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Education News Update

**UL and LCTCS Systems Report Closure Updates**

Baton Rouge - The University of Louisiana System and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System have reported the following closure updates:

**University of Louisiana System**

**GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY**, Grambling, Louisiana

[www.gram.edu](http://www.gram.edu)

Grambling State University will be closed until Thursday, September 4 when classes will resume at 8 a.m. Essential university personnel are expected to report to work. All residence halls will be opened for on-campus students.

**LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY**, Ruston, Louisiana

[www.latech.edu](http://www.latech.edu); <http://storm.latech.edu>

Since classes at Louisiana Tech are not scheduled to begin until Thursday, September 4, all academic, student and staff functions scheduled for Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3 have been cancelled by the order of President Dan Reneau in response to Hurricane Gustav. All administrative and support offices will also be closed. Essential university personnel required to be on-campus during the closure will be identified and contacted by their department supervisors. Fall general registration activities will not take place on Wednesday, September 3. These activities and fall classes will commence on Thursday, September 4. No other changes to university schedules have been made at this time. Students currently in the on-campus residence halls will continue to receive all services during the closure. The administration will continue to monitor the storm and its potential impact on the campus community.

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY**, Lake Charles, Louisiana

1-800-622-3352; [www.mcneese.edu/emergency](http://www.mcneese.edu/emergency)

The McNeese State University campus will be closed at 6 p.m. Sunday and will remain closed to all non-essential, emergency personnel until an all clear is given. Streets to the campus are barricaded and university police are patrolling the campus during the closure. No shelters will be available on the McNeese campus. Students and employees with limited transportation should report to the McNeese Police building at 8 a.m. Sunday to participate in the public evacuation. Calcasieu Parish will provide buses to public shelters! outside the danger zone. A mandatory evacuation of the residence halls began late Saturday morning. Computing technology services and several other essential personnel will relocate to Louisiana Tech and resume operations there. On Monday, McNeese employees and students should expect e-mail, Blackboard and Banner to be offline for six or more hours. The McNeese Web page will not be affected and updates will be posted there as they are available. During the mandatory campus closure, only emergency personnel, including university police, will remain on campus. The status of the campus will be re-evaluated after Hurricane Gustav passes and the area is deemed safe. The university will be closed at least through Wednesday and employees and students will be notified of re-opening information through e-mail, the Web page and local media.

**NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY**, Thibodaux, Louisiana  
1-866-709-8927; [www.nicholls.edu](http://www.nicholls.edu); <http://emergency.nicholls.edu>

Nicholls State University is officially closed and the streets surrounding campus have been barricaded. University faculty, staff and students are advised to evacuate to an area out of the storm's path. On-campus residents as well as university faculty and staff without a means of transportation started evacuation to Louisiana Tech University at 2 p.m. Saturday where they will receive pre-arranged shelter and meals for the duration of their stay. Only emergency personnel, including university police, will remain on campus. Classes are canceled until 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3. There will be no open shelter on campus.

**NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**, Natchitoches, Louisiana  
318-357-5431 (University Police); [www.nsula.edu/hurricane.asp](http://www.nsula.edu/hurricane.asp)

Northwestern State University will be closed Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3 due to Hurricane Gustav. The closure affects all Northwestern State campuses. Essential personnel are expected to report for work. Campus residence halls will remain open. The closure follows the lead of Gov. Bobby Jindal, who issued an executive order suspending classes Sept. 2-3 for school systems in 30 parishes including Natchitoches, Vernon, Caddo, Rapides and Catahoula parishes where Northwestern offers classes. NSU's Health and Human Performance Building is at full capacity as an emergency evacuation shelter by the American Red Cross. Students from McNeese State University in Lake Charles and the University of New Orleans are expected to be housed in a vacant dormitory at Northwestern. Efforts are also being made to accommodate emergency response personnel from utility companies in Louisiana and other states who will be dealing with possible power outages in the region. Access to Northwestern's Natchitoches campus is limited. Those coming to campus must use the Caspari Street entrance.

**SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY**, Hammond, Louisiana  
[www.selu.edu](http://www.selu.edu) ; KSLU 90.9 FM

Southeastern Louisiana University has cancelled classes and events and closed its main campus and off-site locations thru Wednesday, Sept. 3. The campus will be shut down at 7 p.m. Sunday night. Only previously-identified essential personnel will be allowed on campus. The university does not operate a "public" shelter. In the event of a campus closure, only students who live on campus and are unable to return home, e.g., international students, will be housed at the University Center.

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE**, Lafayette, Louisiana  
1-337-482-2222; [www.louisiana.edu](http://www.louisiana.edu)

The University is encouraging any students who are still on campus to evacuate either on their own if they have transportation, or by buses that DOTD is providing from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. today from the Clifton Chenier Center. There is a pick-up location near campus to take anyone without transportation to the Center from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette will be closed on Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3, 2008 due to the threat of Hurricane Gustav.

