



DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

COLLEGE

College of Engineering

PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UL Lafayette program identified above prepares students to practice in a field with professional licensure or certification available. However, specific licensure and certification requirements can and often do vary by state. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential in the field from an institution and program that meet certain eligibility requirements in that state (e.g., curricular requirements, accredited status, approval by the state licensing board); passing a state or national exam; working in the field for a minimum period of time; and/or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification in your chosen field, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you hope to practice.

UL Lafayette Program Preparation in the State of Louisiana

A Professional Engineer (PE) is an engineer licensed by the state professional licensing board. It is a standard recognized by employers and their clients, by governments and by the public as an assurance of dedication, skill, and quality. Only a licensed engineer, for instance, may prepare, sign, seal and submit engineering plans and drawings to a public authority for approval, or to seal engineering work for public and private clients. Although you may never need to be registered, you may find that it is beneficial to earn and maintain a PE license.

Requirements set by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) for **Mechanical Engineer** include:

- A degree in an engineering discipline
 - Your degree should come from an EAC/ABET accredited program. Degrees received from non-ABET programs may be acceptable; however, the education and experience requirements differ.
- Passing the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam
- Working as an engineer for four years
- Passing the Professional Engineering (PE) exam

We advise you to review the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) requirements at <https://ncees.org/engineering/> and the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) requirements at <https://www.lapels.com/Certlicinfoexam.html>.

UL Lafayette Program Preparation in Other U.S. States

The laws and the rules defining the requirements for licensure as a professional engineer may vary somewhat from state to state. However, the educational requirements in all states usually stipulate that the academic program be ABET accredited. The above-named program is ABET accredited.

If you have an interest in pursuing licensure or certification outside the state of Louisiana, we advise you to determine whether or not this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply in that location. You are welcome to reach out to the UL Lafayette program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

UL Lafayette Program Preparation Outside the United States

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We are unable to determine whether or not the above-named degree program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. Again, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you hope to practice.

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This communication addresses disclosures to prospective and current students as required by regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.72(c)(2).