



LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS 2005-2006 INSTITUTIONAL REPORT FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Message from the Commissioner:

The Board of Regents is proud of all the teacher preparation programs in our state that reached out to restore education in Louisiana after the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The storms displaced over 84,000 university students, 176,000 K-12 students, 12,000 K-12 teachers, and 1.3 million citizens during fall 2005. The outreach by university faculty and their pre-service teachers was unprecedented. Displaced pre-service teachers were welcomed into new university environments and provided basic essentials to resume their education; pre-service teachers volunteered their time in shelters and helped deliver enrichment programs to displaced children; pre-service teachers assisted overcrowded schools deliver instruction to children who were experiencing emotional turmoil due to unimaginable losses; and displaced student teachers were welcomed into K-12 schools in new communities and provided clothing and housing to help them graduate on time. Of equal importance, faculty who lost their homes, personal belongings, and professional resources returned to their universities and joined in efforts to locate their displaced university students and rebuild the educational programs on their damaged campuses. The compassion and dedication demonstrated by teacher preparation faculty and pre-service teachers during this past year will not be forgotten.

E. Joseph Savoie
Commissioner of Higher Education

Mission of the College

Northwestern State University is a responsive institution committed to excellence in academic and professional programs that provide students with universally applicable knowledge and skills. It emphasizes adaptability to change; lifelong willingness to learn; and professional, personal, and social relationships to enhance the quality of life. Essential to this vision is a learner-centered environment that facilitates acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to adapt to changing ideas, trends, and technology; that develops programs that earn national recognition for excellence and innovation; that attracts and develops exceptional students and

Mission of the College (Cont'd.)

faculty, supporting them with technical and personal resources needed to promote optimal learning of analytical thinking skills, advanced knowledge in fields of specialization, and beneficial personal and social interactions; and that forms partnerships with business, industry and the professions that provide opportunities for hands-on experiences in which knowledge and skills are augmented and applied.

Student Characteristics of University

During Fall 2004, the university had a total enrollment of 9414 undergraduate and 1132 graduate students. A total of 3460 students were males and 7086 were females. The majority of the students were from Louisiana with a total of 9838 in-state students, 657 out-of-state students, and 51 foreign students. Among students enrolled in the undergraduate program, 2951 were black, 5530 were white, and 933 were other races. Among students enrolled in the graduate program, 254 were black, 798 were white, and 80 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

- Founded in 1884 as a teacher-training institution, Northwestern State University (NSU) has for 120+ years prepared teachers with content and pedagogical knowledge and skills, classroom savvy, and advanced technology skills.
- In 2004-05, NSU certified 88 undergraduate program completers and 79 alternate certification program completers.

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

- NSU continued as the state leader in technology, offering the largest number of courses and degree programs on-line, in comparison to other universities in Louisiana.
- The COE was awarded a BOR match of \$60,000 to fully fund the \$100,000 Dan & Lilly Chase, Marty Causey & Lisa Chase Endowed Professorship in Education.
- In February 2005, redesigned M.Ed. degree programs were submitted to the BOR in Educational Leadership, Educational Technology Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction, and Early Childhood (PK-3) Education. The M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction has six concentration areas: educational technology, elementary teaching, mathematics, English, science, and reading.
- The U.S. Department of Education awarded the COE a Transition to Teaching (T2T) grant. The grant provides NSU \$100,000 per year for 3-years, funding scholarships to alternative certification candidates teaching in critical shortage areas. In addition, NSU provide support to the candidates in their transition to the teaching profession.
- Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, awarded the Northwestern chapter one of its prestigious Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) awards for the 2003-2005 biennium. Gamma Phi chapter was one of 36 chapters receiving the award for outstanding programming, scholarship and service.
- Faculty of the teacher preparation unit continued its work in preparing program reports and other documentation for the NCATE Continuing Accreditation Visit scheduled for October 2005.

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 2004-2005 including all areas of teaching specialization.	233
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Teacher Preparation Program Data (Cont'd.)

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 2004, Fall 2004, and/or Spring 2005.	276
3. Supervising faculty for supervised student teaching and Internship experiences.	
a. Number of appointed full time faculty in professional Education.	14
b. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2004, Fall 2004, and Spring 2005.	0
c. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution, who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2004, Fall 2004, and Spring 2005.	8
d. Total number of supervising faculty for the teacher preparation program during 2004-2005.	22
4. Student/faculty ratio for student teaching and internship experiences.	12:1
5. Student participation in student teaching.	
a. Average number of hours per week required of student participation in supervised student teaching during academic year 2004-2005.	12
b. Total number of weeks per semester of supervised student teaching required for student teaching during academic year 2004-2005.	15
c. Total number of hours required during academic year 2004-2005 for student teaching.	180

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS
2005-2006 TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

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' examination (PRAXIS) and ratings by teachers of their satisfaction with 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. However, quantity and PRAXIS examination passage rate data that can be collected are being disseminated to the public in a *2005-06 Institutional Report for the Preparation of Teachers*.

