South Carolina Certification Assessment Program
Required Assessments
2025-26 Academic Year

This document includes subject area and pedagogy assessments required for certification purposes. Except as noted below, all assessments are in the Praxis series administered by ETS. See page 9 of this document for required pedagogy assessments for classroom teaching fields.

Required Subject Area Assessments

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Agriculture *Grades 9-12*	5701	**Agriculture**	147
Art *Grades PK-12* *Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.*	5134	**Art: Content Knowledge**	158
Art *Grades PK-12* *Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.*	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 *Candidates for Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.*	5412	**Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision**	146
Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director *Candidates for Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.*	6990	**School Leaders Licensure Assessment**	151
Chemistry *Grades 9-12*	5246	**Chemistry**	146
Chinese *Grades PK-12* *Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5665	**Chinese (Mandarin): World Language**	164

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Chinese *Grades PK-12* *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 *Grades 9-12*	5652	**Computer Science**	149
Dance *Grades PK-12*		**No assessment available**	
Early Childhood *Grades PK-3* *Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5534, 5024, or 5025.*	5534	**Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content** *Available beginning 9/1/2025*	163
Early Childhood *Grades PK-3* *Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5024 or 5025.*	5024	**Education of Young Children** *To be discontinued after 8/31/2026*	160
Early Childhood *Grades PK-3* *Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5534, 5024, or 5025.*	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* *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

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Elementary Education *Grades 2-6* *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 *Grades 9-12* *Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.*	5039	**English Language Arts: Content and Analysis**	168
English *Grades 9-12* *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) *Grades PK-12*	5362	**English to Speakers of Other Languages**	155
Family and Consumer Science *Grades 9-12*	5123	**Family and Consumer Sciences**	151
French *Grades PK-12* *Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5174	**French: World Language**	162
French *Grades PK-12* *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 *Grades 9-12*	5921	**Geography**	149
German *Grades PK-12* *Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5183	**German: World Language**	163

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German *Grades PK-12* *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 *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*	5053	**Technology and Engineering Education**	157
Italian *Grades PK-12*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Japanese *Grades PK-12*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Latin *Grades PK-12*		**No assessment available**	
Literacy Teacher Endorsement (Read to Succeed) *In-service teachers may use Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890 to add the R2S Literacy Teacher endorsement.*	5205	**Teaching Reading Elementary**	159
Literacy Teacher Endorsement (Read to Succeed) *In-service teachers may use Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890 to add the R2S Literacy Teacher endorsement.*	890	**Pearson Foundations of Reading**	240
Literacy Teacher *Grades PK-12*	5206	**Teaching Reading: K–12**	156

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Literacy Coach *Grades PK-12*	5206	**Teaching Reading: K–12**	156
Literacy Specialist *Grades PK-12*	5302	**Reading Specialist**	165
Mathematics *Grades 9-12*	5165	**Mathematics: Content Knowledge**	159
Middle Level Language Arts *Grades 5-8*	5047	**Middle School English Language Arts**	164
Middle Level Mathematics *Grades 5-8*	5164	**Middle School Mathematics**	157
Middle Level Science *Grades 5-8*	5442	**Middle School Science**	152
Middle Level Social Studies *Grades 5-8* *Candidates for certification in Middle Level Social Studies may take either Praxis 5589 or 5089.*	5589	**Middle School Social Studies** *Available beginning 9/1/2025*	149
Middle Level Social Studies *Grades 5-8* *Candidates for certification in Middle Level Social Studies may take either Praxis 5589 or 5089.*	*5089*	**Middle School Social Studies** *To be discontinued after 8/31/2026*	155
Montessori Education		Test requirements based upon eligibility. Please review the Montessori Education webpage for additional information.	
Music Education – All Areas *Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.*	5113	**Music: Content Knowledge**	161
Music Education – All Areas *Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.*	5114	**Music: Content and Instruction**	162
Physical Education *Grades PK-12*	5095	**Physical Education: Content and Design**	169
Physical Education *Grades PK-12*	5091	**Physical Education: Content Knowledge** *Available beginning 7/1/2026*	152
Physics *Grades 9-12*	5266	**Physics**	145

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Portuguese *Grades PK-12*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Psychology *Grades 9-12*	5391	**Psychology**	154
Russian *Grades PK-12*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Advanced Low Advanced Low
School Counselor	5422	**School Counselor**	159
School Librarian	5312	**School Librarian**	154
School Principal, Tier 1 *Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.*	5412	**Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision**	146
School Principal, Tier 1 *Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.*	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*	5581	**Social Studies**	153
Sociology *Grades 9-12*	5952	**Sociology**	154
Spanish *Grades PK-12 Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5195	**Spanish: World Language**	168
Spanish *Grades PK-12 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: 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 *Grades PK-12* ***two tests required***	**Test 1** 5355 ***and*** **Test 2** 5372	**Test 1** **5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge** ***and*** **Test 2** **5372 Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances**	145 154
Special Education: Hearing Impairments *Grades PK-12*	5272	**Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students**	160
Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities *Grades PK-12* ***two tests required***	**Test 1** 5355 ***and*** **Test 2** 5322	**Test 1** **5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge** ***and*** **Test 2** **5322 Special Education: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities**	145 156
Special Education: Learning Disabilities *Grades PK-12* ***two tests required***	**Test 1** 5355 ***and*** **Test 2** 5383	**Test 1** **5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge** ***and*** **Test 2** **5383 Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities**	145 151
Special Education: Multi-categorical *Grades PK-12*	5355	**Special Education Foundational Knowledge**	145

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Special Education: Severe Disabilities *Grades PK-12*	5547	**Special Education Severe to Profound**	156
Special Education: Visual Impairments *Grades PK-12*	5282	**Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments**	163
Speech-Language Pathologist *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.*	5331	**Speech-Language Pathology**	162
Superintendent	6991	**School Superintendent Assessment**	162
Theater *Grades PK-12*	5641	**Theatre**	157

Required Pedagogy Assessments for Teacher Certification

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)
Most candidates seeking initial teacher certification in South Carolina will use the Praxis PLT to demonstrate knowledge of pedagogy. If an educator preparation program requires PPAT or edTPA as part of the student teaching experience, a candidate may use that performance assessment to meet the requirement of a pedagogy exam.

Note: The PLT must align with the grade span of the intended certification field as indicated below. Educators seeking certification in the PK–12 fields of Art, Music, Theater, Dance, Health, Physical Education, ESOL, World Languages, or Special Education must select the PLT for PK–12.

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

Other Approved Pedagogy Assessments: Praxis PPAT and edTPA
Effective January 1, 2018, the State Board 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