

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.

The following PLT tests are new tests offered by Educational Testing Service (ETS) beginning in September 2011. These PLT tests are now approved for South Carolina certification and will be the only PLT tests acceptable beginning in January 1, 2013.

Area of Certification	Required Examination	Score
All Early Childhood Certificates	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood (0621)	157
All Elementary Certificates	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (0622)	160
All Middle Level Certificates	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5-9 (0623)	160
All Secondary Certificates	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
All K-12 Certificates	Select one of the four tests listed above. (0621, 0622, 0623, or 0624)	See above scores.

The following PLT tests are discontinued after July 2011; however they are acceptable for South Carolina certification until January 1, 2013.

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
Adjunct Instructor	Test requirements based upon eligibility. See Certification Manual on the Web site at www.scteachers.org for more information.	
Administration to include: Elementary Principal, Elementary Supervisor, Secondary Principal, Secondary Supervisor, Administrator, Vocational Center Director and Superintendent. (Either test is acceptable.)	Education Leadership: Administration and Supervision (0411) or Education Leadership: Administration and Supervision (0410) (Replaced by test 0411)	145 590
Agriculture	No exam available *	No Score
Fine Arts-Art, Art Education (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Art: Content and Analysis (0135) Beginning in September 2011 or both of the following tests Art: Art Making (0131) Discontinued in July 2011 and Art: Content Knowledge (0133) Discontinued in July 2011	161 155 149
Biology	Biology and General Science (0030)	570
Business and Marketing Technology (Either test is acceptable until 1/1/2012.)	Business Education (0101) or Business Education (0100) Discontinued in July 2010	154 540
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 (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) (New in September 2011) or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) Discontinued July 2011 and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials(0083) Discontinued July 2011	153 158 160
Education of Blind and Visually Impaired (Either test is acceptable.)	Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (0281) or Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (0280) (Replaced by test 0281)	160 690

Elementary Education (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Elementary Education: Instructional Practices and Applications (5015) Computer (Beginning November 2011)	161
	Or both of the following Elementary Ed: Curriculum Instruction and Assessment (0011) Paper (5011) Computer (Discontinued in July 2011)	164
	and Elementary Ed: Content Area Exercises (0012) (Discontinued in July 2011)	145
Emotional Disabilities (Either 0353 or 0354 is acceptable until 1/1/2012.)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (0354)	151
	or Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353) (Replaced by test 0354)	150
	and in addition to one of the above Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavior Disorders (0371)	153
English (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	English Language, Literature and Composition: Content and Analysis (0044) Beginning in September 2011	166
	or English Lang. Lit, & Comp: Content Knowledge (0041) Discontinued in July 2011	162
	and English Lang. Lit & Comp: Essays (0042) Discontinued in July 2011	150
English for Speakers of Other Languages (Either test is acceptable.)	English to Speakers of Other Languages (0361)	144
	or English to Speakers of Other Languages (0360) (Replaced by test 0361)	540
Family and Consumer Science	Family and Consumer Sciences (0121)	148
French (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2012.)	Praxis World Languages: French (5174)	162
	or both of the following tests French: Content Knowledge (0173) (Replaced by test 5174)	160
	and French: Productive Language Skills (0171)) (Replaced by test 5174)	166
German (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2012.)	Praxis World Languages: German (5183)	163
	or both of the following tests German: Content Knowledge (0181) (Replaced by test 5183)	151
	and German: Productive Language Skills (0182) (Replaced by test 5183)	181
Geography (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) (New in September 2011)	153
	or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) (Discontinued in July 2011)	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials(0083) (Discontinued in July 2011)	160
Government (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) (New in September 2011)	153
	or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) (Discontinued in July 2011)	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials(0083) (Discontinued in July 2011)	160
Guidance (Elementary and Secondary)	School Guidance and Counseling (0420)	550
Health	Health Education (0550)	680
History (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) (New in September 2011)	153
	or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) (Discontinued in July 2011)	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials(0083) (Discontinued in July 2011)	160
Industrial Technology Education (Either test is acceptable until 1/1/2013.)	Technology Education (0051)(Beginning in September 2011)	159
	or Technology Education (0050) (Discontinued in July 2011)	570
Japanese	No exam available *	No Score
Latin	No exam available *	No Score
Learning Disabilities (Either 0353 or 0354 is acceptable until 1/1/2012.)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (0354)	151
	or Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353) Replaced by test 0354	150
	and in addition to one of the above Education of Exceptional Students: Learning Disabilities (0382)	158

