

LSU Certification Update

FETI

Update from Michael Donahue

I wanted to provide an update concerning our Certification section.

Dr. Byron Johnson has decided to leave certification and get back into the training field. He is very passionate about teaching and we look forward to the opportunity to utilize his talents as often as possible.

Christine Melancon Earnheart will be filling in as the supervisor of our day to day operations as well as training our new staff members:

Jarad Charpentier: testing coordinator who came on board in December 2017

Samantha Burton: administrative coordinator who who came on board in February 2018

Michael Donahue
FETI Sr. Director

Words from Christine

Hi Everyone!

The certification office has been working hard these last few months to reestablish and update some main policies that make us the nationally recognized Certification entity that we are. Dr. Byron Johnson was a great leader throughout these changes and we hope to continue forward in a positive way.

The Certification Advisory Committee meets quarterly and has helped guide us throughout these processes. Some of these accomplishments include:

- Establishing an official test site application, review, and approval/denial process
- Establishing an official test date request form, review, and approval/denial process

To avoid any confusion, these are independent of the test request form to register for a test, which remains the same

We understand there have been some frustrations with these changes, but it is imperative that we do our part to ensure that we remain a nationally recognized Certification entity. We appreciate your cooperation with these changes just as our accrediting bodies appreciate our cooperation with their regulations.

The certification office currently has 50 test dates listed on the website and this comes from a lot of hard work, determination, and traveling by Jarad to get 41 approved testing sites in the last two months. We are continuing to work on establishing this list of approved testing sites so if you submitted your paperwork and are patiently waiting, Jarad will be with you soon!

For those of you thinking you want to be an approved test site, please note that if you have utilized a nearby test site in the past that has regularly scheduled test dates, we ask that you continue to do so.

Another important thing to note. I have been told that the Certification fax number was deemed unavailable in the past, but please understand that the fax machine is in service and being utilized by several departments. The fax number for Certification is 225-334-6065 and you can send all of your documentation via fax if that is what you prefer.

We also accept documentation via mail and email through the feticert@lsu.edu. Samantha is overseeing the faxes and emails and has been doing a great job so far responding to your requests and getting things confirmed quickly. She is also handling the phone calls for the main 225-334-6282 Certification number.

A lot of you have been calling, emailing, or asking others about lead evaluator status. If you are currently a lead evaluator, we ask that you continue your evaluations as you always have. We are working to update the requirements for evaluators and make some changes to the program that are crucial for our accreditation status. The hope is to have these requirements out to all of you in April, which will give all of you an idea of what's required and how to apply.

Unfortunately, due to several matters, ALL current evaluators will have to reapply. There will be plenty of time to get your information turned in and the application process will not be as demanding as it was in the past but it is necessary that we start fresh! We look to have two workshops in the November-December range with the new evaluators taking effect

January 2019. Like I stated before, all current evaluators continue on as normal for 2018.

Thank you for your time reading this information, I hope it helps clear up any confusion that exists. If there are any questions, I can be best reached by email at cmelancon@lsu.edu.

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