Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires all teacher certification candidates to pass specified tests before a candidate is eligible for certification in the Commonwealth. Candidates may take these tests at any time during their college/university career and may take the test as many times as necessary in order to obtain a pre-determined PDE passing score.

Summary Passage Rates For All Individual Program Completers In All Teacher Certification Areas

This first table shows only those certification candidates who have completed their academic certification program. The numbers listed indicate **how many specific candidates** passed all of the required tests for their particular field of certification, regardless of how many tests were taken or how often a given test was taken before a passing score was earned. The Pennsylvania average includes completers from all 92 teacher preparation programs across the Commonwealth based on the same criteria.

Group/Year	**2009-2010**	**2010-2011**	**2011-2012**
Shippensburg Completers - Passage Rate	287 - 98%	293 - 95%	332 - 94%
Pennsylvania Completers - Passage Rate	9575 - 97%	9807 - 94%	9794 - 93%

PRAXIS Test Passage Rates Based on Number of Tests Taken

The second table includes all individuals who took each test, including those who took a particular test more than once. The numbers listed and the passage rates are **based on the number of tests** taken, not on the number of individual candidates who took the test. The Pennsylvania average is based on the same criteria for all candidates enrolled in any of the 92 institutions with one or more teacher certification programs.

Subject Specific Praxis II Tests & Cert. Range /Year	All Test Takers 2009-2010	All Test Takers 2010-2011	All Test Takers 2011-2012	3-year Shippensburg Average Passage Rate	3-year Pennsylvania Average Passage Rate
Art K-12	22	3	10	80%	77.6 %
Biology 7-12	13	5	6	91.7%	90.4%
BusEd/IT K-12	29	10	11	100%	95.8%
Chemistry 7-12	4	4	4	83.3%	63.6%
Early Child. K-6	60	59	125	98.8%	97.3%
Earth/Space 7-12	17	2	4	59.1%	70.2%
Elem. Ed. K-6	221	184	128	87.6%	80.9%
English 7-12	33	38	39	85.2%	87.6%
Envir. Ed. K-12	15	10	8	86.7%	90.6%
French K-12	1	4	3	33.3%	67.6%
Gen. Sci. 7-12	16	11	6	87.9%	81.6%
Grades 4-8*	n/a	n/a	6	66.7%	87.5%
Pre-K-4**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Math 7-12	30	34	32	76.7%	72.9%
Physics 7-12	6	5	1	77.8%	61.2%
Social Stud 7-12	42	41	33	88.1%	83.4%
Spanish K-12	11	2	6	71.4%	53.6%
Spec. Ed. N-12	n/a	39	47	98.8%	98.5%
Sch. Counselor	34	46	26	100%	98.3%
Principal K-12	n/a	46	46	100%	97.9%

* new program tests only
**non-Praxis test subject area