Mathematics	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061) and Mathematics: Proofs, Models and Problems, Part 1 (0063)	131 137
Media Specialist/Library Science	Library Media Specialist (0311)	151
Mental Disabilities (Either 0353 or 0354 is acceptable until 1/1/2012.)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (0354) or	151
	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353) Replaced by test 0354	150
	and in addition to one of the above Special Education : Teaching Students with Mental Retardation (0321)	143
Middle Level Language Arts (Any of the testing options is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Middle Level Language Arts (0049) or	155
	English Language, Literature and Composition: Content and Analysis (0044) Beginning in September 2011	166
	or both of the following tests English Lang. Lit, & Comp: Content Knowledge (0041) Discontinued in July 2011	162
	and English Lang. Lit & Comp: Essays (0042) Discontinued in July 2011	150
Middle Level Mathematics	Middle Level Mathematics (0069) or both of the following tests	149
	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061) and	131
	Mathematics: Proofs, Models and Problems, Part 1 (0063)	137
Middle Level Science	Middle Level Science (0439) or	145
	Biology and General Science (0030) or	570
	Chemistry, Physics and General Science (0070)	540
Middle Level Social Studies (Any testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Middle Level Social Studies (0089) or	150
	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) September 2011	153
	or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) Discontinued in July 2011	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083) Discontinued in July 2011	160
Montessori	Test requirements based upon eligibility. See Certification Manual on the Web site at www.scteachers.org for more information.	
Multicategorical Special Education (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2012.)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild-to-moderate Applications (0543) Required after 1/1/2012 or both of the following tests	158
	Education of Exceptional Students: Mild to Moderate Disabilities (0542) and	165
	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353)	150
Fine Arts-Music Music Education-Choral Music Education-Instrumental Music Education-Piano Music Education-Voice Music Education-Violin	Music: Content Knowledge (0113) and	151
	Music: Concepts and Processes (0111)	145
Online Teaching	Test requirements based upon eligibility. See Certification Manual on the Web site at www.scteachers.org for more information.	
Physical Education (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Physical Education: Content and Design (0095) September 2011 or both of the following tests	169
	Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0091) Discontinued in July 2011 and	146
	Physical Education: Movement Forms–Video Evaluation (0093) Discontinued in July 2011	160
Physics	Chemistry, Physics and General Science (0070)	540
Psychology	Psychology (0390)	720

Reading: These areas will be available until 1/1/2012 for worksheets requested prior to 7/1/2010. Reading Teaching Reading Consultant Reading Coordinator or Director Reading Clinician	Teaching Reading (0204) or Introduction to the Teaching of Reading (0200) (Replaced by test 0204)	159 560
Literacy: These areas will be issued for worksheets requested after July 1, 2010. Literacy Teacher Literacy Coach Literacy Specialist	Teaching Reading (0204)	159
School Psychologist	School Psychologist (0401)	165
Science	Biology and General Science (0030)	570
	or Chemistry, Physics and General Science (0070)	540
Severe Disabilities (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2012.)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications (0545)	158
	or both of the following tests Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353)	150
	and Severe to Profound Disabilities (0544) Replaced by test 0545	148
Social Studies (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) September 2011	153
	or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) Discontinued in July 2011	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083) Discontinued in July 2011	160
Sociology (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2013.)	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) September 2011	153
	or both of the following tests Social Studies: Content (0081) Discontinued in July 2011	158
	and Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083) Discontinued in July 2011	160
Spanish (Either testing option is acceptable for certification until 1/1/2012.)	Praxis World Languages: Spanish (5195)	168
	or both of the following tests Spanish: Content Knowledge (0191) (Replaced by test 5195)	148
	and Spanish: Productive Language skills (0192) (Replaced by test 5195)	161
Speech Language Therapist	Speech-Language Pathology (0330)	530
Russian	No exam available *	No Score
Theatre	Theatre (0640)	590

* 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. Examinations offered by computer do not have a session number and have codes beginning with 5. 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.