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PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENTS FOR TENNESSEE EDUCATORS

5.105

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I. General Assessment Requirements

- (1) 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.
- (2) All qualifying scores on required assessments shall be no more than five (5) years old.

II. Pedagogical Assessments

- (1) 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.
- (2) Pedagogical assessment timelines and expectations for submitting qualifying scores are detailed in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
 - (a) 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, 2020 through December 31, 2021 | January 1, 2022 and thereafter |
| Agriscience 6-12 | 151 | Agricultural Education | 100 | 40 | 42 |
| American Sign Language 6-12 | 172 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |

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| edTPA | | | | | |
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| Endorsement Area | Endorsement Code | edTPA Title | Test Code | Qualifying Score | |
| | | | | January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 | January 1, 2022 and thereafter |
| American Sign Language pre-K–12 | 171 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Arabic 6-12 | 160 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Arabic pre-K–12 | 478 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Biology 6-12 | 126 | Secondary Science | 006 | 40 | 42 |
| Business 6-12 | 152 | Business Education | 102 | 40 | 42 |
| Chemistry 6-12 | 127 | Secondary Science | 006 | 40 | 42 |
| Chinese 6-12 | 161 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Chinese pre-K–12 | 479 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Computer Science K–12 | 173 | Educational Technology Specialist | 108 | 40 | 42 |
| Cons/Homemaking 5-12 | 450 | Family and Consumer Sciences | 117 | 40 | 42 |
| Dance K–12 | 445 | K–12 Performing Arts | 021 | 40 | 42 |
| Early Childhood Education pre-K–3 | 467 | Early Childhood | 014 | 40 | 42 |
| Early Development and Learning pre-K–12 | 468 | Early Childhood | 014 | 40 | 42 |
| Earth Science 6-12 | 128 | Secondary Science | 006 | 40 | 42 |
| Economics 6-12 | 130 | Secondary History/ Social Studies | 004 | 40 | 42 |
| Elementary Education K-5 | 120 | Elementary Education | 110 | 48 | 50 |

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| edTPA | | | | | |
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| Endorsement Area | Endorsement Code | edTPA Title | Test Code | Qualifying Score | |
| | | | | January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 | January 1, 2022 and thereafter |
| | | Literacy with Mathematics | | | |
| | | Elementary Education Mathematics w/ Literacy | 111 | 48 | 50 |
| | | Elementary Literacy | 001 | 40 | 42 |
| | | Elementary Mathematics | 002 | 40 | 42 |
| English 6-12 | 159 | Secondary English – Language Arts | 003 | 40 | 42 |
| English/Language Arts 6-8 | 121 | Middle Childhood English – Language Arts | 018 | 40 | 42 |
| English as a Second Language pre-K–12 | 490 | English as an Additional Language | 115 | 40 | 42 |
| Family and Consumer Sciences 6-12 | 154 | Family and Consumer Sciences | 117 | 40 | 42 |
| French 6-12 | 163 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| French pre-K–12 | 491 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Geography 6-12 | 131 | Secondary History/ Social Studies | 004 | 40 | 42 |
| German 6-12 | 164 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| German pre-K–12 | 492 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |

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| | | | | January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 | January 1, 2022 and thereafter |
| Government 6-12 | 132 | Secondary History/ Social Studies | 004 | 40 | 42 |
| Greek 6-12 | 165 | Classical Languages | 104 | 35 | 36 |
| Greek pre-K-12 | 484 | Classical Languages | 104 | 35 | 36 |
| Health and Wellness K-12 | 419 | Health Education | 119 | 40 | 42 |
| History 6-12 | 133 | Secondary History/ Social Studies | 004 | 40 | 42 |
| Instrumental/General Music K-12 | 429 | K-12 Performing Arts | 021 | 40 | 42 |
| Integrated Early Childhood Birth-K | 2000 | Early Childhood | 014 | 40 | 42 |
| Integrated Early Childhood pre-K-3 | 2001 | Early Childhood | 014 | 40 | 42 |
| Japanese 6-12 | 166 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Japanese pre-K-12 | 485 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Latin 6-12 | 167 | Classical Languages | 104 | 35 | 36 |
| Latin pre-K-12 | 493 | Classical Languages | 104 | 35 | 36 |
| Library Information Specialist pre-K-12 | 473 | Library Specialist | 127 | 40 | 42 |
| Marketing Edu 6-12 | 158 | Business Education | 102 | 40 | 42 |
| Mathematics 6-12 | 125 | Secondary Mathematics | 005 | 40 | 42 |
| Mathematics 6-10 | 2002 | Secondary Mathematics or Middle | 005 or 016 | 40 | 42 |

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| Endorsement Area | Endorsement Code | edTPA Title | Test Code | Qualifying Score | |
| | | | | January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 | January 1, 2022 and thereafter |
| | | Childhood Mathematics | | | |
| Mathematics 6-8 | 122 | Middle Childhood Mathematics | 016 | 40 | 42 |
| Other World Language 6-12 | 170 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Other World Language pre-K-12 | 496 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Physical Education K-12 | 420 | K-12 Physical Education | 011 | 40 | 42 |
| Physics 6-12 | 129 | Secondary Science | 006 | 40 | 42 |
| Psychology 9-12 | 426 | Secondary History/ Social Studies | 004 | 40 | 42 |
| Russian 6-12 | 168 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Russian pre-K-12 | 494 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Science 6-8 | 123 | Middle Childhood Science | 017 | 40 | 42 |
| Social Studies 6-8 | 124 | Middle Childhood History/ Social Studies | 019 | 40 | 42 |
| Sociology 9-12 | 425 | Secondary History/ Social Studies | 004 | 40 | 42 |
| Spanish 6-12 | 169 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Spanish pre-K-12 | 495 | World Language | 020 | 35 | 36 |
| Special Education Comprehensive K-12 | 461 | Special Education | 012 | 40 | 42 |