**QUANTITY OF PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND
SUMMARY OF HEA TITLE II PRAXIS EXAMINATION PASSAGE RATES
2004-2005 REGULAR AND ALTERNATE PROGRAM COMPLETERS**

	TOTAL NUMBER	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
HEA Title II 2004-2005 Regular Program Completers	88	88	100%
HEA Title II 2004-2005 Alternate Program Completers	78	78	100%
Total	166	166	100%



**HEA - Title II
2004-2005 Academic Year
Regular Program
Completers**

Institution Name	NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
Institution Code	6492
State	Louisiana
Number of Program Completers Submitted	88
Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	88

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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	8			234	234	100%
CBT READING	711	1			124	124	100%
PPST WRITING	720	8			230	230	100%
CBT WRITING	721	2			121	121	100%
PPST MATHEMATICS	730	8			227	227	100%
CBT MATHEMATICS	731	1			114	114	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST READING	5710	71	71	100%	968	968	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST WRITING	5720	69	69	100%	972	972	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST MATHEMATICS	5730	71	71	100%	991	991	100%
Professional Knowledge							
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	020	3			52	52	100%
EDUC. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS: CK	353	2			25	25	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING K-6	522	42	42	100%	910	905	99%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	523	1			7	7	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 7-12	524	43	43	100%	553	548	99%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: MILD MODER. DISABIL	542	2			24	24	100%
Academic Content Areas							
ELEM ED CONTENT AREA EXERCISES	012				2	2	100%
ELEMENTARY ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	014	41	41	100%	880	868	99%



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Academic Content Areas							
BIOLOGY AND GENERAL SCIENCE	030	2			29	26	90%
ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	041	5			94	92	98%
ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY	043	5			93	93	100%
MATHEMATICS	060	1			3	3	100%
MATHEMATICS: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	061	2			43	43	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	069	1			1	1	100%
CHEM PHYSICS AND GENERAL SCIENCE	070	1			5	5	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	081	7			132	132	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: INTERPRET MATERIALS	083	8			133	133	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	089	1			2	2	100%
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	090				13	13	100%
PHYSICAL ED: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	091	5			56	56	100%
BUSINESS EDUCATION	100				9	9	100%
MUSIC EDUCATION	110	2			5	5	100%
MUSIC CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	113	8			49	49	100%
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES	120				9	9	100%
FRENCH	170				1	1	100%
SPANISH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	191				6	6	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	439	1			1	1	100%



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Aggregate - Basic Skills	80	80	100%	1342	1342	100%
Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	91	91	100%	1547	1537	99%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	76	76	100%	1346	1329	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	88	88	100%	1543	1520	99%

- 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.
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- 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.



**HEA - Title II
2004-2005 Academic Year
Quartile Ranking
(Regular Completers)**

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Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	88
Number of Individuals Licensed	
Number of Out-Of-State Program Completers	
Number of In-State Program Completers	1543

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<i>Type of Assessment²</i>	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Institutional Pass Rate</i>	<i>Institutional Quartile Rank</i>	Statewide		
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Aggregate - Basic Skills	80	80	100%	I	1342	1342	100%
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Aggregate - Teaching Special Populations (Special Education, ELS, etc.)							
Aggregate - Performance Assessments							
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Basic Skills							
PPST READING	710	9			86	86	100%
CBT READING	711	11	11	100%	143	143	100%
PPST WRITING	720	9			86	86	100%
CBT WRITING	721	11	11	100%	144	144	100%
PPST MATHEMATICS	730	10	10	100%	87	87	100%
CBT MATHEMATICS	731	11	11	100%	140	140	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST READING	5710	38	38	100%	471	470	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST WRITING	5720	37	37	100%	474	474	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST MATHEMATICS	5730	38	38	100%	485	485	100%
Professional Knowledge							
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	020				27	27	100%
EDUC. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS: CK	353	13	13	100%	88	88	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING K-6	522	31	31	100%	393	393	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	523	6			27	27	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 7-12	524	26	26	100%	401	401	100%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: MILD MODER. DISABIL	542	13	13	100%	80	80	100%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: SEV. PROFND DISABIL	544				1	1	100%
Academic Content Areas							
ELEM ED CURR INSTRUC ASSESSMENT	011	1			46	46	100%
ELEM ED CONTENT AREA EXERCISES	012	1			38	38	100%
ELEMENTARY ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	014	42	42	100%	446	444	100%



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Academic Content Areas							
BIOLOGY AND GENERAL SCIENCE	030	4			72	72	100%
ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	041	6			72	71	99%
ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY	043	6			75	75	100%
MATHEMATICS	060	4			32	32	100%
MATHEMATICS: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	061				13	12	92%
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	069				3	3	100%
CHEM PHYSICS AND GENERAL SCIENCE	070	0			21	21	100%
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MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	089	1			7	7	100%
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	090	1			25	25	100%
PHYSICAL ED: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	091				13	13	100%
BUSINESS EDUCATION	100	4			28	28	100%
MUSIC EDUCATION	110				4	4	100%
MUSIC CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	113				2	2	100%
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES	120	1			12	12	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECTS: CK	146	3			8	8	100%
FRENCH	170				2	2	100%
FRENCH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	173				3	3	100%
SPANISH	190	2			7	7	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	439	2			5	5	100%



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Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	76	76	100%	931	931	100%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	76	76	100%	883	879	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	78	78	100%	1046	1042	100%

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