101) Approved	
LSU A&M	Request to offer the following program 100% online: • MS Geography (CIP 30.4401) Approved	
LSUA	Request to offer the following program 100% online: BS Chemistry (CIP 40.0501) Approved	
LSUHSC-NO	Request to offer the following program 100% online: • MSN Nurse Educator (CIP 51.3801) Approved	
LSUS	Request to offer the following program 100% online: • BS Finance (CIP 52.0801) Approved	
GSU	Request to offer the following program 100% online: • UC Data Analytics (CIP 30.7101) Approved	
Southeastern	Request to offer the following programs 100% online: • UC Medical Sales (CIP 52.1801) • BBA Business Administration (CIP 52.0201) Approved	
ULM	 Request to offer the following program 100% online: BBA Management (CIP 52.0201) Approved 	
SUNO	Request to offer the following program 100% online: • BSN Nursing (CIP 51.3801) Approved	

AGENDA ITEM IV.

2025 Statewide Strategic Academic Planning

Background Information

The Louisiana Constitution of 1974 gives the Board of Regents (BOR) the responsibility to revise or eliminate an existing degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision and to approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision. In October 2021, Regents approved revisions to the Academic Affairs policy on Academic Planning and Degree Program Proposals (AA 2.04) in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the academic planning process. These revisions included the creation of an annual cycle requiring that all institutions submit a three-year academic plan that provides a list of proposed new degree programs at the associate level and above along with updates on recently approved programs, low completer programs, changes in program modality, and planned program terminations.

This year, the BOR organized a series of meetings that paired system- and campus-level decision-makers with directors of the state's eight regional economic development offices as well as representatives from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Office of Economic Development to ensure the alignment of academic programs with short- and long-term workforce needs. Such meetings exemplify the BOR's shift in our understanding of student success: while degree completion remains an important goal, the BOR is keenly interested in how students succeed after degree completion. Are our students entering well-paying careers and earning more than their colleagues who did not complete the same credential? Are they choosing to remain in Louisiana as they begin their career lives and progress through increasingly rewarding opportunities? These are the additional markers of student success. Our academic planning process emphasizes our commitment to that success by ensuring that our academic programs align with current and future workforce needs. As we prioritize and promote our new understanding of student success, generous support from Arnold Ventures has enabled partnerships with the Burning Glass Institute and the Education Strategy Group. These partnerships have introduced additional predictive workforce data as well as technical support for our institutions as they go about the work of academic planning. All these efforts have heightened the level of intentionality in our work so that academic planning can be informed by, and in turn will contribute to, the current and future economic needs of the state.

The annual academic planning process does not replace the campus-level development of individual degree program proposals. Instead, it provides Regents with a regular, comprehensive, programmatic review of institutional plans as well as an analysis of how those plans are responsive to labor market needs in individual regions and throughout the state. These follow from the list of strategic occupation areas that Louisiana labor market data show need additional capacity both regionally and throughout the state. Through innovations in policy and process, partnerships between our state's public institutions and representatives from government and industry, and collaborations with external consultants, our work demonstrates the intentionality with which we approach the academic planning process, all with an eye toward achieving the goals of our state's strategic plan for higher education, *Louisiana Prospers*.

Staff Summary

Process

Policy requires that a three-year academic plan be developed annually by each of Louisiana's public institutions of higher education. Regents staff circulate submitted academic plans to the four system-level Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) for review and comment. Regents staff then meet with each of the four CAOs as well as with institution-level leaders in academic affairs to review and adjust plans as needed. Regents staff also meet with representatives from each of the state's eight Regional Economic

Development Organizations (REDOs), the Louisiana Office of Economic Development (LED), and the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) to discuss academic plans in the context of current and anticipated regional and statewide workforce needs. The plans included in this month's Board materials reflect the input that we have received from all those sources.

In March, Regents staff hosted a statewide webinar for CAOs to review the academic planning process and to provide resources designed to support their planning activities, including Regents-funded access to Lightcast Labor Analytics and the online interactive statewide curriculum inventory (CRIN). Institutions were provided with a three-year academic planning template and instructed to provide an executive summary, a list of planned new programs for the next three years, a review of relatively new programs with progress reporting requirements, plans to improve programs with a low number of graduates, notifications of changes in modality, and planned program terminations.

Planned New Programs

The purpose of institutional academic planning is to facilitate the efficient statewide coordination of academic degree program offerings, helping keep our institutions vital and ensuring the success of our students while meeting both regional and statewide needs. The annual academic planning process provides an opportunity for collaboration and partnerships among institutions, encourages innovation in program design to meet student and employer needs, and minimizes unnecessary program duplication. Academic plans may be adjusted throughout the year based on shifting institutional resources or priorities resulting from a strategic review of regional and state needs as well as an ongoing assessment of an institution's program inventory with regard to productivity and value: in short, academic planning draws from our commitment to return on investment—for our students, for our institutions, and for our state. A list of planned new degree programs for the coming year is included in Attachment A: that list includes 35 programs, 17 of which are expansions from existing concentrations or minors. In total, 17 of our institutions have requested approval for the development of plans for these new programs.

Regents staff and the four system-level CAOs reviewed the proposed program list and consulted with personnel from the eight REDOs, the LED, and the LWC. These conversations were informed by the access we have provided to detailed labor market analysis through Lightcast, a national data market labor company that partners with higher education entities. Lightcast is a powerful tool that produces data based on real-time position postings as well as current and forecasted needs. Regents staff carried out the analysis at both the state and the Regional Labor Market Area (RMLA) levels and supplemented that analysis with additional information provided by the REDOs. Lightcast data reveals not only statewide needs but also needs that are specific to each of the state's eight economic regions. Such insights will ensure that the academic planning process will contribute meaningfully to the educational and economic needs of the state. Next year, that data will be supplemented by additional predictive workforce data from the Burning Glass Institute. A summary of the labor market analysis is enclosed in Attachment D.

Next Steps for Program Approval

Academic planning includes requests for approval of programs to be planned over a three-year period. Year 1 is a year of planning, not implementation: in approving Year 1 listings, Regents are giving a "green light" for campuses to develop full-scale plans which must be submitted for the Regents' review by August of the following year. These fully developed proposal documents will contain detailed information about employment trends and explanations of how the proposed curriculum will meet the needs of industry in the institution's region. The full proposals will undergo the standard rigorous statewide review and analysis process before being presented to the Board for final consideration and approval for implementation. Programs listed for Years 2 and 3 in academic planning documents allow Regents staff, personnel from LED and LWC, and the Regents themselves a longer view on plans that are in development.

Review of Existing Programs

As part of the academic planning process, institutions are charged with assessing the value and performance of their full inventory of programs. Institutions provide updates on recently approved programs and other programs requiring regular progress reports, the status and plans for low completer programs, planned changes in modality, and requested program terminations.

• Program Progress Reports

Regular progress reports are required for every new academic degree program until the program demonstrates success and sustainability. Regents staff evaluate programs by analyzing their performance and considering factors contributing to program vitality. That analysis includes reviewing recent enrollment, growth, and completion rates over the last 3 years. Academic plans include narratives describing program performance, issues that have hindered growth (if such is the case), and action plans to be implemented to bolster program success. When new programs fall short of expectations, Regents staff work directly with institutions to determine whether action may be taken to improve program performance or whether the program should be terminated. Institutions submit 5 years of enrollment and completer numbers when available for those programs that require regular progress reporting. Attachment B is a summary of the status of those programs with progress reporting requirements for this year.

• Terminations

Requests for termination typically result from institutional review of programs with low enrollment and completion numbers. Other terminations reflect adjustments in institutional offerings that ensure program alignment with student and employer needs as well as discipline-specific standards. Attachment C is a list of program termination requests. These include 20 programs from 8 institutions which will be terminated, upon Regents' approval, in September 2025. In addition, institutions plan to present 23 more programs for termination throughout this academic year. Those programs are still working through approval processes at the campus and system levels. Programs scheduled for termination later in the year will be presented to the Regents as recommended termination dates approach, providing institutions time to notify faculty, staff, and students and, where needed, to develop teach-out plans. Since the implementation of academic planning in 2022 through the most recently approved termination in August 2025, we have terminated 80 programs, all in the interest of institutional efficiency and alignment with workforce needs. Today's request to terminate an additional 20 programs brings that total to 100; by the end of the academic year, we anticipate the total will grow to 123.

