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CERRA Survey

Each year, the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement ([CERRA](#)) administers the South Carolina (SC) Annual Educator Supply and Demand Survey to collect information on rates of public school teachers entering the profession, those leaving their classrooms, and the number of vacant teaching positions. According to the report, in South Carolina in 2024-2025, 6533 teachers did not return to the same district, while only 2081 teacher candidates completed in-state teacher education programs by the beginning of the year. That is a potential shortage of 4452 teachers, statewide. In this environment, with districts needing to hire many certified teachers, Lander graduates are well positioned and often receive job offers from multiple school districts.

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Alumni Survey Data

The Department of Teacher Education administers an alumni survey in the Spring to the department's completers from two years prior. The Spring 2025 survey was sent to the 2022-2023 completers. Out of 88 completers, 35 responded, for a response rate of 39.8%. 33 out of 35 of the completers were classroom teachers. Completers were asked to rate how well Lander prepared them in the areas of InTASC standards, technology use, and the SC Science of Reading Competencies. Average ratings and demographic information are shared below.

Major Area	Number of Respondents
Elementary	6
Early Childhood	12
Special Education	4
English-Secondary	1
History-Secondary	4
Chemistry-Secondary	1
Math-Secondary	0
PE	3
Art	0
Music	2
MAT-Art Education	2

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Average Rating: 1-Strongly Disagree, 2-Disagree, 3-Agree, 4-Strongly Agree

