

Associate of Science in Teaching Degree Program Application Cover Sheet

Program Overview

Louisiana TeachNext is an innovative degree program of Baton Rouge, Bossier Parish, Delgado, Nunez, and River Parishes Community Colleges that is designed to attract talented individuals looking for a flexible and cost-effective way to pursue an associate's degree and begin the path toward becoming certified elementary teachers.

Candidates accepted to Louisiana TeachNext will enter the newly established Associate of Science in Teaching (AST) degree program at one of the five participating community colleges. All 60 of the course credits earned in this program of study will transfer to any four-year teacher education program in Louisiana, enabling AST degree recipients to enter a four-year teacher education program with approximately half of their certification requirements already completed. Newly admitted students entering Baton Rouge, Bossier Parish, Delgado, Nunez, or River Parishes Community College, as well as currently-enrolled students at one of the participating colleges who are interested in changing their program of study, may apply for this degree program.

A complete application for the AST degree program consists of the following:

- Louisiana TeachNext Application:** Complete all parts of the program application.
- Resume:** Submit a current resume; alternatively, a detailed response to the resume portion of the Louisiana TeachNext application may be provided if an applicant does not have a current
- Personal Statement:** Submit a typed response to the specific personal statement question asked in the Louisiana TeachNext application.
- Letter of Recommendation:** Submit a letter of recommendation from an individual who can attest to your character. Appropriate individuals include a current or former employer, supervisor, teacher, or community or religious leader. Note: Family members are not permitted to write the letter on your behalf.

Completed application materials should be submitted to the AST Coordinator at the college where you are enrolled (or plan to enroll):

Baton Rouge
Attn: Dr. Idell Adams
5310 Florida Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Bossier Parish
Attn: Ms. Angie Bales
6220 East Texas Street
Bossier City, LA 71111

Delgado
Attn: Mr. Sean Martin
615 City Park Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70119

Nunez
Attn: Ms. Tonia Loria
3710 Paris Road
Chalmette, LA 70043

River Parishes
Attn: Dr. Cynthia Vavasseur
7384 John LeBlanc Blvd.
Sorrento, LA 70778

Next Steps:

Complete applications will be reviewed by Louisiana TeachNext program officials, and qualified candidates will be invited to one of the scheduled interview events held on campus at the participating colleges.



Associate of Science in Teaching Degree Program Program Information

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates are eligible to apply for the Associate of Science in Teaching (AST) degree program if they meet the following minimum qualifications.

Applicants must have

- Enrolled (or in the process of enrolling) at Baton Rouge, Bossier Parish, Delgado, Nunez, or River Parishes Community College
- Completed the COMPASS and/or ACT tests (required for enrollment in participating colleges)
- Completed all community college developmental courses with a grade of "C" or better and cannot have more than one developmental course remaining at the community college
- Graduated from high school (or successfully earned a GED) with a minimum 2.5 high school grade point average (*Applicants who have a high school GPA between 2.0 and 2.5 will be reviewed on a case by case basis and must demonstrate exceptional achievement or academic strength as evidenced by their scores on the ACT or COMPASS test in order to be considered for admission to the program.*)
- Earned a minimum cumulative GPA for any college coursework already completed as follows:
 - 2.00 GPA for 0-15 credit hours
 - 2.20 GPA for 16-30 credit hours
 - 2.50 GPA for 31-45 credit hours

Program Contact Information

If you have questions about the program or the application requirements, please visit www.LouisianaTeachNext.org or contact the AST Coordinator at the college where you are enrolled:

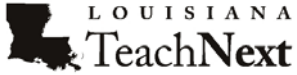
Baton Rouge Community College
Dr. Idell Adams
(225) 216-6802
adamsi@mybrcc.edu

Bossier Parish Community College
Ms. Angie Bales
(318) 678-6270
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Delgado Community College
Mr. Sean Martin
(504) 671-5441
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Nunez Community College
Ms. Tonia Loria
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River Parishes Community College
Dr. Cynthia Vavasseur
(225) 675-0241
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Associate of Science in Teaching Degree Program
Application for Admission

Please print or type information in black ink

Date _____

I. Background Information

Applicant's Name _____
Last First

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Address _____
Number Street Apt

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers (home/work/cell) (____) _____ / _____ / _____
Area Code Home Work Cell

I understand that, in order to be accepted into the AST degree program, I must be admitted to one of the participating colleges.

I certify that I am enrolled in, or I am in the process of enrolling in to, one of the following colleges (please place a check on the blank next to the appropriate college):

Baton Rouge ____ Bossier Parish ____ Delgado ____ Nunez ____ River Parishes ____

If you are a continuing student at one of the participating colleges, what semester and year did you begin?

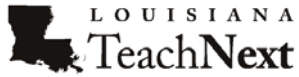
_____ Student ID # _____

Table with 4 columns: Schools Attended, Dates Attended, Degree Earned, GPA. Rows include High School, GED, and College(s).

NOTE: All colleges must be listed, whether or not a semester was completed or a degree earned.

Have you ever been suspended or dismissed from a school or program? Yes ____ No ____

If YES, provide the name of the school/program and the reason for and date of the incident.