Requests for termination generally begin at the campus level. They are then reviewed at the system level before being presented to the Board of Regents. Once a termination request is fully approved, the teachout plan is developed, reviewed at the various levels, and submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for approval. While decisions regarding termination are ideally made at the institution level, the Board of Regents has the authority to terminate underperforming programs when such an action seems appropriate and responsible. Regents staff continue to work with institutional and system leaders on plans concerning the viability of programs that do not meet productivity thresholds. The overall performance of programs in an institution's inventory, especially those identified as falling below expectations, will inform further termination recommendations as well as the review of proposed new programs as they are submitted throughout the year.

• Coordinated Cooperative Academic Partnerships

The academic planning process presents opportunities for collaboration and partnerships between and among the state's two- and four-year institutions. Such is the case in the development of academic collaboratives like the <u>LA Cyber Academy</u> which draws from faculty at six different institutions to offer students a credential of value that is not the result of efforts at any one campus but is, in fact, the result of an active, meaningful collaboration among many. Collaboratives such as the LA Cyber Academy model an exciting new path forward, where talent drawn from multiple locations collectively offer credentials of

value, all while conserving resources at each participating location. In fact, as part of the low-producing program analysis carried out this year by Academic Affairs staff, several core disciplines were identified as opportunities for further institutional collaboration. This fall, Regents staff will work with the three university systems to establish up to five new such collaboratives in areas where enrollment and completion numbers at multiple institutions are cause for concern, but in disciplines that are critical to the state's ongoing needs. These new cross-institutional collaborations will improve efficiencies and sustainability for more than 20 bachelor's degree programs, each of which would otherwise be at risk of termination given low levels of enrollment and rates of completion.

Staff Analysis

In its current iteration, the academic planning process offers a powerful tool for analyzing the statewide and regional perspectives on the development of new and existing academic offerings. The inclusion of the review of recently approved programs and those programs that are not producing graduates as expected provide the institution, the individual system, and the Regents with a more complete picture that facilitates planning to strengthen the state's program inventory. Today, senior staff recommend the acceptance of the list of 35 planned programs, 20 immediate program terminations, and up to 5 academic collaboratives. Further, senior staff have received indications from management boards regarding the planned termination of 23 additional programs throughout the current academic year. We will bring those terminations to the Board of Regents for action at the appropriate times.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Senior Staff recommends the Board take the following actions on the 2025–2026 institutional academic plans:

- Receive and accept the Year One list of planned new degree programs
- Receive and accept the program progress report
- Approve the requested changes in modality
- Approve the requested program terminations
- Receive and accept the model of academic collaboratives

Attachment A – Planned New Programs Year 1 (2025–2026)

RLMA	Institution	Program Name	High Need Field
1	Dalaada	AAS Practical Nursing*	Healthcare
	Delgado	AAS Process Technology	Manufacturing
	LSUHSC-NO	None	
	Nunez	None	
	SUNO	MEd Educational Leadership	Education
	UNO	None	
		AS Health Studies	Healthcare
	BRCC	AAS Occupational Therapy Assistant	Healthcare
		AAS Physical Therapy Assistant	Healthcare
	LSU A&M	BS Artificial Intelligence*	IT
		MS Engineering Management*	Engineering
		MS Computational Molecular Medicine	Healthcare
		DBA Business Administration*	Business
2	NTCC	None	
	PDCC	ASN Nursing	Healthcare
	RPCC	AAS Technical Studies*	STEM
	Southeastern	BS Integrated Business and Technology*	Business
		BA Music*	Education
	SUBR	BS Chemical Engineering	Engineering
		MEd Organizational Leadership	Education
		PsyD Psychology*	Mental Health
	Fletcher	AS Teaching Grades 1–5	Education
2		AAS Engineering Technology	Engineering
3		AAS Construction Management	Engineering
	Nicholls	None	
	LSUE	None	
	SoLACC	None	
4	ULL	MID Interior Design*	
		PhD Counseling*	Mental Health
	McNeese	None	
5	SOWELA	AAS Data Science, Analytics and Artificial	ъ .
		Intelligence	Business
6	CLTCC	AAS Aviation Maintenance Technician	Transportation
		AAS Industrial Engineering Technology*	Engineering
	LSUA	BS Aviation*	Transportation
		BS Agriculture*	STEM

^{*}This program will be built from an existing concentration or minor.

