



### **Praxis II: School Counselor Licensure Average Exam Summary**

The analysis of the Praxis II School Counselor licensure exam data for the 2022–2023 academic year reveals that candidates from Alcorn State University’s Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) performed below both state and national averages. Of the four EPP candidates who took the exam, 75% passed, with a mean score of 152.5—below the qualifying score of 156. This is in contrast to the state mean of 156.5 and the national mean of 162.2. The EPP's median score of 156.5 aligns with the state median but still falls short of the national benchmark.

Further examination of subcategory performance shows consistent gaps between EPP scores and broader comparisons. In the “Define” category, EPP candidates averaged 58.06% correct, compared to 61.09% at the state level and 67.37% nationally. In “Deliver,” EPP candidates averaged 64.36%, while the state and national averages were 68.72% and 72.08%, respectively. The largest performance gap appears in the “Manage” category, where EPP candidates scored 52.78%, well below the state average of 63% and the national average of 67.1%. Similarly, in the “Assess” category, EPP candidates averaged 57.7%, compared to 67.31% for the state and 71.36% nationally.

These results suggest that while some candidates were able to meet the passing standard, there are clear areas for improvement in content knowledge and application. The relatively low scores across all subcategories highlight the need for enhanced preparation and support within the school counseling program to better align candidate performance with state and national expectations. Notably, no candidates tested in 2021–2022 due to the Mississippi Department of Education’s COVID-related waiver. No completers 2023-2024 academic year.



Praxis: School Counselor Exam Average Scores

MAJOR	TEST CODE	ACADEMIC YEAR	QUALIFYING SCORE	% CANDIDATE PASSED	EPP				STATE				NATIONAL			
					N	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	N	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	N	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE
School Counseling	5422	2021-2022	156		0											
		2022-2023		75%	4	152.50	156.50	138-159	32	156.50	159.00	151-164	1044	162.20	163.00	155-170
		2023-2024			0											

**Note:** Candidates completed the program with the Mississippi Department of Education COVID Waiver. MDE Division of Licensure suspended the licensure testing requirements for all individuals completing an education preparation program until December 2023.

Subcategories

MAJOR	ACADEMIC YEAR	CATEGORY	MAX POINTS AVAILABLE RANGE			
				AVERAGE % CORRECT		
				NATIONAL	STATE	EPP
School Counselor	2022-2023	I. Define	23-25	67.37	61.09	58.06
		II. Deliver	34-37	72.08	68.72	64.36
		III. Manage	18-19	67.1	63	52.78
		IV. Assess	14-16	71.36	67.31	57.7