

South Carolina's Required Examinations

Praxis II: Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)

The Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) is required to receive initial certification except for PACE and ABCTE 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	Score
All Early Childhood and Elementary Certificates	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (0522)	165
All Middle Level Certificates	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5-9 (0523)	165
All Secondary Certificates	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0524)	165
All K-12 Certificates	Select one of the three tests listed above. (0522, 0523, or 0524)	165

Praxis II: Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Tests

Area of Certification	Required Specialty Examination	Score
Administration to include: Elementary Principal, Elementary Supervisor, Secondary Principal, Secondary Supervisor, Administrator, Vocational Center Director and Superintendent.	Education Leadership: Administration and Supervision (0410)	590
Agriculture	No exam available *	No Score
Advanced Fine Arts-Art, Art Education	Art: Art Making (0131)	155
	and Art: Content Knowledge (0133)	149
Biology	Biology and General Science (0030)	570
Business and Marketing Technology	Business Education (0100)	540
Chemistry	Chemistry, Physics and General Science (0070)	540
Dance	No exam available *	No Score
Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (0271)	161
Early Childhood Education	The Education of Young Children (0021)	158
Economics	Social Studies: Content (0081)	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)	160
Educable Mentally Disabled (This area is discontinued except for in-state graduates finishing an approved program.)	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353)	150
	and Special Education: Teaching Students with Mental Retardation (0321)	143
Elementary Education	Elementary Ed: Content Area Exercises (0012)	145
	and Elementary Ed: Curriculum Instruction and Assessment (0011)	164
Emotional Disabilities	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353)	150
	And Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavior Disorders (0371)	153
English	English Lang. Lit, & Comp: Content Knowledge (0041)	162
	and English Lang. Lit & Comp: Essays (0042)	150
English for Speakers of Other Languages	English to Speakers of Other Languages (0360)	540
Family and Consumer Science	Family and Consumer Sciences (0120)	540
French	French: Content Knowledge (0173)	160
	and French: Productive Language Skills (0171)	166
German	German: Content Knowledge (0181)	151
	and German: Productive Language Skills (0182)	181
Generic Special Education (This area is discontinued except for in-state graduates finishing an approved program.)	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353)	150
Geography	Social Studies: Content (0081)	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)	160
Government	Social Studies: Content (0081)	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)	160
Guidance (Elementary and Secondary)	School Guidance and Counseling (0420)	550
Health	Health Education (0550)	680

History	Social Studies: Content (0081) and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)	158 160
Industrial Technology Education	Technology Education (0050)	570
Japanese	No exam available *	No Score
Latin	No exam available *	No Score
Learning Disabilities	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353) and Education of Exceptional Students: Learning Disabilities (0382)	150 158
Mathematics	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061) and Mathematics: Proofs, Models and Problems, Part 1 (0063)	131 137
Media Specialist/Library Science	Library Media Specialist (0310)	620
Mental Disabilities	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353) And Special Education : Teaching Students with Mental Retardation (0321)	150 143
Middle Level Language Arts	Middle Level Language Arts (0049) or both of the following tests English Lang. Lit, & Comp: Content Knowledge (0041) and English Lang. Lit & Comp: Essays (0042)	155 162 150
Middle Level Mathematics	Middle Level Mathematics (0069) or both of the following tests Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061) and Mathematics: Proofs, Models and Problems, Part 1 (0063)	149 131 137
Middle Level Science	Middle Level Science (0439) or Biology and General Science (0030) or Chemistry, Physics and General Science (0070)	145 570 540
Middle Level Social Studies	Middle Level Social Studies (0089) or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)	150 158 160
Multicategorical Special Education	Education of Exceptional Students: Mild to Moderate Disabilities (0542) and Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353)	165 150
Advanced Fine Arts-Music Music Education-Choral Music Education-Instrumental Music Education-Piano Music Education-Voice Music Education-Violin	Music: Content Knowledge (0113) and Music: Concepts and Processes (0111)	151 145
Orthopedically Impaired (This area is discontinued except for in-state graduates finishing an approved program.)	Teaching Students with Orthopedic Impairments (0290)	630
Physical Education	Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0091) and Physical Education: Movement Forms–Video Evaluation (0093)	146 160
Physics	Chemistry, Physics and General Science (0070)	540
Psychology	Psychology (0390)	720
Reading: Reading Teaching Reading Consultant Reading Coordinator or Director Reading Clinician	Introduction to the Teaching of Reading (0200)	560
School Psychologist	School Psychology (0400)	660
Science	Biology and General Science (0030) or Chemistry, Physics and General Science (0070)	570 540
Severe Disabilities	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353) and Severe to Profound Disabilities (0544)	150 148
Social Studies	Social Studies: Content (0081) and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)	158 160
Sociology	Social Studies: Content (0081) and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)	158 160

Spanish	Spanish: Content Knowledge (0191)	148
	and Spanish: Productive Language skills (0192)	161
Speech Language Therapist	Speech-Language Pathology (0330)	530
Russian	No exam available *	No Score
Theatre (May and August 2008 graduates of in-state approved programs who apply by November 1, 2008 will not be required to take this exam. Educators with add-on worksheets requested by July 1, 2008 will have until July 1, 2009 to complete course requirements without the exam.)	Theatre (0640) <i>(Required Beginning July 1, 2008)</i>	590
Trainable Mentally Disabled (This area is discontinued except for in-state graduates finishing an approved program.)	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353)	150
	And Special Education: Teaching Students with Mental Retardation (0321)	143
Visual Impairment	Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (0280)	690

* 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 Certification receives all required documentation for certification.

NOTE: All Praxis II examinations have a five digit examination code. The code numbers presented above are preceded by one digit, either a 1, 2, or 3, this digit indicates the session number. Since the session number may change periodically we have not listed them in the above chart. The remaining four digits of the area exam should not change unless the Educational Testing Service (ETS) changes their codes. The Office of Educator Certification will make every effort to ensure that all examination codes are accurate.

When registering for Praxis II tests through the Educational Testing Service (ETS), please provide your 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 certificate will be delayed and you may be required to request another official score report from ETS at an additional cost.