

**South Carolina Certification Assessment Program**  
**Required Assessments**  
*Effective September 1, 2022*

*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**

<b>Certification Field</b>	<b>Exam Code</b>	<b>Required Assessment Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	5701	<b>Agriculture</b>	147
<b>Art</b>	5135	<b>Art: Content and Analysis</b>	161
<b>Biology</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Biology may take either Praxis 5236 or 5235.</i>	5236	<b>Biology</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	154
<b>Biology</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Biology may take either Praxis 5236 or 5235.</i>	5235	<b>Biology: Content Knowledge</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	148
<b>Business and Marketing Education</b>	5101	<b>Business Education: Content Knowledge</b>	154
<b>Chemistry</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Chemistry may take either Praxis 5246 or 5245.</i>	5246	<b>Chemistry</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	146
<b>Chemistry</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Chemistry may take either Praxis 5246 or 5245.</i>	5245	<b>Chemistry: Content Knowledge</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	152
<b>Chinese</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	5665	<b>Chinese (Mandarin): World Language</b>	164
<b>Chinese</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Intermediate High  Intermediate High
<b>Computer Science</b>	5652	<b>Computer Science</b>	149

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
<b>Dance</b>		No assessment available	
<b>Early Childhood</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5024 or 5025.</i>	5024	<b>Education of Young Children</b>	160
<b>Early Childhood</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5024 or 5025.</i>	5025	<b>Early Childhood Education</b>	156
<b>Earth and Space Science</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Earth and Space Science may take either Praxis 5572 or 5571.</i>	5572	<b>Earth and Space Science</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	154
<b>Earth and Space Science</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Earth and Space Science may take either Praxis 5572 or 5571.</i>	5571	<b>Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	150
<b>Economics</b>	5911	<b>Economics</b>	144
<b>Elementary Education</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take either the Praxis 5001 or Praxis 7811 series.</i>	5001	<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Test</b> <i>All subtests required. Use code 5001 to take all four at one time or use subtest codes to register individually.</i>	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
<b>Elementary Education</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take the Praxis 5001 or Praxis 7811.</i>	7811	<b>Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching (CKT)</b> <i>All subtests required. Use code 7811 to take all four at one time or use subtest codes to register individually.</i>	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

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- Elementary Subtest 3 of 4	7814	Science Subtest	154
- Elementary Subtest 4 of 4	7815	Social Studies Subtest	162
<b>English</b> <i>Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.</i>	5039	<b>English Language Arts: Content and Analysis</b>	168
<b>English</b> <i>Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.</i>	5038	<b>English Language Arts: Content Knowledge</b>	167
<b>English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</b>	5362	<b>English to Speakers of Other Languages</b>	155
<b>Family and Consumer Science</b>	5122	<b>Family and Consumer Sciences</b>	153
<b>French</b> <i>Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	5174	<b>French: World Language</b>	162
<b>French</b> <i>Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Advanced Low Advanced Low
<b>Geography</b>	5921	<b>Geography</b>	149
<b>German</b> <i>Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	5183	<b>German: World Language</b>	163
<b>German</b> <i>Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Advanced Low Advanced Low
<b>Government</b>	5931	<b>Government/Political Science</b>	149

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Greek	ACTFL OPI or OPic <i>and</i> WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview</b> <i>and</i> <b>ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Advanced Low  Advanced Low
Health	5551	<b>Health Education</b>	164
History	5941	<b>World and US History: Content Knowledge</b>	150
Industrial Technology Education	5051	<b>Technology Education</b>	159
Italian	ACTFL OPI or OPic <i>and</i> WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview</b> <i>and</i> <b>ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Advanced Low  Advanced Low
Japanese	ACTFL OPI or OPic <i>and</i> WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview</b> <i>and</i> <b>ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Intermediate High  Intermediate High
Latin		No assessment available	
Literacy Teacher	5206	<b>Teaching Reading: K–12</b>	156
Literacy Coach	5206	<b>Teaching Reading: K–12</b>	156
Literacy Specialist	5302	<b>Reading Specialist</b>	165
Mathematics	5165	<b>Mathematics: Content Knowledge</b>	159
Middle Level Language Arts	5047	<b>Middle School English Language Arts</b>	164
Middle Level Mathematics	5164	<b>Middle School Mathematics</b>	157
Middle Level Science	5442	<b>Middle School Science</b>	152
Middle Level Social Studies	5089	<b>Middle School Social Studies</b>	155
Montessori Education		Test requirements based upon eligibility. Please review the <a href="#">Montessori Education</a> webpage for additional information.	
Music Education – All Areas	5114	<b>Music: Content and Instruction</b>	162

