South Carolina Certification Assessment Program
Required Assessments 2021-22
Effective September 1, 2021

This document includes subject area and pedagogy assessments required for certification purposes. All assessments are Praxis exams administered by ETS, except as noted.

Required Subject Area Assessments

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Agriculture	5701	Agriculture	147
Art	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology	5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	148
Business and Marketing Education	5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
Chemistry	5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152
Chinese *Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5665	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164
Chinese *Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc *and* WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview *and* ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Computer Science	5652	Computer Science	149
Dance		No assessment available	
Early Childhood *Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5024 or 5025.*	5024	Education of Young Children	160
Early Childhood *Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5024 or 5025.*	5025	Early Childhood Education	156
Earth and Space Science	5571	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge	150
Economics	5911	Economics	144

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Elementary Education *Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take either the Praxis 5001 or Praxis 7811 series.*	5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Test *All subtests required. Use code 5001 to take all four at one time or use subtest codes to register individually.*	Passing Scores On All Subtests
- Elementary Subtest 1 of 4	5002	Reading/Language Arts Subtest	157
- Elementary Subtest 2 of 4	5003	Mathematics Subtest	157
- Elementary Subtest 3 of 4	5004	Social Studies Subtest	155
- Elementary Subtest 4 of 4	5005	Science Subtest	159
Elementary Education *Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take the Praxis 5001 or Praxis 7811.*	7811	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching (CKT) *All subtests required. Use code 7811 to take all four at one time or use subtest codes to register individually.*	Passing Scores On All Subtests
- Elementary Subtest 1 of 4	7812	Reading/Language Arts Subtest	161
- Elementary Subtest 2 of 4	7813	Mathematics Subtest	150
- Elementary Subtest 3 of 4	7814	Science Subtest	154
- Elementary Subtest 4 of 4	7815	Social Studies Subtest	162
English *Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.*	5039	English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	168
English *Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.*	5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	5362	English to Speakers of Other Languages	155
Family and Consumer Science	5122	Family and Consumer Sciences	153
French *Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5174	French: World Language	162

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French *Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc *and* WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview *and* ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Geography	5921	Geography	149
German *Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5183	German: World Language	163
German *Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc *and* WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview *and* ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Government	5931	Government/Political Science	149
Greek	ACTFL OPI or OPIc *and* WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview *and* ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Health	5551	Health Education	164
History	5941	World and US History: Content Knowledge	150
Industrial Technology Education	5051	Technology Education	159
Italian	ACTFL OPI or OPIc *and* WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview *and* ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Japanese	ACTFL OPI or OPIc *and* WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview *and* ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Latin		No assessment available	
Literacy Teacher	5206	Teaching Reading: K–12	156
Literacy Coach	5206	Teaching Reading: K–12	156
Literacy Specialist	5302	Reading Specialist	165

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Mathematics *Candidates for certification in Mathematics may take either Praxis 5165 or 5161.*	5165	Mathematics: Content Knowledge *available beginning 9/1/2021*	159
Mathematics *Candidates for certification in Mathematics may take either Praxis 5165 or 5161.*	5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge *not available after 8/31/2022*	150
Middle Level Language Arts	5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164
Middle Level Mathematics *Candidates for certification in ML Mathematics may take either Praxis 5164 or 5169.*	5164	Middle School Mathematics *available beginning 9/1/2021*	157
Middle Level Mathematics *Candidates for certification in ML Mathematics may take either Praxis 5164 or 5169.*	5169	Middle School Mathematics *not available after 8/31/2022*	165
Middle Level Science	5442	Middle School Science	152
Middle Level Social Studies	5089	Middle School Social Studies	155
Montessori Education		Test requirements based upon eligibility. Please review the Montessori Education webpage for additional information.	
Music Education – All Areas	5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162
Physical Education	5095	Physical Education: Content and Design	169
Physics	5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	130
Portuguese	ACTFL OPI or OPIc *and* WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview *and* ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Principal, Tier 1 Elementary or Secondary *Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.*	5412	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146

