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PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENTS FOR TENNESSEE EDUCATORS

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I. General Assessment Requirements

- (a) Individuals seeking educator licensure in Tennessee shall submit, as applicable, qualifying scores on required assessments to demonstrate applicable pedagogical and specialty content area knowledge and skills. Assessment timelines and expectations for submitting qualifying scores are outlined in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
- (b) All qualifying scores on required assessments shall be no more than five (5) years old.

II. Pedagogical Assessments

- (a) Individuals seeking initial educator licensure in Tennessee shall submit qualifying scores on the edTPA or Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) assessment, both of which measure pedagogical knowledge and are aligned to Tennessee’s professional education standards.
- (b) Pedagogical assessment timelines and expectations for submitting qualifying scores are detailed in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
 - 1. Individuals applying for an initial teacher license shall submit qualifying scores on the applicable edTPA assessment:

edTPA						
Endorsement Area	Endorsement Code	edTPA Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score		
				January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019	January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020	January 1, 2021 and thereafter
Agriscience 6-12	151	Agricultural Education	100	38	40	42
American Sign Language 6-12	172	World Language	020	33	35	36
American Sign Language pre-K–12	171	World Language	020	33	35	36
Arabic 6-12	160	World Language	020	33	35	36

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Arabic pre-K–12	478	World Language	020	33	35	36
Biology 6-12	126	Secondary Science	006	38	40	42
Business 6-12	152	Business Education	102	38	40	42
Chemistry 6-12	127	Secondary Science	006	38	40	42
Chinese 6-12	161	World Language	020	33	35	36
Chinese pre-K–12	479	World Language	020	33	35	36
Computer Science K–12	173	Educational Technology Specialist	108	38	40	42
Cons/Homemaking 5-12	450	Family and Consumer Sciences	117	38	40	42
Dance K–12	445	K–12 Performing Arts	021	38	40	42
Early Childhood Education pre-K—3	467	Early Childhood	014	38	40	42
Early Development and Learning pre-K–12	468	Early Childhood	014	38	40	42
Earth Science 6-12	128	Secondary Science	006	38	40	42
Economics 6-12	130	Secondary History/Social Studies	004	38	40	42
Elementary Education K-5	120	Elementary Education Literacy with Mathematics	110	46	48	50
		Elementary Education Mathematics w/ Literacy	111	46	48	50
		Elementary Literacy	001	38	40	42
		Elementary Mathematics	002	38	40	42

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English 6-12	159	Secondary English – Language Arts	003	38	40	42
English/Language Arts 6-8	121	Middle Childhood English – Language Arts	018	38	40	42
English as a Second Language pre-K–12	490	English as an Additional Language	115	38	40	42
Family and Consumer Sciences 6-12	154	Family and Consumer Sciences	117	38	40	42
French 6-12	163	World Language	020	33	35	36
French pre-K–12	491	World Language	020	33	35	36
Geography 6-12	131	Secondary History/Social Studies	004	38	40	42
German 6-12	164	World Language	020	33	35	36
German pre-K–12	492	World Language	020	33	35	36
Government 6-12	132	Secondary History/Social Studies	004	38	40	42
Greek 6-12	165	Classical Languages	104	33	35	36
Greek pre-K–12	484	Classical Languages	104	33	35	36
Health and Wellness K–12	419	Health Education	119	38	40	42
History 6-12	133	Secondary History/Social Studies	004	38	40	42
Instrumental/General Music K–12	429	K–12 Performing Arts	021	38	40	42
Japanese 6-12	166	World Language	020	33	35	36
Japanese pre-K–12	485	World Language	020	33	35	36

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Latin 6-12	167	Classical Languages	104	33	35	36
Latin pre-K–12	493	Classical Languages	104	33	35	36
Library Information Specialist pre-K–12	473	Library Specialist	127	38	40	42
Marketing Edu 6-12	158	Business Education	102	38	40	42
Mathematics 6-12	125	Secondary Mathematics	005	38	40	42
Mathematics 6-8	122	Middle Childhood Mathematics	016	38	40	42
Other World Language 6-12	170	World Language	020	33	35	36
Other World Language pre-K–12	496	World Language	020	33	35	36
Physical Education K-12	420	K–12 Physical Education	011	38	40	42
Physics 6-12	129	Secondary Science	006	38	40	42
Psychology 9-12	426	Secondary History/Social Studies	004	38	40	42
Russian 6-12	168	World Language	020	33	35	36
Russian pre-K–12	494	World Language	020	33	35	36
Science 6-8	123	Middle Childhood Science	017	38	40	42
Social Studies 6-8	124	Middle Childhood History/Social Studies	019	38	40	42
Sociology 9-12	425	Secondary History/Social Studies	004	38	40	42
Spanish 6-12	169	World Language	020	33	35	36
Spanish pre-K–12	495	World Language	020	33	35	36
Special Education Comprehensive K–12	461	Special Education	012	38	40	42