<b>Certification Field</b>	<b>Exam Code</b>	<b>Required Assessment Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	5095	<b>Physical Education: Content and Design</b>	169
<b>Physics</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Physics may take either Praxis 5266 or 5265.</i>	5266	<b>Physics</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	145
<b>Physics</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Physics may take either Praxis 5266 or 5265.</i>	5265	<b>Physics: Content Knowledge</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	130
<b>Portuguese</b>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview</b> <i>and</i> <b>ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Advanced Low  Advanced Low
<b>Principal, Tier 1</b> Elementary or Secondary <i>Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	5412	<b>Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision</b>	146
<b>Principal, Tier 1</b> Elementary or Secondary <i>Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	6990	<b>School Leaders Licensure Assessment</b>	151
<b>Psychology</b>	5391	<b>Psychology</b>	154
<b>Russian</b>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc <i>and</i> WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview</b> <i>and</i> <b>ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Advanced Low  Advanced Low
<b>School Counselor, Elementary or Secondary</b> <i>Candidates for School Counselor certification may take either 5422 or 5421.</i>	5422	<b>School Counselor</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	159
<b>School Counselor, Elementary or Secondary</b> <i>Candidates for School Counselor certification may take either 5422 or 5421.</i>	5421	<b>Professional School Counselor</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	156

<b>Certification Field</b>	<b>Exam Code</b>	<b>Required Assessment Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>School Librarian</b> <i>Candidates for School Librarian certification may take either 5312 or 5311.</i>	5312	<b>School Librarian</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	154
<b>School Librarian</b> <i>Candidates for School Librarian certification may take either 5312 or 5311.</i>	5311	<b>Library Media Specialist</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	151
<b>School Psychologist</b> <i>Candidates for School Psychologist certification may take either 5403 or 5402.</i>	5403	<b>School Psychologist</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	155
<b>School Psychologist</b> <i>Candidates for School Psychologist certification may take either 5403 or 5402.</i>	5402	<b>School Psychologist</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	147
<b>Science</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Science may take either 5436 or 5435.</i>	5436	<b>General Science</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	141
<b>Science</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Science may take either 5436 or 5435.</i>	5435	<b>General Science: Content Knowledge</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	150
<b>Social Studies</b>	5086	<b>Social Studies: Content and Interpretation</b>	153
<b>Sociology</b>	5952	<b>Sociology</b>	154
<b>Spanish</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	5195	<b>Spanish: World Language</b>	168
<b>Spanish</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI &amp; WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	<b>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview</b> <i>and</i> <b>ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test</b>	Advanced Low  Advanced Low

<b>Certification Field</b>	<b>Exam Code</b>	<b>Required Assessment Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Special Education: Early Childhood</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Special Education: Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5692 or 5691.</i>	5692	<b>Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention</b> <i>available beginning 9/1/2022</i>	159
<b>Special Education: Early Childhood</b> <i>Candidates for certification in Special Education: Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5692 or 5691.</i>	5691	<b>Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood</b> <i>discontinued after 8/31/2023</i>	159
<b>Special Education: Emotional Disabilities</b> <i>two tests required</i>	5354 <i>and</i> 5372	<b>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications</b> <i>and</i> <b>Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances</b>	151  154
<b>Special Education: Hearing Impairments</b>	5272	<b>Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students</b>	160
<b>Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities</b> <i>two tests required</i>	5354 <i>and</i> 5322	<b>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications</b> <i>and</i> <b>Special Education: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities</b>	151  156 <i>(Score Change)</i>
<b>Special Education: Learning Disabilities</b> <i>two tests required</i>	5354 <i>and</i> 5383	<b>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications</b> <i>and</i> <b>Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities</b>	151  151
<b>Special Education: Multi-categorical</b>	5543	<b>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild-to-Moderate Applications</b>	158
<b>Special Education: Severe Disabilities</b>	5545	<b>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications</b>	158
<b>Special Education: Visual Impairments</b>	5282	<b>Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments</b>	163
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist*</b>	5331	<b>Speech-Language Pathology</b>	162

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Candidates for Superintendent certification may take either Praxis 6991 or 5412.</i>	6991	<b>School Superintendent Assessment</b> <i>Praxis 6991 will be required for candidates applying for Superintendent certification after 8/31/2023.</i>	162
<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Candidates for Superintendent certification may take either Praxis 6991 or 5412.</i>	5412	<b>Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision</b> <i>Note: Praxis 5412 will not be an option for Superintendent certification after 8/31/2023.</i>	146
<b>Theater</b>	5641	<b>Theatre</b>	157
<b>Vocational Center Director</b>	5412	<b>Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision</b>	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
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.

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, etc.). Qualifying scores are based on the number of performance tasks or rubrics within the specific handbook.

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