ABOUT THE FLORDIA TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAM

The Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) (or the Florida Educational Leadership Exam -FELE - for school administrators) is the state-required exam for professional educator licensure. The FTCE is required for all initial and advanced preparation areas, with the exception of educational leadership (FELE).

The FTCE and the FELE are composed of three sections – the General Knowledge Test (GKT) of basic skills in mathematics and language arts, the Professional Education Exam of pedagogical knowledge and skills, and the Subject Area Exam (SAE), specific to a subject matter/area of practice. Areas that require teachers to instruct across several subject/skill areas, such as Elementary Education, and Early Childhood Education have multiple Subject Area Exams. The FELE also includes multiple Subject Area Exams: Strategic Leadership, Organizational Development, Systems Leadership, and an exam portion.

2019-20 FTCE results for all USF Tampa initial teacher certification programs show pass rates exceeding state pass rates for the GKT and Professional Knowledge Exam. Initial teacher preparation SAE pass rates exceed the state pass rates in all USF Tampa programs, with two exceptions: undergraduate and MAT Science Education programs. Somewhat anomalous, given in the previous four years, pass rates in these programs have exceeded the state pass rate. FTCE/FELE results for all USF Tampa advanced preparation programs show pass rates exceeding the state pass rates in all sections of the exam.

(See At-A-Glance FTCE Data Charts for USF-state pass rate comparisons for 2019-20 completers)