RLMA	Institution	Program Name	High Need Field
7	BPCC	None	
	GSU	DNP Nursing Practice*	Healthcare
	LA Tech	None	
	LSUHSC-S	None	
	LSUS	BS Healthcare Administration*	Healthcare
		BS Social Work*	Mental Health
	NLTCC	AAS Technical Studies*	STEM
	Northwestern	MBA Business Administration	Business
		MHA Health Care Administration	Healthcare
	SUSLA	None	
8	LDCC	None	
	ULM	MA Human Resources	Business
		MS Computer Science	IT

^{*}This program will be built from an existing concentration or minor.

Attachment B – Progress Reports

The following degree programs have demonstrated strong enrollment, have met or exceeded minimum completer threshold requirements, and are on track to meet accreditation requirements if applicable. No further reporting is required for these programs.

Bossier Parish Community College AAS Cyber Security
Delgado Community College AAS Paralegal Studies

L E Fletcher Technical Community College AAS Care and Development of Young Children

Louisiana Delta Community College AS Teaching, Grades 1–5

Northshore Technical Community College AS Nursing

L.S.U. A&M College

L.S.U. A&M College
BFA Film and Television
BS Business Analytics
BS in Kinesiology
L.S.U. at Alexandria
BS Accounting
L.S.U. at Alexandria
BS Computer Science

L.S.U. at Alexandria

L.S.U. at Eunice

AS Health Sciences

L.S.U. at Eunice

CGS General Studies

L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - Shreveport Doctor of Occupational Therapy OTD

L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - Shreveport
Louisiana Tech University
Nicholls State University

MS Medical Sciences
BSN Nursing (RN to BSN)
BS Safety Management

University of Louisiana at Monroe PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy

The following degree programs have demonstrated successful implementation and show satisfactory progress through enrollment and completer growth. The next report for these programs will be due with the 2026 Academic Plans.

Baton Rouge Community College AAS Computing and Information Systems
Baton Rouge Community College AA American Sign Language Studies

Bossier Parish Community College AAS Fire Science

Bossier Parish Community College AS Software Development

Bossier Parish Community College AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Central LA Technical Community College
Central LA Technical Community College
AS Business Administration

L E Fletcher Technical Community College AAS Computer Information Systems

Louisiana Delta Community College AAS Technical Studies

Nunez Community College AAS Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Nunez Community College AAS Electrical Construction

Nunez Community College AAS Instrumentation

River Parishes Community College AAS Systems Administration

River Parishes Community College AAS Criminal Justice
South Louisiana Community College AAS Medical Assistant

South Louisiana Community College AS Health Studies L.S.U. A&M College PhD Biological Engineering L.S.U. A&M College PhD Industrial Engineering L.S.U. A&M College MS Financial Economics PhD Construction Management L.S.U. A&M College PhD Geography L.S.U. A&M College L.S.U. A&M College PhD Anthropology DDes in Cultural Preservation L.S.U. A&M College L.S.U. at Alexandria Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - NO BS in Public Health L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - NO PhD Nursing L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - NO UC Categorical Medical Laboratory Science PhD Rehabilitation Sciences L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - Shreveport L.S.U. in Shreveport **BS Mass Communication** L.S.U. in Shreveport BS Occupational Physiology Southern University and A&M College BM in Music Southern University and A&M College MAT in Elementary Education, Grades 1–5 Southern University in New Orleans MAT Secondary Education Special Education Mild/Moderate, Grades 6–12 Southern University in New Orleans MAT Elementary Education Special Education Mild/Moderate, Grades 1–5 Southern University in New Orleans BS Nursing - BSN Southern University in New Orleans BS Cybersecurity Southern University in Shreveport AAS in Polysomnographic Technology AS Teaching, Grades 1–5 Southern University in Shreveport AAS Engineering Technology Southern University in Shreveport Southern University in Shreveport **CAS** Cybersecurity **Grambling State University** BS in Cybersecurity Louisiana Tech University **DETM Engineering Technology Management** Louisiana Tech University UC Professional Land Surveyor McNeese State University Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing McNeese State University MS Nutritional Sciences McNeese State University MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling Nicholls State University BS Petroleum Engineering Nicholls State University MS Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics Leadership Northwestern State University **UC Medical Humanities** Southeastern Louisiana University BA World Languages Southeastern Louisiana University MS Athletic Training Southeastern Louisiana University MS Population Health Management Southeastern Louisiana University **BA** Theatre Southeastern Louisiana University MS Computer Networking and Administration Southeastern Louisiana University MS Child Life Southeastern Louisiana University UC Sales Leadership University of Louisiana at Lafayette PhD in Earth and Energy Sciences