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Special Education Hearing pre-K–12	463	Special Education	012	38	40	42
Special Education Interventionist 6-12	145	Special Education	012	38	40	42
Special Education Interventionist K-8	144	Special Education	012	38	40	42
Special Education pre-K/Early Childhood pre-K—3	459	Special Education	012	38	40	42
Special Education Vision pre-K–12	162	Special Education	012	38	40	42
Theatre K–12	405	K–12 Performing Arts	021	38	40	42
Visual Arts K–12	427	Visual Arts	015	38	40	42
Vocal/Gen Music K–12	428	K–12 Performing Arts	021	38	40	42

2. Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) may request that a candidate participate in an alternate edTPA if the clinical practice placement is more closely aligned with another edTPA.
3. For individuals applying for an initial teacher license in an endorsement area that does not have an applicable edTPA assessment, submission of a qualifying score on the appropriate Principles of Learning and Teaching assessment is required.

Principles of Learning and Teaching		
Assessment Title	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Early Childhood	5621	157
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades K-6	5622	160
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 5-9	5623	160
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12	5624	157

- (c) Individuals seeking renewal of an initial practitioner occupational license issued on or after July 1, 2018, or seeking advancement of an initial practitioner occupational license issued on or after July 1, 2018, to the professional occupational license shall submit qualifying scores on the PLT: Grades 7-12.
- (d) Individuals seeking an initial Tennessee teacher license through an out-of-state pathway, who do not currently hold a professional-level teacher license in a state other than

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Tennessee, shall submit qualifying scores on the appropriate PLT or the edTPA. Individuals seeking a Tennessee teacher license through an out-of-state pathway who currently hold a professional-level teacher license in a state other than Tennessee are not required to submit qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment.

- (e) The submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment is not required for individuals seeking a school services personnel license.
- (f) Individuals enrolled in specialty area programs leading to more than one (1) endorsement shall only be required to submit qualifying scores on one (1) edTPA.

III. Specialty Area Content Assessment

- (a) Individuals seeking educator licensure in Tennessee shall demonstrate specialty area content knowledge for all endorsements sought.
- (b) Individuals seeking licensure and/or endorsement shall submit qualifying scores on all appropriate specialty area content knowledge assessments, as identified below.

Praxis Series			
Endorsement Area ¹	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Instructional Leader License	6011	School Leader Licensure Assessment ²	160
	6990	School Leader Licensure Assessment ³	151
American Sign Language pre-K–12/6-12	0634	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLP) ⁴ ; or Sign Language Proficiency Interview	ASLP 3+ ⁵ Advanced or higher
Agriculture Education 6-12	5701	Agriculture	147
Visual Arts K-12	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology 6-12	5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	148
Business Education 6-12	5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
Chemistry 6-12	5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152
Chinese (Mandarin) 6-12/pre-K–12	5665	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164
Computer Science K–12	5652	Computer Science	149
Early Child Education pre-K-3	5024	Education of Young Children	160
	5018	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge ⁶	163
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
	5025	Early Childhood Education	156
Early Dev. & Learning pre-K–K (Dual Endorsement)	5024	Education of Young Children	160
	5018	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge ⁶	163
	5691	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/ECE	159
	5025	Early Childhood Education	156

¹ For individuals who are eligible for a 9-12 endorsement based on Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-5-112, the required assessment is the same assessment required for the 6-12 endorsement in the equivalent content area.

² Candidates seeking this endorsement may take the School Leader Licensure Assessment (6011) through August 31, 2019.

³ The School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990) will be accepted beginning October 19, 2018.

⁴ American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLP) is delivered and evaluated by ASL Diagnostic and Evaluation Services of Gallaudet University.

⁵ ETS scale score 170.

⁶ Candidates seeking this endorsement may take the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge Assessment through August 31, 2020.

