

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS
2008-2009 INSTITUTIONAL REPORT FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Message from the Commissioner:

Louisiana's teacher preparation reform efforts have brought national attention to our state and we commend everyone who has worked toward our success. It is exciting to find that preliminary results from the state's Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model have indicated that some teacher preparation programs in our state are demonstrating greater gains in student achievement than experienced teachers, another effort of national significance. These collective initiatives are all designed to improve the education of Louisiana's students and will assist us in meeting our goal of awarding 10,000 additional degrees or certificates by 2015. We are grateful to our campuses for their steadfast dedication to this work in these difficult economic times.

***Dr. Sally Clausen
Commissioner of Higher Education***

Mission of University

McNeese State University, a selective admissions institution, provides education, research, and service that support our core values of academic excellence, student success, fiscal responsibility, and university-community alliances. The University's fundamental educational mission is to offer associate, baccalaureate, and specific graduate curricula distinguished by academic excellence. The University engages in collaborative ventures to benefit industry and to enhance economic development and cultural growth in this region and beyond.

The foundation for student success begins with faculty commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and creative and scholarly activity. At McNeese State University, a member of the University of Louisiana System, students cultivate skills for critical thinking and effective expression and gain an understanding of the global community. The learning and social environment integrates discipline-specific knowledge with the values of lifelong learning, ethical responsibility, and civic engagement.

Student Characteristics of University

During Fall 2007, the university had a total enrollment of 7,053 undergraduate and 1,042 graduate students. A total of 3,083 students were males and 5,012 were females. The majority of the students were from Louisiana with a total of 7,183 in-state students, 507 out-of-state students, and 405 foreign students. Among students enrolled in the undergraduate program, 1,291 were black, 5,291 were white, and 471 were other races. Among students enrolled in the graduate program, 122 were black, 694 were white, and 226 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 Board of Regents and the Louisiana Department of Education.

Notable Features and Accomplishments of Teacher Preparation Program

- As part of its continuing role as a Promethean Center of Excellence, the Burton College of Education has received two Louisiana Board of Regents grants to fund extended professional development and training for faculty and early research into the effectiveness of IWB technology. University faculty and administration have conducted professional clinics and presentations at a number of state, national and international conferences regarding the integration of IWB in the classroom. The university is also scheduled to co-host, with Promethean, the first annual ACTIV University Conference this spring.
- Faculty in the Department of Teacher Education are working with teachers and administrators in the Calcasieu Parish School District on a \$150,000 "Teacher Collaboration in Inclusive Settings" grant in the area of early childhood education.

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

- The Department of Psychology has developed the McNeese Autism Program (MAP), which provides counseling and related services to clients with this condition. The department is currently working with the Cameron Parish School District to provide services in Grand Lake and is also in negotiations with two additional schools to provide a similar services.
- The Department of Teacher Education is involved in the Capital One Community After-School Partnership with the Literacy Council and the Calcasieu Parish School District, a \$100,000 grant project.
- The Burton College of Education continues to have success with its annual Teaching and Learning Conference. The second conference was held in summer 2008 and MSU hosted 175 educators from Louisiana and Texas and plans for the third conference are well underway.
- McNeese State University provided numerous dual enrollment courses to the five parish Region V, including a significant relationship with the Calcasieu Parish academy high school on the campus of the former Lake Charles-Boston High School.

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 2007-2008 including all areas of teaching specialization.	564
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 2007, Fall 2007, and/or Spring 2008	218

Teacher Preparation Program Data (Cont'd)

3. 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 2007, Fall 2007, and/or Spring 2008.	218
4. Supervising faculty for supervised student teaching and internship experiences.	
a. Number of appointed full time faculty in professional education	39
b. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2007, Fall 2007, and Spring 2008.	55
c. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution, who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2007, Fall 2007, and Spring 2008.	0
d. Total number of supervising faculty for the teacher preparation program during 2007-2008.	94
4. Student/faculty ratio for student teaching and internship experiences.	2.3:1
5. Student participation in student teaching.	
a. Average number of hours per week required of student participation in supervised student teaching during academic year 2007-2008.	30
b. Total number of weeks per semester of supervised student teaching required for student teaching during academic year 2007-2008.	14
c. Total number of hours required during academic year 2007-2008 for student teaching.	420