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE**, Monroe, Louisiana  
1-866-698-4887; [www.ulm.edu/gustav](http://www.ulm.edu/gustav); Email: [emergencyinfo@ulm.edu](mailto:emergencyinfo@ulm.edu)

To ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff, ULM classes are cancelled Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3, due to Hurricane Gustav. Classes will begin Thursday, Sept. 4. ULM recommends that students do not travel Monday or Tuesday. Residence halls, food services, the activity center and other student services will remain open all week. Executive staff and essential personnel should report to work Tuesday. Supervisors will contact these personnel. ULM encourages faculty, staff and students to volunteer at any of the local shelters and human services agencies. To volunteer at ULM, visit: [www.ulm.edu/gustav](http://www.ulm.edu/gustav) Beginning Monday, Sept. 1, ULM faculty, staff and students who need assistance should call the ULM Gustav Crisis Hotline at (318) 342-7777 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. To listen to a recorded message with the most up-to-date information, call the ULM Update Line at (318) 342-7821.

## **Louisiana Community and Technical College System**

### **Baton Rouge Community College**

[www.mybrcc.edu](http://www.mybrcc.edu)

Baton Rouge Community College has announced it will extend its closure notification through Wednesday, September 3. If the weather permits, classes will resume as scheduled on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. For official updates, students, faculty, and staff should monitor local news, broadcasts, BRCC email accounts, e2Campus notification, and the BRCC website.

### **Delgado Community College and LTC Region 1 (New Orleans)**

[www.dcc.edu](http://www.dcc.edu)

Due to the unpredictable nature of tropical storm Gustav and the possibility of impending severe weather conditions, classes have been cancelled and business operations will be suspended at all Delgado Community College locations, including all campuses, learning centers and sites, effective 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, Aug. 29. All Louisiana Technical College (LTC) Region 1 campuses and centers will also be closing effective 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, Aug. 29. At this time, Delgado and LTC Region 1 are scheduled to remain closed through at least Tuesday, Sept. 2. The colleges will make updated information available via the website at [www.dcc.edu](http://www.dcc.edu), the Emergency Communication Website at [www.dc911.com](http://www.dc911.com), and the Delgado switchboard at (504) 671-5000. Students, faculty and staff should monitor the websites, local news broadcasts and Delgado email accounts for updated notifications.

### **L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College (Houma)**

[www.ftcc.edu](http://www.ftcc.edu)

L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College has cancelled classes beginning 12:30 p.m., Friday, August 29 through Tuesday, September 2. Classes are expected to resume on Wednesday, September 3 unless otherwise noted.

### **Louisiana Delta Community College (Monroe)**

[www.ladelta.cc.la.us](http://www.ladelta.cc.la.us)

Louisiana Delta Community College has announced the cancellation of classes at the main campus, city annex and Eastgate on Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3. Facilities will remain open and if weather permits, faculty and staff should report to work as usual.

### **Louisiana Technical College, Region 2**

[www.region2.ltc.edu](http://www.region2.ltc.edu)

The following Louisiana Technical College Region 2 campuses will be closed on Tuesday Sept. 2 and Wednesday Sept. 3: Baton Rouge Campus, Folkes Campus (Jackson), Westside Campus (Plaquemine), Port Allen Campus, Jumonville Campus (New Roads), the Frazier extension, and all classes at Region 2 Corrections locations. For updates regarding campus operations, please visit our website and stay tuned to local and regional media reports.

### **Louisiana Technical College, Region 3**

[www.region3.ltc.edu](http://www.region3.ltc.edu)

All Louisiana Technical College Region 3 campuses will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 2. A determination regarding Wednesday's classes and business operations have not been made at this time. Continue monitoring the college website and local media for the latest official updates regarding campus closures and re-openings. The Region 3 campuses include: Young Memorial Campus (Morgan City), Franklin Branch Campus (Franklin), Lafourche Campus (Thibodaux), Galliano Branch Campus (Galliano), River Parishes Campus (Reserve).

### **Louisiana Technical College, Region 4**

[www.greateracadianaregion.net](http://www.greateracadianaregion.net)

All Louisiana Technical College Region 4 campuses will be closed to faculty, staff and students on Tuesday, September 2 and will be closed to students on Wednesday, September 3. Faculty and staff should continue to monitor television stations and the website for additional information concerning Wednesday, September 3. Faculty and staff may be asked to report on Wednesday, September 3 depending on weather conditions. LTC Region 4 campuses include Acadian Campus (Crowley), Charles B. Coreil Campus (Ville Platte), Evangeline Campus (St. Martinville), Gulf Area Campus (Abbeville), Lafayette Campus (Lafayette), Morgan Smith Campus (Jennings),

T.H. Harris Campus (Opelousas), and Teche Area Campus (New Iberia).

### **Louisiana Technical College, Region 6**

[www.region6.ltc.edu](http://www.region6.ltc.edu)

All LTC Region 6 campuses will be closed Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3. The Region 6 campuses include: Alexandria Campus, ! Avoyelles Campus (Cottonport), Huey P. Long Campus (Winnfield), Lamar Salter Campus (Leesville), Oakdale Campus, Shelby M. Jackson Campus (Ferriday), and Rod Brady Campus (Jena).

### **Louisiana Technical College, Region 7**

[www.region7.ltc.edu](http://www.region7.ltc.edu)

All LTC Region 7 campuses will cancel classes Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3. Classes will resume Thursday, Sept. 4. The Region 7 campuses include: LTC Mansfield, LTC Natchitoches , LTC Northwest (Minden), LTC Sabine Valley (Many) and LTC Shreveport .

### **Louisiana Technical College, Region 8**

[www.region8.ltc.edu](http://www.region8.ltc.edu)

All LTC Region 8 campuses will cancel classes Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3. Classes will resume Thursday, Sept. 4. Region 8 campuses include: LTC Bastrop, LTC Delta Ouachita (West Monroe), LTC North Central (Farmerville), LTC Northeast (Winnsboro), LTC Ruston, and LTC Tallulah.

### **Louisiana Technical College, Region 9**

[www.region9.ltc.edu](http://www.region9.ltc.edu)

The following Louisiana Technical College Region 9 campuses have announced closures for Tuesday, Sept. 2. : Sullivan Campus (Bogalusa), Hammond Area Campus (Hammond), Ascension Campus (Sorrento), and Florida Parishes Campus (Greensburg). All campuses are currently scheduled to reopen Wednesday, Sept. 3, weather permitting. For updates regarding campus operations, please visit the website and stay tuned to local and regional media reports

### **Nunez Community College (Chalmette)**

[www.nunez.edu](http://www.nunez.edu)

Nunez Community College will close at 3:15 p.m., Friday, August 29. The college does not have further classes until after the Labor Day Holiday. Nunez will not make an announcement regarding further closing until they can make additional determinations regarding Gustav's path. Media and individuals can contact Teresa Smith, Exec. Dir. of IA, at: [tessielinn1@aol.com](mailto:tessielinn1@aol.com).

### **River Parishes Community College (Sorrento)**

[www.rpcc.edu](http://www.rpcc.edu)

River Parishes Community College in Sorrento has extended its campus closure notifications. The college will be closed both Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3. For additional information, continue monitoring the RPCC website.

### **South Louisiana Community College (Lafayette)**

[www.southlouisiana.edu](http://www.southlouisiana.edu)

South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette has announced an extension of class cancellations and business operations at all campuses and sites through Wednesday, Sept. 3. Decisions regarding any further cancellations or closures will be made pending additional information. Students, faculty and staff should monitor the college's website, local news broadcasts and SLCC email accounts for updated notifications. Additionally, updated information can be accessed by calling the SLCC emergency phone line at (337) 521-8926.

### **SOWELA Technical Community College (Lake Charles)**

[www.sowela.edu](http://www.sowela.edu)

SOWELA Technical Community College will close at 4:15 p.m., Friday, August 29 and will remain closed through Tuesday, September 2. Plans to reopen the campus will be made after the storm has made landfall and more information is available. If the Lake Charles area is not directly

affected by the storm, faculty and staff should report to work on Wednesday, September 3.

**Community and Technical Colleges offer local accommodations and facilities for use:**

- Bossier Parish Community College has partnered with the Department of Social Services for the use of their gymnasium as a site for distribution of needed in the Shreveport/Bossier area.
- LTC Delta Ouachita Campus (609 Vocational Parkway, W. Monroe) has a large cafeteria and two adjoining rooms that can accommodate 100 people. The site has cooking facilities, but not showers). The contact is Norene Smith, 318-680-0666, [nsmith@ltc.edu](mailto:nsmith@ltc.edu)
- LTC Alexandria Campus (4311 S. MacArthur Dr.) has two locations that could possibly accommodate 40 to 50 people. These two sites have restroom facilities but no shower or cooking facilities. The contact is: Mervyn Birdwell, 318-308-4765, [mbirdwell@ltc.edu](mailto:mbirdwell@ltc.edu)
- Louisiana Delta Community College in Monroe (4014 LaSalle Street) is able to offer the following: Office space, network access, fax, and limited land line phone access for up to 15 key campus personnel at the Eastgate location. Delta can offer that space as potential "command post" for Leadership teams that might need to relocate. Delta also has approximately 1.5 terabytes of available storage space on servers, should any college/region need to back up files. The contact is: Connie Carr, 318-323-4965 or 318-372-3843, [ccarr@ladelta.cc.la.us](mailto:ccarr@ladelta.cc.la.us).