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| Endorsement Area | Endorsement Code | edTPA Title | Test Code | Qualifying Score | |
| | | | | January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 | January 1, 2022 and thereafter |
| Special Education Hearing pre-K–12 | 463 | Special Education | 012 | 40 | 42 |
| Special Education Interventionist 6-12 | 145 | Special Education | 012 | 40 | 42 |
| Special Education Interventionist K-8 | 144 | Special Education | 012 | 40 | 42 |
| Special Education pre-K/Early Childhood pre-K–3 | 459 | Special Education | 012 | 40 | 42 |
| Special Education Vision pre-K–12 | 162 | Special Education | 012 | 40 | 42 |
| Theatre K–12 | 405 | K–12 Performing Arts | 021 | 40 | 42 |
| Visual Arts K–12 | 427 | Visual Arts | 015 | 40 | 42 |
| Vocal/Gen Music K–12 | 428 | K–12 Performing Arts | 021 | 40 | 42 |

- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 | | |
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| 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 |

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- (3) 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.
- (4) 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 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.
- (5) The submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment is not required for individuals seeking a school services personnel license.
- (6) The submission of qualifying scores on a pedagogical assessment or specialty area content assessment is not required for individuals seeking an adjunct or adjunct occupational license.
- (7) 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.
- (8) To maximize flexibility during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the following individuals may submit qualifying scores on the Praxis PLT assessment appropriate for their grade band in lieu of edTPA:
 - (a) Individuals holding a one-year provisional practitioner license set to expire August 31, 2021, issued pursuant to emergency rule 0520-02-03-.15, and;
 - (b) Individuals scheduled to complete a State Board approved teacher preparation program during the 2020-21 school year who have otherwise completed all other licensure requirements for graduation.
 1. To be eligible for this flexibility, educator preparation providers recommending candidates in this group for licensure shall submit to the Department of Education verification that the individual was unable to complete the edTPA due to health-related reasons and/or significant logistical challenges.

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III. Specialty Area Content Assessment

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

| Praxis Series | | | |
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| Endorsement Area ¹ | Test Code | Assessment Title | Qualifying Score |
| Instructional Leader License | 6990 | School Leader Licensure Assessment | 151 |
| American Sign Language pre-K–12/6-12 | 0634 | American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLP) ² ; or Sign Language Proficiency Interview | ASLPI 3+ ³ 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 |
| | 5025 | Early Childhood Education | 156 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| Early Dev. & Learning pre-K–K (Dual Endorsement) | 5024 | Education of Young Children | 160 |
| | 5691 | Spec. Educ.: Preschool/ECE | 159 |
| | 5025 | Early Childhood Education | 156 |
| Earth Science 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 | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| | 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 | 160 |

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

² American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) is delivered and evaluated by ASL Diagnostic and Evaluation Services of Gallaudet University.

³ ETS scale score 170.

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| Endorsement Area ¹ | Test Code | Assessment Title | Qualifying Score |
| Geography 6-12 | 5921 | Geography | 149 |
| German 6-12, or German pre-K-12 | 5183 | German: World Language | 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 |
| Integrated Early Childhood Birth-K | 5023 | Interdisciplinary Early Childhood | 166 |
| Integrated Early Childhood pre-K-3 | 5025 | Early Childhood Education | 156 |
| | 5691 | Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood Education | 159 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| 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 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8 | 5169 or | Middle School: Mathematics | 165 |
| | | NES Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary) ⁴ | |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| Middle Grades Science 6-8 | 5440 | Middle School Science | 150 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| Middle Grades Social Studies 6-8 | 5089 | Middle School Social Studies | 146 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| 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 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| SPED-Preschool ECE pre-K-3 | 5354 | Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications | 151 |
| | | | 159 |
| | 5691 | Spec. Educ.: Preschool/Early Childhood | |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| SPED- Hearing pre-K-12 | 5354 | Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications | 151 |
| | 5272 | Ed. Of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students | 160 |

⁴ See National Evaluation Series table for test code and score requirements.

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| Endorsement Area ¹ | Test Code | Assessment Title | Qualifying Score |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| Interventionist K-8 Interventionist 6-12 | 5543 | Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications | 158 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 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 |
| | 5205 | Teaching Reading: Elementary | 159 |
| | 5221 | Speech Communications | 144 |
| Speech Communication 6-12 | 5221 | Speech Communications | 144 |
| Technology Engineering Education 6-12 | 5051 | Technology Education | 156 |
| Theatre K-12 | 5641 | Theatre | 159 |

- (3) Specialty area content knowledge assessment timelines and expectations are outlined in Appendix C of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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) ⁵ | 220 |
| Middle and Early Secondary Grades Mathematics 6-10 | 105 | Mathematics (Middle Grades and Early Secondary) | 220 |
| Secondary Mathematics 6-12 | 304 | Mathematics | 220 |

⁵ Candidates must also submit qualifying scores on the required Praxis Series Teaching Reading: Elementary assessment (5205).

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- (6) Individuals seeking any pre-K-12 or 6-12 World Languages endorsement shall submit qualifying scores on either the appropriate Praxis Series assessment or the appropriate Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment, administered by the Tennessee Language Center. 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 is required. Based on candidate documented proficiency, English assessments may not be required.

| Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment⁶ | | |
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| 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. |
| Spanish 6-12 or Spanish pre-K-12 | Speaking and Listening Assessment in Spanish and English, and Written Assessment in Spanish 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. |
| French 6-12 or French pre-K-12 | Speaking and Listening Assessment in French and English, and Written Assessment in French 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. |