

**Measure 4 (Initial and Advanced): Ability of completers to be hired** (in positions for which they have prepared.)

**Evidence A:** Praxis II and PLT pass rates

**Explanation:** For licensure in the state of South Carolina individuals must pass Content Specific Praxis II tests and Praxis PLT. The following charts are the pass rates for completers based on time of completion and first year of teaching. A decision by the State of South Carolina has negatively impacted student pass rates. The state of South Carolina amended state requirements to allow for greater hiring of teachers and allowing initial licensing of teachers who had not yet passed Praxis II and PLT. This has decreased the urgency of teachers to complete and pass these tests. However, it has continued to be a point of emphasis for Newberry college and the college has taken additional steps to support students passing that will hopefully be evident in next reporting cycle. Newberry college now supports and pays for an initial taking of Praxis II and PLT at end of Junior Year or start of Senior year and then again right before or during student teaching. Additionally, we have increased resources and materials for preparing for Praxis II and PLT.

<u>Praxis II and PLT Results</u>			
Group	Number taking Assessment	Number Passing both PLT and Praxis II Content Assessment	Institutional Pass Rate
2020-2021	24	15	63%
2019-2020	23	17	74%
2018-2019	33	27	82%
2017-2018	31	27	87%
2016-2017	23	19	83%
2015-2016	33	20	61%