



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 2020-2021 for most of FAMU EPP 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.

College of Education 2020-2021 Licensure Pass Rates 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	3	33%	293	56%	1	100%	214	60%	2	0%	79	46%
Chemistry 6-12	0	-	72	46%	0	-	58	45%	0	-	14	50%
ELEM Subtest 1: LAR	34	47%	3786	56%	20	40%	2593	59%	14	57%	1193	50%
ELEM Subtest 2: Soc Sci	37	41%	3744	59%	20	35%	2593	63%	17	47%	1151	48%
ELEM Subtest 3: Science	28	46%	3411	64%	20	45%	2594	68%	8	50%	817	53%
ELEM Subtest 4: Mathematics	37	43%	3830	58%	20	40%	2594	62%	17	47%	1236	50%
English 6-12	3	33%	551	64%	3	33%	444	67%	0	-	107	54%
English 6-12: Essay	3	67%	547	69%	3	67%	444	73%	0	-	103	51%
GK Subtest 1: Essay	68	56%	8616	69%	52	60%	6653	76%	16	44%	1963	46%
GK Subtest 2: ELS	96	35%	11129	48%	52	42%	6805	56%	44	27%	4324	35%
GK Subtest 3: Reading	111	34%	11724	45%	57	35%	6805	52%	54	33%	4919	35%
GK Subtest 4: Mathematics	78	35%	10550	48%	53	42%	6699	56%	25	20%	3851	33%
Mathematics 6-12	2	50%	400	47%	2	50%	278	48%	0	-	122	43%
Music K-12	10	80%	366	93%	7	86%	350	95%	3	67%	16	56%
Physical Education K-12	4	75%	212	54%	3	67%	161	55%	1	100%	51	51%
Physics 6-12	0	-	24	50%	0	-	22	50%	0	-	2	50%
PK-3 Subtest 1: Dev Knowledge	1	0%	693	75%	1	0%	611	77%	0	-	82	54%
PK-3 Subtest 2: LA & Read	1	0%	864	52%	1	0%	611	53%	0	-	253	51%
PK-3 Subtest 3: Math	1	0%	739	68%	1	0%	611	71%	0	-	128	54%
PK-3 Subtest 4: Science	1	100%	707	73%	1	100%	611	76%	0	-	96	56%
Social Science 6-12	6	17%	618	51%	5	20%	454	56%	1	0%	164	38%
Professional Ed (PED)	55	44%	6904	66%	27	48%	5220	71%	28	39%	1684	48%

Source: Florida Department of Education