



THE CITADEL

ZUCKER FAMILY SCHOOL
OF EDUCATION

Measure 3 – Initial Programs

Candidate competency at completion.

For teacher education certification, candidates are required to pass the Praxis content exam for their licensure area in addition to the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam. Below are the results for both exams for academic year 2023-2024. In the prior academic year, the SC Department of Education implemented a three-year pilot program that established lower cut scores required for passing certain Praxis exams. The data below provides an overview of the number of candidates that passed the exams at the original cut scores and those that passed under the pilot program.

AY 2023-2024 Teacher Education Praxis Exam Pass Rates

Praxis Tests	n	Pass	Fail	Provisional Pass	Pass Rate w/ Provision
Content Area Exams	18	11	7	5	89%
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)	7	5	2	2	100%

Analysis of Data:

Nineteen candidates took the Praxis content exams in the areas of Secondary Biology, Secondary Mathematics, Middle School Social Studies, K-12 Physical Education, and Secondary Social Studies. These candidates are being evaluated under SC Department of Education's 3-year pilot program, whereby they reduced the achievement score requirements of Praxis exams needed to earn certification. Eleven candidates passed their content exams at the original cut score level, while seven candidates did not meet the required cut scores. However, under the pilot program, five of the seven candidates met the provisional cut score requirements bringing the overall pass rate for the content exams to 89%. Seven candidates took the PLT exam, with 100% of candidates passing at the original or provisional cut scores. The ZFSOE is actively working to increase pass rates by ensuring appropriate content is embedded throughout the curricula and by providing candidates with access to free test preparation resources.
