

# Louisiana LTAP

The Louisiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Center serves the needs of local transportation agencies.

We are part of the Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC), which is a cooperative effort between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Louisiana State University (LSU).



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This program provides cost-effective training to local transportation and public works agencies on road and bridge maintenance as well as roadway and worker safety topics.

All courses offer Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

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## About the Roads Scholar Program

Louisiana has a total of 61,300 public road miles of state highways and local roads. Local governments are responsible for the maintenance of 73% or 44,700 of these road miles in addition to nearly 5,000 bridges (38% of the total public bridges in the state).

The Roads Scholar (RS) Program gives local transportation personnel the opportunity to improve their road and bridge maintenance skills. It consists of 15 courses that are four to six hours long. They are offered over a three-year period in convenient locations across the state.

Participants who complete the program will have acquired a basic knowledge of road maintenance, work zone safety and worker safety. A certificate is awarded upon completion of the program.

## Program Requirements

To become a **Roads Scholar graduate**, a participant must complete all six (6) required courses and a minimum of four (4) elective courses. You have the option to attend all nine (9) elective courses.

**Upcoming classes can be found on LTAP website:**

<https://www.ltrc.lsu.edu/ltap/roads-scholar.html>

**We offer our classes at convenient locations across the state so that they are easily accessible to most local agencies.**



## Required Courses

Here are the required courses that must be taken by a Roads Scholar graduate candidate:

**RS #1: Basics of A Good Road (6 PDH)**

**RS #2: Asphalt Roads: Common Maintenance Problems (6 PDH)**

**RS #3: Drainage: Key to Roads That Last (3 PDH)**

**RS #4: Temporary Traffic Control for Local Agencies (6 PDH)**

**RS #5a: Safety: A Common Sense Approach for The Public Worker (6 PDH)**

or

**RS #5b: Creating A Safe Work Environment (6 PDH)**

**RS #6: Heavy Equipment Safety and Maintenance for Local Agencies (6 PDH)**

## Elective Courses

A Roads Scholar graduate must attend at least four elective courses from the list below. Participants are welcomed to attend additional courses as desired.

**RS #7: Seal Coats and Slurry Seals (4 PDH)**

**RS #8a: Successful Supervision for Local Road Supervisors (6 PDH)**

or

**RS #8b: Basic Supervisory Skills II (6 PDH)**

**RS #9a: The Road To Better Signing (6 PDH)**

or

**RS #9b: Signing From The Ground Up (6 PDH)**

**RS #10: Unpaved and Gravel Roads (4 PDH)**

**RS #11: Geotextiles (4 PDH)**

**RS #12: Road Surface Management (6 PDH)**

**RS #13: Inspection of Local Bridges (6 PDH)**

**RS #14: Bridge Maintenance and Repair (6 PDH)**

**RS #15: Safety for Public Works First Responders (6 PDH)**

## Roads Scholar Graduation

Depending on the number of Roads Scholar graduates, LTAP will hold a Graduation Ceremony at any of the following events:

- Louisiana Parish Engineers & Supervisors Association (LPESA) Conference
- LTAP Class in your area
- DOTD District or Parish event
- Council meetings