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***Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)  
Bulletin***

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TOPICS:	TOPS Tech Eligible Programs

The Workforce Investment Council (WIC) and the Board of Regents (BOR) have added additional academic programs for students who have a TOPS Tech Award to pursue an associate's degree, or other shorter-term training and education programs, including skill, occupational, vocational, technical, certificate, and academic, that are aligned to the state workforce priorities. The list of eligible programs can be found on page 2 of this bulletin.

If one of the eligible programs on the list attached becomes ineligible in future years, students who are currently in the program will be allowed to complete that program and receive their TOPS Tech Award. No new students would be eligible for TOPS Tech funding after a determination that the program has become ineligible.

All current TOPS Tech eligible programs remain eligible for 2018 high school graduates.

**NOTE:** The TOPS Award for a TOPS Tech eligible student enrolled in a four year college in an AS program in a program of study is the average of the amounts paid to TOPS Tech eligible students in all other TOPS Tech eligible programs **IF** the school offers a baccalaureate degree in that program of study. If the school does not offer a baccalaureate in a program of study, the student will receive the TOPS Award Amount for all other students attending that school.

**EXAMPLE:** The TOPS Award for a TOPS Tech eligible student enrolled in a four year college in an AS program in Medical Laboratory Science is the average of the amounts paid to TOPS Tech eligible students in all other TOPS Tech eligible programs **IF** the school offers a baccalaureate degree in Medical Laboratory Science. If the school does not offer a baccalaureate in Medical Laboratory Science, the student will receive the TOPS Award Amount for all other students attending that school.

To determine how much should be billed for TOPS for students enrolled in these academic programs, see [http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPS\\_Payment\\_Amounts.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPS_Payment_Amounts.pdf).

Questions regarding TOPS Tech should be e-mailed to [custserv@la.gov](mailto:custserv@la.gov).

## TOPS TECH PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COUNCIL APPROVED PROGRAMS

BRCC	Business (AS)
	Computer Science (AS)
	Criminal Justice (AS)
	Nursing (ASN)
	Surgical Technology (AS)
BPCC	Nursing (ASN)
	Visual & Perf Arts (AA)
	Healthcare Management (AS)
Delgado CC	Accounting (AS)
	Business Administration (AS)
	Criminal Justice (AA)
	Am Sign Lang Interpreting (AA)
	Electrical – Elect Engineer Tech (AS)
	Nursing (ASN)
L.E. Fletcher TCC	Cardiopulmonary Care Science (AS)
	Criminal Justice (AS)
	Nursing (ASN)
La Delta CC	Nursing (ASN)
La Tech	Computer Science (AS)
LSU - Alexandria	Nursing (ASN)
	Nursing (ASN)***
	Medical Lab Science (AS)***
LSU - Eunice	Radiologic Technology (AS)
	Criminal Justice (ASCJ)
	Nursing (ASN)
	Care & Development Young Children (AS)
	Radiologic Technology (AS)
LSU HSC – NO	Respiratory Care (AS)
McNeese	Dental Lab Tech
Nicholls	Paralegal Studies (AA)
	Care & Development Young Children (AS)
	Culinary Arts (AS)***
	Petroleum Services (AS)***
Northwestern	Safety Technology (AS)
	Nursing (ASN)***
	Engineering Technology (AS)***
Nunez CC	Veterinary Technology (AD)
SLCC	Paralegal Studies (AA)
	Business (AS)
	Criminal Justice (AS)
	Industrial Technology (AS)
Southeastern	Nursing (ASN)
SOWELA TCC	Industrial Technology (AAS)***
SU - New Orleans	Nursing (ASN)
SU -Shreveport	Drug & Substance Abuse (AA)***
	Accounting (AS)
	Human Services (AS)
	Business Management (AS)
	Computer Science (AS)
UL - Monroe	Nursing (ASN)
	Occupational Therapy Assisting (AS)

Program changes approved by the Board of Regents and the Workforce Investment Council on 7-20-18.

Program removed from the list of approved program; however if a student is enrolled in this program, they will be permitted to finish the program of study. Students will not be permitted to begin a program after it has been removed from the list unless it becomes eligible again at a later date and they are still eligible to receive the award.

\*\*\*The TOPS Award Amount for TOPS Tech eligible students who enroll in a proprietary or cosmetology school or in an associate's degree program at a school that offers a baccalaureate degree in that same program is an average of the amounts paid to TOPS Tech eligible students in all other TOPS Tech eligible programs.