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University of Louisiana at Lafayette MS in Environmental Resource Science

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Monroe

MS Athletic Training
MS Industrial Chemistry
University of Louisiana at Monroe

DPT Physical Therapy

University of Louisiana at Monroe BA Music

University of Louisiana at Monroe PhD Pharmacy reconfigured into:

PhD Pharmacy PhD Pharmacology

University of Louisiana at Monroe BS Occupational Therapy Assistant

University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of New Orleans

University of New Orleans PhD Justice Studies

The following programs have demonstrated some progress since implementation but have not met enrollment and completion expectations in a reasonable time frame. Regents staff will meet with institutions to identify and address program issues. An institutional action plan for program improvement is due January 15, 2026, and a report on progress toward meeting enrollment and completion expectations is due June 1, 2026.

Baton Rouge Community College AAS in Aviation Maintenance Technology

L.S.U. A&M College PhD Statistics

L.S.U. A&M College BA African and African American Studies

L.S.U. in Shreveport BS Nonprofit Administration

Grambling State University BS Cloud Computing

Northwestern State University MS Computer Information Systems

Northwestern State University BFA Production and Design

Northwestern State University BFA Musical Theatre

Southeastern Louisiana University
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

BS Integrated Science and Technology
MAT Elementary Education, Grades 1–5

University of Louisiana at Monroe BS in Unmanned Aircraft Systems Management

University of Louisiana at Monroe UC Spanish for Medical Personnel

University of New Orleans MA Justice Studies

The following programs were approved or implemented within the past two years and are on track for successful implementation but do not yet have significant enrollment or completers. The next progress reports for these programs are due with the 2025 Academic Plans.

Delgado Community College AA Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Delgado Community College AAS Invasive Cardiovascular Technology

L E Fletcher Technical Community College AAS Cardiovascular Sonography

L E Fletcher Technical Community College AAS Radiologic Technology

Louisiana Delta Community College AAS Medical Laboratory Technician Northshore Technical Community College **AAS Patient Navigator** Northwest LA Technical College **AAS Practical Nursing** Nunez Community College AAS Emergency Medical Services Paramedic AAS Cybersecurity and Information Assurance Nunez Community College Nunez Community College AAS Wind Energy Technology SOWELA Technical Community College **AAS Respiratory Care BA** Chemistry L.S.U. A&M College L.S.U. A&M College **BMT Music Therapy** MS Interior Design L.S.U. A&M College BS Coastal Meteorology L.S.U. A&M College BS Fire and Emergency Services Administration L.S.U. A&M College **BS** Construction Engineering L.S.U. A&M College GC Cybersecurity Risk Management L.S.U. A&M College GC Financial Analytics L.S.U. A&M College GC Agribusiness L.S.U. A&M College GC Preparing Future Faculty L.S.U. A&M College BS Cybersecurity Technology L.S.U. at Alexandria UC Echocardiography L.S.U. at Alexandria PhD Biomedical Sciences L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - NO L.S.U. Health Sciences Center - Shreveport BS Cardiovascular Technology MS Applied Behavior Analysis L.S.U. in Shreveport MS Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling L.S.U. in Shreveport GC Rehabilitation Counseling L.S.U. in Shreveport GC Nonprofit Administration L.S.U. in Shreveport L.S.U. in Shreveport GC Occupational Physiology BS Hospitality and Food Industry Leadership Southern University and A&M College Southern University and A&M College **BS** Computer Engineering Southern University and A&M College BS Construction Management Southern University and A&M College BBA Risk Management and Insurance Southern University and A&M College BA Digital Media Arts Southern University in Shreveport AAS Graphic and Web Design Grambling State University PhD Criminology and Justice Administration **Grambling State University** BS Governmental and Administrative Affairs Louisiana Tech University UC Health Coaching Louisiana Tech University MS Cognitive Science Louisiana Tech University BS Scientific Visual Communication Louisiana Tech University UC Biological Visualization Louisiana Tech University **UC Business Data Analytics** Louisiana Tech University **UC Medical Physics** Louisiana Tech University GC Business Data Analytics GC Health Sciences Louisiana Tech University Northwestern State University MSW Social Work

Northwestern State University

BS Sports and Recreation Management

Southeastern Louisiana University	MSW Social Work
Southeastern Louisiana University	GC Sport Management
University of Louisiana at Monroe	PhD in Family Systems
University of Louisiana at Monroe	BS Disaster Management
University of Louisiana at Monroe	BS Integrative Science

Each of the following programs has been reconfigured into two stand-alone programs as indicated below.