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Principal, Tier 1 Elementary or Secondary ***Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.***	6990	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	151
Psychology	5391	Psychology	154
Russian	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview ***and*** ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
School Counselor, Elementary or Secondary	5421	Professional School Counselor	156
School Librarian	5311	Library Media Specialist	151
School Psychologist	5402	School Psychologist	147
Science	5435	General Science: Content Knowledge	150
Social Studies	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153
Sociology	5952	Sociology	154
Spanish ***Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.***	5195	Spanish: World Language	168
Spanish ***Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.***	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview ***and*** ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Special Education: Hearing Impairments	5272	Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	160
Special Education: Early Childhood	5691	Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood	159
Special Education: Emotional Disabilities ***two tests required***	5354 ***and*** 5372	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications ***and*** Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances	151 154

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Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities	5354 *and* 5322	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications *and* Special Education: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities	151 143
Special Education: Learning Disabilities	5354 *and* 5383	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications *and* Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities	151 151
Special Education: Multi-categorical	5543	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild-to-Moderate Applications	158
Special Education: Severe Disabilities	5545	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications	158
Special Education: Visual Impairments	5282	Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
Speech-Language Pathologist*	5331	Speech-Language Pathology	162
Superintendent	5412	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146
Theater	5641	Theatre	157
Vocational Center Director	5412	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146

*   A valid Speech-Language Pathologist license issued by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR) may be submitted as verification of a qualifying score on the Speech-Language Pathology exam.

Required Pedagogy Assessments

The following pedagogy assessments are approved for certification in classroom teaching fields in the state of South Carolina. Candidates seeking certification in service fields (i.e., School Counselor, School Psychologist, School Librarian, and Speech-Language Pathologist) or in leadership fields are not required to take a pedagogy assessment.

Standard Pedagogy Assessment: Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)
Unless PPAT or edTPA is required by the educator preparation program as part of the student teaching experience, most candidates seeking certification will use the PLT to demonstrate knowledge of pedagogy.

Certification Grade/Age Span	Exam Code	Exam Title	Qualifying Score
Early Childhood Areas	5621	PLT: Early Childhood	157
Elementary Areas	5622	PLT: Grades K–6	160

Certification Grade/Age Span	Exam Code	Exam Title	Qualifying Score
Middle Level Areas	5623	PLT: Grades 5–9	160
High School Areas	5624	PLT: Grades 7–12	157
PK–12 Areas***	5625	PLT: PreK–12	157

***Through August 31, 2023, a candidate seeking to meet certification requirements in a PK–12 certification field (e.g., Art, Music, Physical Education, World Language, etc.) may use a qualifying score on any version of the PLT. Beginning September 1, 2023, a candidate must earn a qualifying score on PLT: PreK–12 (5625) for certification in a PK–12 certification field.

Other Approved Pedagogy Assessments: Praxis PPAT and edTPA
Effective January 1, 2018, the SBE adopted the teaching performance assessments, edTPA and PPAT, as options for South Carolina's educator preparation providers to implement within approved teacher preparation programs. These assessments are comprised of a series of performance tasks that candidates must complete as part of a portfolio that is submitted to the respective testing company for scoring. Candidates who are required to complete one of these performance assessments during student teaching to fulfill requirements of the preparation program in which they are enrolled may use a qualifying score on edTPA or PPAT for certification in South Carolina. Out-of-state applicants who completed edTPA or PPAT during student teaching may also use a qualifying score on one of these assessments for certification in South Carolina in lieu of the PLT.

Praxis PPAT (Administered by ETS)
Candidates enrolled in teacher preparation programs requiring PPAT will receive comprehensive support and assistance from program faculty regarding the performance tasks that comprise PPAT. Additional information regarding PPAT is available at http://www.ets.org/ppa/test-takers.

Assessment	Qualifying Score
PPAT All Areas	36

edTPA (Administered by Pearson Evaluation Systems)
Candidates enrolled in teacher preparation programs requiring edTPA will receive comprehensive support and assistance from program faculty regarding the portfolio assessment—or handbook—required for their specific certification area (e.g. Early Childhood Education, Mathematics, Middle Level Social Studies, etc.). Qualifying scores are based on the number of performance tasks or rubrics within the specific handbook. Additional information regarding edTPA requirements for South Carolina are available at http://www.edtpa.com.

Assessment	Qualifying Score
edTPA 13-Rubric Handbooks	32
edTPA 15-Rubric Handbooks	37
edTPA 18-Rubric Handbooks	44