

South Carolina's Required Examinations 2015 - 2016

S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-26-30 authorizes the South Carolina State Board of Education to adopt nationally recognized educator certification examinations and set passing scores for each examination. The SBE has approved the Praxis II series of content and pedagogy examinations developed and administered by Educational Testing Service (ETS) for use in South Carolina. **Note:** All Praxis exams are computer-based. Paper-based exams are available only for test-takers needing ADA accommodations. See the ETS website at www.ets.org for additional information.

Candidates seeking certification in Japanese or Russian must take the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) ® and the Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) offered by Language Testing International, <http://www.language-testing.com>.

Please note: When registering for Praxis II tests through the Educational Testing Service (ETS), **please provide your complete nine-digit Social Security number** in order for your scores to be reported to the South Carolina Department of Education. Scores are reported electronically and matched to our database file using your Social Security number. If a Social Security number is not listed on your score report, processing of your license will be delayed and you may be required to request another official score report from ETS at an additional cost.

Praxis II: Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)

The Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam is required to receive initial certification except for PACE, ABCTE, and Teach for America applicants who must meet the PLT requirement during their alternative certification process. Out-of-state applicants holding a current, standard credential can be certified at the initial level and meet the PLT requirement during the initial three-year certification period.

Area of Certification	Required Examination Number	Required Examination Name	Required Score
All Early Childhood Certificates	5621	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood	157
All Elementary Certificates	5622	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6	160
All Middle Level Certificates	5623	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5-9	160
All Secondary Certificates	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12	157
All K-12 Certificates	See Above	Select one of the four tests listed above.	See above scores.

**Praxis II: Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Tests
Language Testing International Exams**

Area of Certification	Required Examination Number	Required Specialty Examination Name	Required Score
Adjunct Instructor		Test requirements based content area eligibility. See the Certification Manual at www.ed.sc.gov for more information.	
Administration to include: Elementary Principal Tier I, II, Secondary Principal Tier I, II, Vocational Center Director and Superintendent.	5411	Education Leadership: Administration and Supervision	145
Agriculture	5701	Agriculture	147
Fine Arts-Art, Art Education	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology	5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	148
Business and Marketing Technology	5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
Chemistry	5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152
Chinese	5665	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164
Dance		No exam available *	No Score

Area of Certification	Required Examination Number	Required Specialty Examination Name	Required Score
Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing	5272	Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	160
Early Childhood Education	5024	The Education of Young Children	160
Early Childhood Special Education	5691	Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood	159
Economics	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153
Education of Blind and Visually Impaired	5282	Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
Elementary Education <i>(For 2014-15 and 2015-16, candidates may choose either 5019 or 5001. If opting for 5001, candidates must have a successful score on each subtest. Effective 9/1/14, applicants may register for 5001 and take all four subtests at one administration or may register for individual subtests.)</i>	5019 OR	Elementary Education: Instructional Practices and Applications OR	155
	5001 (Includes the four numbered content area subtests)	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Test 5002 - Reading and Language Arts Subtest 5003 - Mathematics Subtest 5004 - Social Studies Subtest 5005 - Science Subtest	157 157 155 159
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 AND 154
English	5039	English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	168
English for Speakers of Other Languages	5361	English to Speakers of Other Languages	144
Family and Consumer Science	5122	Family and Consumer Sciences	153
French	5174	French: World Language	162
German	5183	German: World Language	163
Geography	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153
Government	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153
Guidance (Elementary and Secondary)	5421	Professional School Counselor	156
Health	5551	Health Education	164
History	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153
Industrial Technology Education	5051	Technology Education	159
Intellectual Disabilities (Two Tests Required)	5354 AND 5322	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications AND Special Education: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities	151 AND 143
Japanese	OPI OR OPIc AND WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) OR ACTFL OPI - computer (OPIc) AND ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT).	Advanced Low
Latin		No exam available *	No Score
Learning Disabilities (Two Tests Required)	5354 AND 5383	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications AND Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities	151 AND 151
Literacy Teacher Literacy Coach Literacy Specialist	5204	Teaching Reading	159
Mathematics	5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
Media Specialist/Library Science	5311	Library Media Specialist	151

Area of Certification	Required Examination Number	Required Specialty Examination Name	Required Score
Middle Level Language Arts	5047 OR 5039	Middle School Language Arts OR English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	164 OR 168
Middle Level Mathematics	5169 OR 5161	Middle School Mathematics OR Mathematics: Content Knowledge	165 OR 160
Middle Level Science	5440 OR 5435	Middle School Science OR General Science: Content Knowledge	150 OR 150
Middle Level Social Studies	5089 OR 5086	Middle School Social Studies OR Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	155 OR 153
Montessori		Test requirements based upon eligibility. See Certification Manual on the Web site at www.ed.sc.gov for more information.	
Multicategorical Special Education	5543	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild-to-Moderate Applications	158
Fine Arts-Music Music Education-Choral Music Education-Instrumental Music Education-Piano Music Education-Voice Music Education-Violin	5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162
Online Teaching		Test requirements based upon eligibility. See Certification Manual on the Web site at www.ed.sc.gov for more information.	
Physical Education	5095	Physical Education: Content and Design	169
Physics	5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	130
Psychology	5391	Psychology	154
School Psychologist	5402	School Psychologist	147
Science	5435	General Science: Content Knowledge	150
Severe Disabilities	5545	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications	158
Social Studies	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153
Sociology	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153
Spanish	5195	Spanish: World Language	168
Speech Language Therapist	5331	Speech-Language Pathology	162
Russian	OPI OR OPIc AND WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) OR OPI-computer (OPIc) AND ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT).	Advanced Low
Theatre	5641	Theatre	157

* NO EXAM AVAILABLE. An initial certificate will be issued to individuals who seek certification in a subject for which no teaching area examination exists provided they meet all requirements for certification in effect on the date the Office of Educator Services receives all required documentation for certification.