Bossier Parish Community College Reconfigure the AAS Cyber Technology into:

AAS Cyber Security

AAS Software Development

Nicholls State University Reconfigure the BS in Petroleum Services into:

BS Safety Management BS Petroleum Engineering

University of Louisiana at Monroe Reconfigure the PhD Pharmacy into:

PhD Pharmacy PhD Pharmacology

University of Louisiana at Monroe Reconfigure the PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy into:

PhD Marriage and Family Therapy

PhD Family Systems

Attachment C – Program Terminations September 2025

- Bossier Parish Community College
 - o AAS Medical Assistant
- River Parishes Community College
 - o AAS Construction Science
- Grambling State University
 - o M ED Special Education
- McNeese State University
 - o MAT Elementary Education, Grades 1–5
 - o MAT Secondary Education, Grades 6–12
 - o MS Instructional Technology
 - o PMC Educational Technology Leadership
 - o PBC Special Education Mild/Moderate for Elementary Education, Grades 1–5
 - o PBC Special Education Mild/Moderate for Secondary Education, Grades 6–12
 - o PMC Academically Gifted Education
 - o GC Special Education Mild/Moderate for Elementary Education, Grades 1–5
 - o GC Special Education Mild/Moderate for Secondary Education, Grades 6–12
 - o PBC Multiple Levels, Grades K-12
 - o PMC Reading Specialist
 - o GC English Language Learners
- Nicholls State University
 - o MAT Secondary and Special Education Mild/Moderate, Grades 6–12
- University of New Orleans
 - o MS Tax Accounting
- Louisiana State University Alexandria
 - o BS Long Term Care Administration
 - o UC Criminal Justice
- Louisiana State University Shreveport
 - o BA Sociology

Attachment D – Louisiana Occupation Areas of Strategic Need 2025

Areas of strategic need were determined quantitatively and qualitatively through the examination of workforce data and conversations with representatives from our state's eight Regional Economic Development Offices, LWC, and LED. The listed occupational areas are the major strategic areas where the data suggests that educational capacity is insufficient to meet the state's current and anticipated needs. Workforce data drew from insights gleaned from Lightcast, a tool available to leaders at all institutions of higher education in Louisiana to facilitate academic planning with an eye toward workforce need. This combination of quantitative and qualitative data ensures that, as we move forward, Louisiana prospers.

Louisiana

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - Registered and Practical Nurses
 - Pharmacists
 - o Psychologists and Mental Health Professionals
 - Physical Therapists
- Computer Occupations
 - Database Architects and Administrators
 - o Computer Network Architects and Database Administrators
 - Software Developers
- Health Technologists and Technicians
 - o Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians
 - o Radiologic Technologists and Technicians
 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists
 - o Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- Engineers
 - o Chemical, Electrical, and Marine Engineers
- Data Scientists
- Engineering Technicians
 - o Industrial and Electrical Engineering Technologists and Technicians
 - o Future Energy Technologists
- Social Workers
- K-12 Teachers
 - Math and Science Teachers
 - Middle School Teachers
 - Special Education Teachers
- Maintenance
 - Millwrights
 - o Precision Instrument and Equipment Repair
- Managers
 - Facilities Managers
 - o Transportation Storage and Distribution Managers
 - o Medical and Health Services Managers
- Construction
 - Construction Managers
 - o Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers
- Production Occupations
 - Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders

Source: Lightcast and BoR Analysis, September 2025

o Electrical Power-Line Installers/Repairers to statewide

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- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - Registered and Practical Nurses
 - o Pharmacists
 - Psychologists and Mental Health Professionals
 - Physical Therapists
- Computer Occupations
 - Database Architects and Administrators
 - Computer Network Architects
- Health Technologists and Technicians
 - o Radiologic Technologists and Technicians
 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists
 - o Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- Engineers
 - o Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Marine and Mechanical Engineers
- Mathematical Science Occupations
 - Data Scientists
- Engineering Technicians
 - Industrial and Electrical Engineering Technologists and Technicians
 - Future Energy Technologists
- Social Workers
- K-12 Teachers
 - Special Education Teachers
- Maintenance
 - Computer and Office Machine Repair
 - Precision Instrument and Equipment Repair
 - o Millwrights
- Managers
 - Facilities Managers
 - o Transportation Storage and Distribution Managers
 - Medical and Health Services Managers
 - Port and Logistics Managers
- Construction
 - Construction Managers
 - O Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers, Welders
- Production Occupations
 - Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders