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2008-2009 TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

OVERVIEW

In compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity 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 was assessed and the *institutional performance* of each university was examined based upon passage rates on the *Praxis* and survey data from new teachers (who rated their teacher preparation programs on the extent to which the programs prepared the new teachers to address the state standards for teachers). The accountability system was created to include additional factors in the future that would examine growth of achievement of students taught by new teachers and perceptions of mentors of new teachers about the programs that prepared the new teachers. The purpose of the accountability system was to clearly demonstrate to the public that all universities and colleges in Louisiana were working diligently to produce quality teachers who worked 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. Institutional data, quantity data, and PRAXIS examination passage rate data have been collected and disseminated to the public in the 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09 *Institutional Reports for the Preparation of Teachers*. These reports can be found on the Board of Regents web site at: <http://www.regents.state.la.us/Academic/TE/instreports.htm>.

During 2003-2009, a Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model has been piloted that links growth of achievement of children taught by new teachers to the universities that prepared the new teachers. Initial results were released to the public during October 2007 and December 2008. During 2008-09, the value-added model will be integrated into the Teacher Preparation Accountability System, and the revised Teacher Preparation Accountability System will be piloted during 2009-2010.

**QUANTITY OF PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND
SUMMARY OF HEA TITLE II PRAXIS EXAMINATION PASSAGE RATES
2007-2008 REGULAR AND ALTERNATE PROGRAM COMPLETERS**

UNIVERSITY	TYPES OF PROGRAMS	TOTAL COMPLETED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY	HEA Title II 2007-2008 Regular Program Completers	129	129	100%
	HEA Title II 2007-2008 Alternate Program Completers	63	63	100%
	Total Number of 2007-2008 Program Completers	192	192	100%



**HEA - Title II
2007-2008 Academic Year
Regular Program Completers**

Institution Name	MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
Institution Code	6403
State	Louisiana
Number of Program Completers Submitted	129
Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	129

March 30, 2009

Type of Assessment	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	35	35	100%	274	274	100%
PPST WRITING	720	40	40	100%	291	291	100%
PPST MATHEMATICS	730	36	36	100%	275	275	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST READING	5710	84	84	100%	919	919	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST WRITING	5720	78	78	100%	900	900	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST MATHEMATICS	5730	81	81	100%	919	919	100%
Professional Knowledge							
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	020	28	28	100%	208	208	100%
EDUC. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS: CK	353	5			62	62	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING ERLY CHLD	521				14	14	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING K-6	522	37	37	100%	594	593	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	523				56	56	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 7-12	524	59	59	100%	438	437	100%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: MILD MODER. DISABIL	542	4			34	34	100%
Academic Content Areas							
ELEMENTARY ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	014	64	64	100%	796	796	100%
BIOLOGY AND GENERAL SCIENCE	030				1		
ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	041	8			86	86	100%
ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY	043	8			86	86	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	049				17	17	100%



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Academic Content Areas							
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION	050				1		
MATHEMATICS: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	061	6			39	37	95%
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	069				22	22	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	081	8			106	106	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: INTERPRET MATERIALS	083	8			106	106	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	089				10	10	100%
PHYSICAL ED: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	091	24	24	100%	97	97	100%
BUSINESS EDUCATION	100	2			7		
MUSIC CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	113	6			80	80	100%
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES	120				7		
ART CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	133	6			32	32	100%
FRENCH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	173				1		
SPANISH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	191	1			1		
SPEECH COMMUNICATION	220				6		
BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	235	2			14	14	100%
CHEMISTRY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	245				3		
PHYSICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	265				1		
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	439				19	19	100%
AGRICULTURE	700	1			5		



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<i>Type of Assessment²</i>	Statewide					
	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Institutional Pass Rate</i>	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Statewide Pass Rate</i>
Aggregate - Basic Skills	119	119	100%	1205	1205	100%
Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	129	129	100%	1373	1371	100%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	128	128	100%	1353	1351	100%
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	129	129	100%	1313	1309	100%

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 passrate.