

South Carolina Certification Assessment Program
Required Assessments
Effective September 1, 2024

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 Grades 9-12	5701	Agriculture	147
Art Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.</i>	5134	Art: Content Knowledge	158
Art Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.</i>	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology Grades 9-12	5236	Biology	154
Business and Marketing Education Grades 9-12	5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director <i>Candidates for Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	5412	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146
Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director <i>Candidates for Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	6990	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	151
Chemistry Grades 9-12	5246	Chemistry	146
Chinese Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5665	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164

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Chinese Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Computer Science Grades 9-12	5652	Computer Science	149
Dance Grades PK-12		No assessment available	
District Superintendent	6991	School Superintendent Assessment	162
Early Childhood Grades PK-3 <i>Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5024 or 5025.</i>	5024	Education of Young Children	160
Early Childhood Grades PK-3 <i>Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5024 or 5025.</i>	5025	Early Childhood Education	156
Earth and Space Science Grades 9-12	5572	Earth and Space Science	154
Economics Grades 9-12	5911	Economics	144
Elementary Education Grades 2-6 <i>Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take either the Praxis 5001 or Praxis 7811 series.</i>	5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Test <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
Elementary Education Grades 2-6 <i>Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take the Praxis 5001 or Praxis 7811.</i>	7811	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching (CKT) <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
English Grades 9-12 <i>Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.</i>	5039	English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	168
English Grades 9-12 <i>Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.</i>	5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) <i>Grades PK-12</i>	5362	English to Speakers of Other Languages	155
Family and Consumer Science <i>Grades 9-12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Family and Consumer Science may take either Praxis 5123 or 5122.</i>	5123	Family and Consumer Sciences <i>available beginning 9/1/2024</i>	151
Family and Consumer Science <i>Grades 9-12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Family and Consumer Science may take either Praxis 5123 or 5122.</i>	5122	Family and Consumer Sciences <i>To be discontinued after 8/31/2025</i>	153
French Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5174	French: World Language	162
French Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview <i>and</i> ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Geography Grades 9-12	5921	Geography	149
German Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5183	German: World Language	163

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German Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview <i>and</i> ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Government Grades 9-12	5931	Government/Political Science	149
Greek Grades PK-12	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Health Grades PK-12	5551	Health Education	164
History Grades 9-12	5941	World and US History: Content Knowledge	150
Industrial Technology Education Grades 9-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Industrial Technology Education may take either Praxis 5053 or 5051.</i>	5053	Technology and Engineering Education <i>available beginning 9/1/2024</i>	157
Industrial Technology Education Grades 9-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Industrial Technology Education may take either Praxis 5053 or 5051.</i>	5051	Technology Education <i>To be discontinued after 8/31/2025</i>	159
Italian Grades PK-12	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview <i>and</i> ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Japanese Grades PK-12	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview <i>and</i> ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Latin Grades PK-12		No assessment available	
Literacy Teacher Grades PK-12	5206	Teaching Reading: K–12	156
Literacy Coach Grades PK-12	5206	Teaching Reading: K–12	156

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Literacy Specialist <i>Grades PK-12</i>	5302	Reading Specialist	165
Mathematics <i>Grades 9-12</i>	5165	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	159
Middle Level Language Arts <i>Grades 5-8</i>	5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164
Middle Level Mathematics <i>Grades 5-8</i>	5164	Middle School Mathematics	157
Middle Level Science <i>Grades 5-8</i>	5442	Middle School Science	152
Middle Level Social Studies <i>Grades 5-8</i>	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 <i>Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.</i>	5113	Music: Content Knowledge <i>available beginning 9/1/2024</i>	161
Music Education – All Areas <i>Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.</i>	5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162
Physical Education <i>Grades PK-12</i>	5095	Physical Education: Content and Design	169
Physics <i>Grades 9-12</i>	5266	Physics	145
Portuguese <i>Grades PK-12</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview <i>and</i> ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Psychology <i>Grades 9-12</i>	5391	Psychology	154
Russian <i>Grades PK-12</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview <i>and</i> ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
School Counselor	5422	School Counselor	159

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School Librarian	5312	School Librarian	154
School Principal, Tier 1 <i>Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	5412	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146
School Principal, Tier 1 <i>Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	6990	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	151
School Psychologist	5403	School Psychologist	155
Science Grades 9-12	5436	General Science	141
Social Studies Grades 9-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Social Studies may take either 5581, 5081, or 5086.</i>	5581	Social Studies <i>Available beginning 9/1/2024</i>	153
Social Studies Grades 9-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Social Studies may take either 5581, 5081, or 5086.</i>	5081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge <i>To be discontinued after 8/31/2025</i>	155
Social Studies Grades 9-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Social Studies may take either 5581, 5081, or 5086.</i>	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation <i>To be discontinued after 8/31/2025</i>	153
Sociology Grades 9-12	5952	Sociology	154
Spanish Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5195	Spanish: World Language	168
Spanish Grades PK-12 <i>Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPic and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Special Education: Early Childhood Ages 3-5	5692	Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention	159

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Special Education: Emotional Disabilities <i>Grades PK-12</i> two tests required	Test 1 5355	Test 1 5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145
	<i>and</i> Test 2 5372	<i>and</i> Test 2 Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances	154
Special Education: Hearing Impairments <i>Grades PK-12</i>	5272	Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	160
Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities <i>Grades PK-12</i> two tests required	Test 1 5355	Test 1 5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145
	<i>and</i> Test 2 5322	<i>and</i> Test 2 5322 Special Education: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities	156
Special Education: Learning Disabilities <i>Grades PK-12</i> two tests required	Test 1 5355	Test 1 5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145
	<i>and</i> Test 2 5383	<i>and</i> Test 2 5383 Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities	151
Special Education: Multi-categorical <i>Grades PK-12</i>	5355	Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145

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Special Education: Severe Disabilities <i>Grades PK-12</i>	5547	Special Education Severe to Profound	156
Special Education: Visual Impairments <i>Grades PK-12</i>	5282	Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
Speech-Language Pathologist <i>A valid license in Speech-Language Pathologist (but not Speech-Language Pathologist Intern) 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.</i>	5331	Speech-Language Pathology	162
Theater Grades PK-12	5641	Theatre	157

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 Certification Fields <i>Early Childhood Education, Montessori Education Early Childhood (3K-5K), Special Education: Early Childhood</i>	5621	PLT: Early Childhood	157
Elementary Certification Fields <i>Elementary Education, Montessori Elementary I & II</i>	5622	PLT: Grades K–6	160
Middle Level Certification Fields <i>ML Language Arts, ML Mathematics, ML Science, ML Social Studies, Montessori Middle Areas</i>	5623	PLT: Grades 5–9	160
High School Certification Fields <i>All high school subject areas</i>	5624	PLT: Grades 7–12	157
PK–12 Certification Fields <i>Art, Music, Theater, Physical Education, ESOL, World Languages, Special Education</i>	5625	PLT: PreK–12	157

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) *ETS will discontinue PPAT effective December 31, 2025.*

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