RLMA 2 - Baton Rouge

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - Dietitians and Nutritionists
 - o Registered and Practical Nurses
 - o Psychologists and Mental Health Professionals
- Computer Occupations
 - o Database Architects and Administrators
 - Computer Network Architects
 - Web and Digital Interface Design
- Health Technologists and Technicians
 - o Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists
 - o Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- Engineers
 - o Chemical, Electrical, and Industrial Engineers
 - o Electronic Engineering Technologists
- Data Scientists
- Social Workers
- K–12 Teachers
 - Math and Science Teachers
 - Middle School Teachers
 - Special Education Teachers
- Maintenance
 - o Precision Instrument and Equipment Repair
 - Millwrights
- Managers
 - o Facilities Managers
 - Transportation Storage and Distribution Managers
 - o Medical and Health Services Managers
- Construction
 - Construction Managers
 - o Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers, Welders
- Production Occupations
 - o Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders
 - Logisticians
 - o Process Operators
 - o I&E Technicians

RLMA 3 - Houma

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - o Registered Nurses
 - o Physical Therapists
- Health Technologists and Technicians
 - o Radiologic Technologists and Technicians
 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Construction

- Construction Managers
- o Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers, Welders
- Production Occupations
 - Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders
 - o Industrial and Electrical Engineering Technologists and Technicians
- Aviation Maintenance
- Maritime Engineers
 - Offshore Operations Managers

RLMA 4 - Lafayette

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - o Registered and Practical Nurses
 - o Psychologists and Mental Health Professionals
 - Dietitians
- Computer Occupations
 - o Database Administrators and Architects
 - Computer Network Architects
- Health Technologists and Technicians
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 - Middle School Teachers
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 - o Telecommunications installation and Repair
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 - Construction Managers
 - O Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers
- Production Occupations
 - o Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders

RLMA 5 - Lake Charles

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - o Registered and Practical Nurses
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Psychologists and Mental Health Professionals
- Health Technologists and Technicians

- Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians
- Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- o Radiologic Technologists and Technicians
- Chemical, Electrical and Industrial Engineers
- Aviation Maintenance Managers
- K–12 Teachers
 - Math and Science Teachers
 - Middle School Teachers
 - Special Education Teachers
- Construction
 - Construction Managers
 - o Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers
- Production Occupations
 - o Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders

RLMA 6 - Alexandria

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - o Registered and Practical Nurses
 - Respiratory Therapist
- Health Technologists and Technicians
 - o Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
 - o Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- K–12 Teachers
 - Math and Science Teachers
 - o Middle School Teachers
 - Special Education Teachers
- Construction
 - Construction Managers
 - o Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers
- Production Occupations
 - o Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders

RLMA 7 - Shreveport

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - o Registered and Practical Nurses
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Physical Therapists
 - Pharmacists
- Computer Occupations
 - Database Architects
- Health Information Technologists and Technicians
 - MRI Technologists
 - o Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
 - o Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians
 - o Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Industrial Production Managers

- Industrial, Civil, and Mechanical Engineers
- Data Scientists
- Engineering Technicians
 - o Engineering Technologists and Technicians
 - o Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians
- K–12 Teachers
 - Math and Science Teachers
 - o Middle School Teachers
 - Special Education Teachers
- Social Workers
- Construction
 - Construction Managers
 - o Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers
- Production Occupations
 - o Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders
- Logistics/Distribution Managers

RLMA 8 - Monroe

- Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners
 - o Registered and Practical Nurses
 - o Nurse Practitioners
- Health Information Technologists and Technicians
 - o MRI Technologists
 - o Radiologic Technologists and Technicians
 - Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Computer Occupations
 - o Database Architects and Administrators
 - o Computer Network Architects and Database Administrators
- Construction
 - Construction Managers
 - o Skilled trades Electricians, Plumbers
 - o HVAC Installers/Repairers
 - o Power-Line Installers/Repairers
- Production Occupations
 - o Plant and Systems Operators
 - Welders