

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Professional Assessments For Tennessee Educators

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State law¹ and Board rules² require individuals applying for initial teacher licensure in Tennessee to submit passing scores on a test that measures professional knowledge and is correlated to Tennessee’s Professional Education Standards. This requirement does not apply to school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, or speech/language teachers.

The examinations and corresponding required scores on the Praxis Series are as follows:

Tests allowed for enrollment of teacher candidates in educator preparation programs (Effective TBD):

Educator preparation program admission requirements allow the following exams.

Praxis Test Code/Title*	Test Code	Passing Score
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	5712	156
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	5722	162
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics	5732	150

Tests required for all licensure candidates (Effective TBD):

Every initial license applicant is required to take one of the PLT exams*****

Praxis Test Code/Title*	Test Code	Passing Score
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Early Childhood	0621	155
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) K-6	0622	158
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) 5-9	0623	158
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) 7-12	0624	155

SPECIALTY AREA TESTS

Applicants for licensure in Tennessee must also submit passing scores on the content specialty area test(s) for all endorsements to be listed on the licenses.

		Endorsement Area	Test Code		Test Title	Passing Score
**	999	Instructional Leader – Beginning	6011	#	School Leader Licensure Assessment	160
	999	Agriculture Education 6-12	0700		Agriculture	530
	999	Visual Arts K-12	0135		Art: Content and Analysis	157
***	999	Biology 6-12	0235	#	Biology: Content Knowledge	148
	999	Business Education 6-12	0101	#	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
***	999	Chemistry 6-12	0245	#	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152

¹ T.C.A. §§ 49-1-302 and 49-5-5605

² 0520-02-04-.05 The Praxis Series: Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators

	999	Chinese (Mandarin)	5665	#	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164
	999	Early Child Ed PreK-3	0021 0014 5203	# # #	Education of Young Children Elementary Education: Content Knowledge Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	155 140 162
	999	Early Dev. & Learning PreK-K (Dual Endorsement)	0021 0014 0691	# #	Education of Young Children Elementary Education: Content Knowledge Spec. Educ.: Preschool/ECE	155 140 159
***	999	Earth Science 6-12	0571	#	Earth & Space Science: Cont. Knowledge	146
	999	Economics 6-12	0911		Economics	150
	999	Elementary Education K-5	0011 5203 0014	# # #	Elementary Educ.: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Teaching Reading: Elementary Education Elementary Educ.: Content Knowledge	159 162 140
	N/A	N/A	5047		Middle School English Language Arts	164
	999	English 6-12	5038	#	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
	999	English as a Second Language PreK-12	0361		English to Speakers of Other Languages	143
	999	Family & Consumer Sciences 6-12	0121	#	Family & Consumer Sciences	157
	999	French 6-12, or French PreK-12	5174	#	French: World Language (Computer delivered)	156
	999	Geography 6-12	0921		Geography	149
	999	German 6-12, or German PreK-12	5183	#	German: World Language (Computer delivered)	157
	999	Gifted PreK-12	0357		Gifted Education	146
	999	Government 6-12	0931	#	Government/Political Science	149
	999	Health & Wellness K-12	0550	#	Health Education	570
	999	History 6-12	5941	#	World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge	136
	999	Latin 6-12, or Latin PreK-12	0601		Latin	141
	999	Library Information Specialist PreK12	0311	#	Library Media Specialist	146
	999	Marketing Education 6-12	0561		Marketing Education	160
	999	Mathematics 6-12	5161	#	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
	999	Middle Grades Education 4-8	0146 5203	# #	Middle Grades: Content Knowledge Teaching Reading: Elementary	150 162
	999	Middle Grades Math 6-8	5169 5203	# #	Middle School: Content Knowledge Teaching Reading: Elementary	165 162
	999	Middle Grades Science 6-8	0439 5203	# #	Middle Grades Science Teaching Reading: Elementary	135 162
	999	Music (Vocal/Gen.) K-12, or Music (Instrumental/Gen) K-12	0114		Music: Content and Instruction	162
	999	Physical Education K-12	0095	#	P.E.: Content and Design	164
***	999	Physics 6-12	0265	#	Physics: Content Knowledge	144
	999	Psychology 9-12	0391 5391		Psychology	154
**	999	Reading Specialist PreK-12	5301	#	Reading Specialist	164
*	999	School Counselor PreK-12	0421	#	Professional School Counselor	156
*	999	School Psychologist PreK-12	0401		School Psychologist	154
	999	Sociology 9-12	0950		Sociology	540
****	999	Spanish 6-12, or Spanish PreK-12	5195	#	Spanish: World Language	163
****	999	SPED-Comprehensive K-12	0545 5203	# #	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Severe to Profound Applications Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	153 162
****	999	SPED-Preschool ECE PreK-3	0354 0691 5203	# # #	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications Spec. Educ.: Preschool/Early Childhood Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	145 159 162
****	999	SPED- Hearing PreK-12	0354 0272 5203	# # #	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications Ed. Of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	145 160 162

****	999	Interventionist K-5 Interventionist 6-12 SPED-Modified K-12	0543 5203	# #	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	153 162
*	999	SPED-Spch/ Lang Pathologist PreK-12	0330	#	Speech/Language Pathology	600
****	999	SPED-Vision PreK-12	0354 0282 5203	# #	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications Spec. Educ.: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	145 163 162
	999	Speech Communication 6-12	0221		Speech Communications	144
	999	Technology Engineering Education 6-12	0051		Technology Education	156
	999	Theatre K-12	0641		Theatre	159

Footnotes to previous listings:

Note: Computer-Delivered Tests (either currently available as computer-delivered OR will be available as computer-delivered during 2011-2012 academic year).

* Note: Candidates seeking licensure in early childhood education PreK-3 or preschool/early childhood special education PreK-3, are encouraged to take the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Early Childhood or PLT K-6. Candidates seeking licensure in elementary education K-5 are encouraged to take PLT K-5. Candidates seeking licensure in one of the middle grades endorsement areas 6-8 are encouraged to take PLT 5-9. Candidates seeking licensure in secondary education areas are encouraged to take PLT 7-12. Candidates seeking licensure in K-12, or PreK-12 areas may choose from PLT Early Childhood, PLT K-6, PLT 5-9, or PLT 7-12.

Candidates for licensure as School Counselor, School Psychologist, and Speech/Language Pathologist are required to take only the content knowledge exam for the endorsement (no PLT is required for these endorsements).

**** Note: Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications is required for the following special education areas: hearing, vision, and preschool/early childhood. Teaching Reading: Elementary Education, is required for the following special education areas: interventionist, comprehensive, hearing, vision and preschool/early childhood.

***** Note: Those candidates for practitioner licensure may complete a performance assessment that 1) is aligned to the Tennessee Professional Education Licensure Standards, and 2) has documented reliability and validity, in order to satisfy the professional education assessment requirements required by statute and SBE rule.

**** Note: The Department will continue accepting endorsement applications under the existing structure for candidates who are enrolled in preparation programs aligned with the current licensing structure. In particular, we will continue to issue existing endorsements for candidates for the middle grades (0416, passing score = 150) and modified special education endorsements while preparation programs align programs to new requirements and timelines proposed in revised licensure standards.