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Continuing education and extension activities shall be conducted in accordance with the stipulations of the <u>Standards of the College Delegate Assembly</u> of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The following specific policies apply to continuing education and extension activities conducted by LSU Eunice.

A. Administration

The Director of Continuing Education is charged with the primary responsibility for planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating all continuing education and extension activities.

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to suggest ideas for continuing education activities. Suggestions for such activities should be channeled to the Director of Continuing Education through and with the endorsement of the head of the academic or administrative unit which would sponsor the activities in question.

B. Faculty

1. Full-time Faculty

The policies relative to the selection of full-time faculty are contained in PS No. 12. Full-time faculty may be assigned continuing education and/or extension activities as part of their regular work load. When overloads exist, full-time faculty will receive additional compensation in accordance with the provisions of PM No. 15. Full-time faculty desiring to teach an overload will receive priority consideration to teach off-campus, night or weekend courses, provided such faculty indicate their interest to the Director of Continuing Education and their Division Head in the schedule planning phase for the semester in question. The Division Head must also approve such overload assignments.

2. Part-time Faculty

a) Selection of Part-time Faculty

 In judging the suitability of an applicant for a part-time faculty position, all aspects of the professional preparation of the applicant will be considered. Generally, the professional competency of part-time faculty in the field(s) in which they teach will be attested to by appropriate graduate degrees. In specialized professional, technical,

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or vocational fields, other evidence of professional competency may be acceptable in lieu of formal graduate training. The appropriate Division Head will review and approved credentials of any part-time instructor hired through continuing education to teach courses for credit.

b) Appointment

Part-time faculty shall be given one-semester term appointments in accordance with the stipulations of Section 2-8 of the <u>Bylaws and Regulations</u> of the LSU Board of Supervisors. All part-time faculty appointments are contingent upon acceptable student enrollments in the faculty member's assigned classes.

c) Pay Scale. Part-time faculty will be paid in accordance with the following scale:

Highest Degree	Salary per Three- Semester-Hour
	Course
Doctorate	\$1,950
Master's	\$1,800
Baccalaureate	\$1,700

d) Orientation

Part-time faculty will be furnished links to or copies of the following documents which are intended to assist them in fulfilling their specific instructional responsibilities: Handbook for Part-Time Faculty, LSU Eunice Catalog, and applicable course syllabi.

Prior to the commencement of classes, either the Director of Continuing Education or the appropriate academic division head will meet with each part-time instructor to discuss the course syllabus, required textbook(s), and any other specifics that pertain to teaching assignments.

At appropriate times during each semester, the Director of Continuing Education will convene workshops for part-time faculty. The major workshop topics will be:

- 1) Record Keeping
- 2) Academic Regulations
- 3) Teaching Effectiveness
- 4) Library Resources

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5) Student Support Services/Accommodated Services

e) Evaluation

- 1) The Director of Continuing Education or designee shall regularly visit after-hours and weekend sites, on-campus and off, to observe and evaluate instruction. The Director or designee will perform at least one unannounced in-class observation of all new part-time faculty hired through Continuing Education during each instructor's first semester of employment. Thereafter, part-time faculty will receive unannounced in-class observations at least once per academic year. The Director or his designee will use the standard LSU Eunice "Evaluation of Teaching Performance" criteria in performing evaluations, the same criteria used in evaluating full-time faculty. The appropriate Division Head may also collaborate with the Director of Continuing Education in observation and evaluation of part-time instructors.
- Students in classes taught by part-time faculty will have the same opportunity as those students taught by full-time faculty to evaluate the course through the Student Evaluation of Instruction which is available electronically.
- 3) The Director of Continuing Education and/or the appropriate Division Head or academic coordinator will interview part-time faculty to complete formal administrative evaluations according to the schedule required in e.1 above. The evaluation interview will include discussion of performance, including student course evaluations, instructional practices, and observation(s) of the instructor's class(es). A written evaluation signed by the Director of Continuing Education or other academic administrator and the evaluatee will be filed with the part-time instructor's permanent personnel record.
- 4) Part-time instructors are hired for one-semester terms as supplementary teaching personnel on the basis of enrollment and staffing needs. Reemployment of part-time faculty from semester to semester is never promised or guaranteed, since the terms of re-employment are determined from semester to semester by the University. Furthermore, LSU Eunice reserves the right not to rehire any part-time faculty members whose performance is judged as unsatisfactory in any aspect of teaching or course administration.

C. Student Support Services for Off-Campus Classes

The <u>Delivery of Degree Programs Through Distance Education Technology</u> of the Louisiana Board of Regents and the <u>Standards of the College Delegate Assembly</u> of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools specify the type and quality of support services required

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for off-campus students. Additionally, the <u>Guidelines for Distance Learning Library Services</u>, published by the Association of College and Research Libraries, specifically addresses library services which should be made available to support off-campus courses. The recommendations made in these various documents are to be implemented and student support services provided in the following areas:

- 1. Academic Advisement
- 2. Professional Counseling
- 3. Veterans' Affairs
- 120 4. Financial Aid
- 5. Library Services

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Affected administrative officers should periodically review the off-campus support services under their jurisdiction to ensure that the services provided exceed minimal standards and that the needs of off-campus students are being adequately addressed.

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D. Off-Campus Physical Facilities

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Off-campus physical facilities should provide a suitable environment for the conduct of planned educational activities. All arrangements for physical facilities will be made by the Director of Continuing Education. These arrangements must include written authorization for the use of the facilities from the owner(s), including a specification of any rental or lease expenses involved.

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E. Off-Campus Registration and Orientation. Planning for off-campus registration and orientation should include the following provisions:

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 The Director of Continuing Education will be responsible for making arrangements for appropriate registration space at off-campus sites and for advance publicity concerning such registrations.

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 Administrative officers providing academic and/or student support services will be responsible for providing appropriate representation from their offices at off-campus registrations.

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3. The Registrar will be responsible for having registration personnel in place at the off-campus location well in advance of the advertised time of registration.

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4. During the first week of classes, the Office of Continuing Education will be responsible for publicizing the rooms in which classes will meet at off-campus locations as well as the location of late registration activities, if any.