The Louisiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Center provides cost-effective training to local transportation and public works agencies on road and bridge maintenance as well as roadway and worker safety through the Roads Scholar (RS) classes. They are offered at convenient locations across Louisiana to make the program easily accessible to most local agencies.

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Instructor

Nicholas “Nick” Verret, Jr., P.E.

Mr. Verret has been a registered professional engineer in Louisiana since 1984. Following a 31+ year career with the Louisiana DOTD in the areas of highway construction, design, and administration, he served as the LTAP Program Manager from October 2011 until December 2012. He was later appointed as Director of Public Works for the Parish of Natchitoches until stepping down from that position in July 2017.

Mr. Verret currently serves as the City Engineer for the City of Natchitoches. He has developed pavement management programs for both the city and the parish.

Professional Development Hours (PDHs)

The Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC) is a Louisiana State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, approved Sponsor/Provider of Continuing Professional Development.

Professional Development Hour (PDH) credit will be awarded as follows:

six (6) PDHs

Registration

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/LTAPtraining

If you have not done so previously, you must create a profile in the system to register. Please keep a record of your username and password for future course registrations. If you need to register multiple people on behalf of your agency, create a profile of your own and email your preferred username to victor.lockwood@la.gov for instructions. Once inside your profile, click on “LTAP Roads Scholar #1: Basics of a Good Road (2024)” in order to register.

Fees & Cancellation Policy

$25 for Public Agencies
$50 for Private Agencies

Fees cover all materials, breakfast and lunch. Credit card payments are accepted through the online registration system. Checks or money orders are also accepted.

Make checks payable to:
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mail checks to:
LTAP-Technology Transfer/LTRC,
4099 Gourrier Avenue, Baton Rouge,
LA 70808-4443.
ATTN: Victor Lockwood

Registration is required one week in advance of class. Failure to cancel at least 72 hours prior will result in a forfeit of registration fee. Participant substitution is available.

For more information, visit www.louisianaltap.org. Find the “Training” tab and click on “Roads Scholar”.

About the Course

This course provides basic information on construction and maintenance of locally owned roads, aimed at helping agency personnel to better manage and operate their road networks.

Topics include:

- Design considerations
- Road surface materials
- Maintenance of flexible and rigid pavements
- Factors affecting good road performance such as weather, drainage, geometry and traffic
- Road features such as shoulders, ditches, culverts and bridges
- Maintaining safe roadsides
- Traffic control considerations
- Introduction to asset management

Who should attend?

This course is intended for all levels of road maintenance and construction personnel. The principles taught will provide a foundation for more detailed instruction contained in other Roads Scholar courses.

Course Times

Check-in / Breakfast: 7:00 AM
Class: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM