Initial: Candidate Competency at Completion

Illinois Licensure Exam Scores

Candidates are required to demonstrate competency in content knowledge and their ability to apply knowledge and skills with learners in the age and ability range of licensure. The 2021-2022 data documents a comparison of the institution and state averages/percentages and initial candidate pass rates by program for the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) content area tests. The pass cut score for the Illinois licensure exams is 240. While the candidate pass rates for the majority of the initial licensure programs met or exceeded the state pass rate, the pass rates for candidates who took the subject area tests in English Language Arts, Family Consumer Sciences, and Math fell below state averages. While candidate pass rates have general improved across all programs from the 2020-2021 testing year, candidate pass rates in Early Childhood, English Language Arts, Family Consumer Sciences, Middle Level Language Arts, Math and PE remain below 80% which is a state criteria indicating content knowledge proficiency. The Governor’s COVID Proclamation specifies that candidates do not have to pass their licensure exams prior to entering student teaching. Until the Governor’s COVID Proclamation is removed and candidates are again required to pass their licensure content exam(s) prior to entering student teaching, it is uncertain whether the data indicates a concern.

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| Program | State Average Score | EIU Average Candidate  Score | State Average Pass Rate | EIU Candidate Pass Rate | Gender | |
| M | F |
| Business, Marketing, and Computer Education | 249 | 250 | 96% | 86% | 4 | 3 |
| Early Childhood | 246 | 254 | 46% | 69% | 0 | 38 |
| Elementary Education | 253 | 261 | 80% | 80% | 1 | 56 |
| English Language Arts | 248 | 237 | 68% | 43% | 1 | 12 |
| Family Consumer Science | 258 | 251 | 89% | 75% | 0 | 4 |
| General Science-Middle Level | 245 | 254 | 65% | 100% | 1 | 6 |
| Language Arts-Middle Level | 239 | 251 | 54% | 78% | 1 | 9 |
| LBS1 -Special Education | 273 | 269 | 97% | 94% | 2 | 31 |
| Math | 252 | 238 | 78% | 67% | 2 | 6 |
| Math-Middle Level | Not reported | 254 | Not reported | 100% | 2 | 5 |
| Music | 254 | 264 | 84% | 100% | 4 | 8 |
| PE | 245 | 251 | 65% | 73% | 6 | 5 |
| Science-BIO | 252 | 254 | 73% | 100% | 2 | 3 |
| Science-Chemistry | Not reported | 242 | Not reported | 100% | 1 | 0 |
| Science -Physics | Not reported | 267 | Not reported | 100% | 0 | 1 |
| Science- Earth Science | Not reported | 262 | Not reported | 100% | 1 | 0 |
| Social Science-History | 241 | 284 | 57% | 90% | 5 | 5 |
| Social Science –Middle Level | 264 | 260 | 90% | 100% | 1 | 5 |
| World Language-French | 258 | 288 | 67% | 100% | 1 | 1 |
| World Language -Spanish | 262 | 282 | 85% | 100% | 0 | 2 |
| Visual Arts | 256 | 260 | 85% | 100% | 1 | 8 |