Have you ever been involved in, convicted of, plead guilty to, or been charged with a criminal offense?
Yes ____ No ____

Have you ever been involved in a plea bargain?
Yes ____ No ____

If you answered YES to either of the above questions, please attach a written explanation.

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?
Yes ____ No ____

II. Resume Information

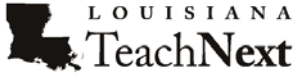
Please attach a current resume to this application and proceed to the Personal Statement section of the application. If a resume is not available, please complete the following questions:

List your employment experiences over the past ten years, including military service. Add an additional sheet if necessary.

Name of Former Employer	Dates of Employment	Position Title
	From: _____ To: _____ mo/yr mo/yr	
	From: _____ To: _____ mo/yr mo/yr	
	From: _____ To: _____ mo/yr mo/yr	

List any volunteer activities with which you have been involved over the past ten years. Add an additional sheet if necessary.

Please list any honors, awards, and significant recognition that you have received.



Please list any previous experience you have had working with children.

III. Personal Statement

Please note: The personal statement is an important component of the application process and is used to determine whether an applicant is a good fit for the Associate of Science in Teaching degree program. This statement will be read and assessed by Louisiana TeachNext staff for content as well as structure. Therefore, we encourage applicants to take time when writing the personal statement and to proofread carefully for grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

On a separate sheet of paper please type a response to the two-part question that follows. Responses should be between 500 and 1,000 words.

Part I.

Please explain why you are interested in pursuing an Associate of Science in Teaching degree.

Part II.

Please explain the strengths you bring to the Associate of Science in Teaching degree program. How will these strengths help you succeed in obtaining this degree?

IV. Letter of Recommendation

Submit a letter of recommendation from an individual who can attest to your character. Please complete the top portion of the "Applicant Reference" sheet and give this to the individual who has agreed to write a letter on your behalf. Appropriate individuals include a current or former employer, supervisor, teacher, or community or religious leader. Note: Family members are not permitted to write the letter on your behalf.

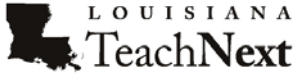
The reference needs to be placed in a sealed envelope, and the person who has written the reference needs to sign across the seal of the envelope. We will only accept references enclosed in sealed, signed envelopes. Recommendations may be mailed separately (to the same contact address to which you send your application).

Signature

I certify that the responses/explanations to each and all of the questions/statements on this application are true. I understand that submission of false, incomplete, or incorrect information is grounds for rejection of my application and dismissal from the AST program.

Signature _____

Date _____



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Marketing/Research Information

Notice to applicants: Your responses to the following questions will be used for research and statistical purposes only. Refusal to provide this information will not be considered in the assessment of your application.

1. Gender

- Female
- Male

2. Highest level of education completed

- High school graduate or will graduate this semester
- Foreign high school graduate
- Bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. college
- GED or certificate equivalency
- Associate's degree from a U.S. college
- Foreign college or university graduate

3. Ethnicity

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Black (not of Hispanic origin)
- Hispanic or Latino
- Pacific Islander
- Decline to state
- Asian
- White (not of Hispanic origin)
- Filipino
- Other

4. Parent's education (use parent with the highest level)

- No/some high school
- High school or equivalent
- Some college or technical school
- Associate's degree
- Four-year degree (Bachelor's degree from a college/university)
- Advanced degree (graduate degree)
- Don't know

5. Enrollment status

- Continuing student at BRCC, BPCC, DCC, NCC, or RPCC
- Returning student—last college attended was BRCC, BPCC, DCC, NCC, or RPCC but not last semester
- New student—never attended any college in the United States
- New transfer—attended college in the U.S., but not BRCC, BPCC, DCC, NCC or RPCC
- Returning transfer—attended BRCC, BPCC, DCC, NCC, or RPCC but last attended another U.S. college
- None of the above

6. How did you hear about this program? Please check all that apply

- Guidance counselor at high school
- Outreach presentation at high school
- Outreach presentation at participating community college
- Friend referred me/friend applied
- Received information in mail
- Instructor at high school
- Instructor at participating community college
- Guidance counselor at participating community college
- Parent/relative

- Received an e-mail about the program (specify) _____
- Posting on the internet (specify website) _____
- Read about it in newspaper (specify paper) _____
- Heard about it on the radio (specify station) _____
- Outdoor advertising (specify where) _____
- Other (specify) _____



**Associate of Science in Teaching Degree Program
Applicant Reference**

This area is to be completed by the applicant only:

Applicant's Name (Please Print):

First	Middle Initial	Maiden	Last
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The section below should be completed by the person recommending the applicant. References may not be from a relative. Please enclose your completed form in a sealed envelope and sign your name across the seal of the envelope. Louisiana TeachNext will only accept references that are enclosed in a sealed, signed envelope.

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please explain your reasons for recommending the applicant for the Associate of Science in Teaching degree program. We are interested in knowing the degree to which the applicant has the initiative, maturity, and ability to be successful in this program. Additionally, if you have observed the applicant interact with children, and/or if you have knowledge of the applicant's desire to become a teacher, please provide us with this detail. If you need additional space, please use the back of this sheet (or attach extra pages to this document).

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Phone number for verification of reference: _____

Thank you for your time recommending this applicant.