

## **Ability of Fajardo Program to Meet Professional Licensing Requirements 2022-2023**

According to the teacher Certification Official Document #8126, all TEP graduates must have a 3.0 average GPA (Grade Point Average) at graduation and the PCMAS tests to obtain a professional license. The graduation average for IAUPR for the Teacher Education Program is 3.00 minimum. Therefore, all our TEP graduates follow the average minimum for graduation.

The Academic Progression Norm and Graduation Norm for IAUPR follow the graduation average from the DEPR teacher certification norm. Finally, another requisite is related to the DEPER Teacher Examination norm called PCMAS. All TEP graduates from any TEP need to pass the PCMAS Teacher Examination Battery by obtaining 89 or more on the test. Once the graduates complete the IAUPR graduation requisites, they can apply to the Department of Education of Puerto Rico (DEPR) for a professional License.

## **Description of the 2023 PCMAS TEST and Results for the Fajardo TEP Vs Island**

### **Wide Results**

#### **General PCMAS: Fundamental Knowledge and Professional Competencies**

The General PCMAS has been designated to offer candidates from all higher education institutions in the country the opportunity to improve their chances for teacher certification. Therefore, it is not limited to the skills and knowledge offered by a given institution. It also does not require that the individual be exposed to the material in a specific course. The content of the basic university courses offered in the various higher education institutions has been considered. In addition, the professional competencies that the teachers of the system have considered necessary for a beginner teacher to be able to perform efficiently are included, regardless of the school level and area of specialty.

The test consists of multiple-choice items with a duration of two (2) hours and twenty (20) minutes and a pedagogical situation with open questions of discussion that are answered in thirty-five (35) minutes. The general PCMAS test is divided as follows:

#### **Fundamental Knowledge**

Exercises focused on the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, Spanish, and English.

#### **Professional Competences of Pedagogy**

Exercises focused on the areas of fundamentals of education (human development, educational psychology, educational sociology, and philosophy), methodology, strategies

and techniques of teaching, evaluation, and research.

### **Pedagogical Situation**

It requires the candidate to analyze and answer several discussion exercises. It is essential to answer the pedagogical situation, otherwise the test is invalidated in its entirety.

### **Results of the PCMAS TEST Administration for 2022-2023**

The PCMAS test was administered in March 2023. Nineteen candidates took the test.

The passing cut score is 89 or more. Nineteen students took the test but College Board only sent the results of 15 students to the institution. Four students requested that their results not be sent to the institution. However, the College Board accounts for all 19 test-takers. Twelve (12) students who took the test passed and seven (7) did not (**see Evidence Ability of Fajardo TEP Program to Meet the Professional Licensing Requirements 2023**). This score gives Fajardo TEP a pass of 63%. This score does not represent Fajardo's expectations of a higher score. but even when the TEP is taking some corrective actions, the candidates need to be more proactive aside from the PCMAS emphasis. These results were discussed with the faculty, candidates, and administration to inform them of the results. If a candidate does not pass the test, the TEP discusses the strengths and weaknesses of the results to help the candidate improve in the next test-taking opportunity.