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EarthScience 6-12	5571	Earth & Space Science: Cont. Knowledge	150
Economics 6-12	5911	Economics	150
Educational Interpreter	N/A	Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment - Performance Assessment	3.5
		Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment - Written Assessment	Pass
Elementary Education K-5	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
	5018	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge ⁷	163
	5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	
	5003	Mathematics Subtest	157
	5002	Reading and Language Arts Subtest	157
	5005	Science Subtest	159
	5004	Social Studies Subtest	155
English 6-12	5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
English as a Second Language pre-K-12	5362	English to Speakers of Other Languages	155
Family & Consumer Sciences 6-12	5122	Family & Consumer Sciences	153
French 6-12, or French pre-K-12	5174	French: World Language	160
Geography 6-12	5921	Geography	149
German 6-12, or German pre-K-12	5183	German: World Language (Computer delivered)	163
Gifted pre-K-12	5358	Gifted Education	157
Government 6-12	5931	Government/Political Science	149
Health & Wellness K-12	5551	Health Education	144
History 6-12	5941	World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge	157
Latin 6-12, or Latin pre-K-12	5601	Latin	148
Library Information Specialist pre-K-12	5311	Library Media Specialist	146
Marketing Education 6-12	5561	Marketing Education	169
Mathematics 6-12	5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
Middle Grades ELA 6-8	5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8	5169	Middle School Mathematics ⁸	165
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Middle Grades Science 6-8	5440	Middle School Science	150
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Middle Grades Social Studies 6-8	5089	Middle School Social Studies	146
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary	162
Music (Vocal/Gen.) K-12, or Music (Instrumental/Gen.) K-12	5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162
Physical Education K-12	5095	P.E.: Content and Design	169
Physics 6-12	5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	144
Psychology 9-12	5391	Psychology	154
Reading Specialist pre-K-12	5301	Reading Specialist	164
School Counselor pre-K-12	5421	Professional School Counselor	156
School Psychologist pre-K-12	5402	School Psychologist	147
Sociology 9-12	5952	Sociology	154
Spanish 6-12, or Spanish pre-K-12	5195	Spanish: World Language	163
SPED-Comprehensive K-12	5545	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Severe to Profound Applications	158
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
SPED-Preschool ECE pre-K-3	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5691	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/Early Childhood	159

⁷ Candidates seeking this endorsement may take the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge Assessment through August 31, 2019.

⁸ Candidates seeking this endorsement may take the Middle School Mathematics Assessment through August 31, 2019.

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	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	
SPED- Hearing pre-K-12	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5272	Ed. Of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students	160
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
Interventionist K-8 Interventionist 6-12	5543	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications	158
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
SPED-Spch/Lang Pathologist pre-K-12	5331	Speech/Language Pathology	162
SPED-Vision pre-K-12	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5282	Spec. Educ.: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
	5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	162
Speech Communication 6-12	5221	Speech Communications	144
Technology Engineering Education 6-12	5051	Technology Education	156
Theatre K-12	5641	Theatre	159

- (c) Specialty area content knowledge assessment timelines and expectations are outlined in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
- (d) Individuals seeking the license for postsecondary educators shall submit qualifying scores on the assessment required for the 6-12 endorsement in the equivalent specialty content area.
- (e) Individuals seeking an endorsement in Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8 or Secondary Mathematics 6-12 shall submit qualifying scores on either the appropriate Praxis Series Mathematics assessment or the appropriate National Evaluation Series Mathematics assessment.

National Evaluation Series			
Endorsement Area	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8	105	Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary) ⁹	220
Secondary Mathematics 6-12	304	Mathematics	220

- (f) For individuals seeking an endorsement in World Languages for which there is not an applicable Praxis Series assessment, submission of a qualifying score on the appropriate Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment, administered by the Tennessee Language Center, is required. Based on candidate documented proficiency, English assessments may not be required.

⁹ Individuals seeking the middle grades mathematics endorsement shall also submit qualifying scores on the required Praxis Series Teaching Reading: Elementary Education assessment (5203).

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Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment¹⁰		
Endorsement Area	Alta Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Arabic 6-12 or Arabic pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Arabic and English, and Written Assessment in Arabic and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Greek 6-12 or Greek pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Greek and English, and Written Assessment in Greek and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Japanese 6-12 or Japanese pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Japanese and English, and Written Assessment in Japanese and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Russian 6-12 or Russian pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Russian and English, and Written Assessment in Russian and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.
Other World Languages 6-12 or Other World Languages pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in the applicable language.	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no score below 7 on either test.

¹⁰ The Alta Language Services assessments, administered by the Tennessee Language Center, are accepted beginning October 19, 2018, and will be required beginning August 31, 2019.