



Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE) Initial Programs

The Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE) and **Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE)** are two state Licensure Examinations for educators seeking K-12 teaching or principal position in Florida public schools. They are administered by Pearson Evaluation Systems. Candidates must take and pass FTCE three exams prior to graduation from an initial teacher certification program to become completers: General Knowledge Exam, Professional Education Exam, and the specific Subject Area Examination that corresponds to their program.

- **General Knowledge Exam** consists of four subtests: Essay, English Language Skills, Reading, and Math.
- **Professional Education exam** covers concepts such as instructional design and planning, instructional delivery, and continuous professional improvement.
- The **Subject Area Examinations** assess discipline-specific competencies and skills.

Florida A&M University (FAMU) Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) collects two types of data regarding the Florida Teacher Certificate Examinations (FTCE): first time pass rates and best attempt pass rate on specific competencies and skills for each exam. EPP compares its institutional scores with the statewide scores to better understand our programs and candidates in licensure examination. EPP uses Result Analyzer to provide the remediation plans for those who fail to pass the tests. FTCE and FELE data are also used to make changes in teaching practices and/or curricula as needed.

The first time pass rates in 2021-2022 for most of FAMU EPP initial programs are below the State first time pass rates. EPP has concerns regarding the deficiencies. We are examining our curricula and course assignments based on the Result Analyzer and feedback from candidates.

2022 College of Education 2021-2022 Licensure Pass Rates for Initial Programs

Program	# Who Took Test	Pass Rate	# Who Took Test - STATE	Pass Rate - STATE	# Who Passed on 1 st Attempt	1 st Attempt Pass Rate	# Who Passed on 1 st Attempt - STATE	1 st Attempt Pass Rate - STATE	# Who Retook Test	Retake Pass Rate	# Who Retook Test - STATE	Retake Pass Rate - STATE
Biology 6-12	1	0%	166	62%	1	0%	118	66%	0	0%	48	52%
Chemistry 6-12	0	-	46	50%	0	-	29	62%	0	-	17	29%
ELEM Subtest 1: LAR	9	44%	3411	51%	6	33%	2014	55%	3	67%	1397	45%
ELEM Subtest 2: Soc Sci	10	30%	3288	52%	6	17%	2013	56%	4	50%	1275	45%
ELEM Subtest 3: Science	9	56%	3056	57%	6	33%	2013	62%	3	100%	1043	49%
ELEM Subtest 4: Mathematics	9	56%	3209	55%	6	67%	2013	60%	3	33%	1196	47%
English 6-12	2	50%	383	60%	1	0%	266	65%	1	100%	117	50%
English 6-12: Essay	1	0%	341	70%	1	0%	266	74%	0	-	75	55%
GK Subtest 1: Essay	30	67%	5011	71%	24	71%	3807	78%	6	50%	1204	48%
GK Subtest 2: ELS	51	47%	6691	50%	24	46%	3878	61%	27	48%	2813	35%
GK Subtest 3: Reading	52	37%	7217	44%	29	41%	3857	53%	23	30%	3360	34%
GK Subtest 4: Mathematics	41	41%	6563	49%	22	55%	3805	60%	19	26%	2758	35%
Mathematics 6-12	0	-	277	47%	0	-	174	56%	0	-	103	31%
Music K-12	7	86%	227	93%	5	100%	214	94%	2	50%	13	69%
Physical Education K-12	3	33%	164	54%	1	0%	111	59%	2	50%	53	43%
Social Science 6-12	1	17%	438	51%	1	0%	277	62%	0	-	161	30%
Professional Ed (PED)	36	47%	5502	63%	20	55%	3735	71%	16	38%	1767	44%

Source: Florida Department of Education - Pearson