

## Testing Requirements for Teacher Certification Programs

### REQUIRED BEFORE ENTRANCE INTO MAJOR: BASIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT

You may combine Reading, Writing and Mathematics module scores from different test providers to meet the Basic Skills Requirements. You must meet the passing score listed for each module. A composite score is not available when scores are mixed.

CERTIFICATION AREA:	TEST VENDOR/SERIES:	TEST CODE/TEST TITLE:	QUALIFYING SCORE:
All Instructional I Areas	ESP/PECT	Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) PA 701 Reading Module, Mathematics Module and Writing Module <b>(OR)</b> PA 001 Reading Module PA 002 Mathematics Module PA 003 Writing Module	220 per module  220 197 220
	ETS/PRAXIS	Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) 5751 Combined Test: Reading, Writing, and Math <b>(OR)</b> 5712 Reading Module 5722 Writing Module 5732 Mathematics Module	156 162 142

Composite scoring information for the PAPA and CORE is available at <http://www.ed.psu.edu/current-students/undergrad/teacher-testing-1>  
High school SAT or ACT scores may be used to show mastery of basic skills. For the SAT, a minimum combined score of 1500, with at least 500 in each section, is required. For the ACT plus writing, a minimum composite score of 23 with a combined English/writing score of 22 and a math score of 21 is required.

### CHILDHOOD AND EARLY ADOLESCENT EDUCATION:

CERTIFICATION AREA:	TEST VENDOR & SERIES:	TEST CODE:	TEST TITLE:	QUALIFYING SCORE*:
Childhood Education Teaching Option (PK – 4)	ESP/PECT	PA 702	PreK-4 Module 1, Module 2 and Module 3 <b>(OR)</b>	197 193 193
		PA 8006 PA 8007 PA 8008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PreK-4 Module 1</li> <li>• PreK-4 Module 2</li> <li>• PreK-4 Module 3</li> </ul>	
Grades 4-8: All options/concentrations English Language Arts Mathematics Social Studies	ETS/PRAXIS	5152	Grades 4 – 8 Core Assessment* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedagogy Subtest</li> <li>• English Language Arts and Social Studies Subtest</li> <li>• Mathematics and Science Subtest</li> </ul>	162 152 164
		5153		
		5154		
		5155		
English Language Arts Teaching Option (4-8)	ETS/PRAXIS	5156	PA Grades 4-8 Subject Concentration—English Language Arts  Grades 4-8 Core Assessment (see above)	156
		5158	PA Grades 4-8 Subject Concentration—Mathematics  Grades 4-8 Core Assessment (see above)	
Mathematics Teaching Option (4-8)	ETS/PRAXIS	5158	PA Grades 4-8 Subject Concentration—Mathematics  Grades 4-8 Core Assessment (see above)	173
Social Studies Teaching Option (4-8)	ETS/PRAXIS	5157	PA Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration—Social Studies  Grades 4-8 Core Assessment (see above)	150

### SECONDARY EDUCATION PRAXIS:

CERTIFICATION AREA:	TEST CODE:	TEST TITLE:	QUALIFYING SCORE:
Biology	5235 or 0235	Biology: Content Knowledge	147
Chemistry	5245 or 0245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	154
Communication	5221	Speech Communication	145
Earth/Space	5571 or 0571	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge	157
English	5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
Environmental Education	0831	Environmental Education	156
General Science	5435 or 0435	General Science: Content Knowledge	146
Mathematics	5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
Physics	5265 or 0265	Physics: Content Knowledge	140
Social Studies	5081 or 0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157

All secondary education instructional 1 certification exams are administered by ETS.  
Praxis test codes beginning with 0 are paper tests. Test codes beginning in 5 are computer based.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

CERTIFICATION AREA:	TEST VENDOR & SERIES:	TEST CODE:	TEST TITLE:	QUALIFYING SCORE:
Special Education PK – 8	ESP/PECT	PA 703	Special Education PK-8, Module 1 & Module 2 (OR)	220 per module
		PA011	Special Education PreK – 8, Module 1	220
		PA012	Special Education PreK-8—Module 2	220
Special Education 7-12	ESP/PECT	PA 704	Special Education 7-12—Module 1 & Module 2 (OR)	220 per module
		PA015	Special Education 7-12—Module 1	220
		PA016	Special Education 7-12—Module 2	220

After Summer of 2013, Special Education certification must be obtained in conjunction with another certification area. Special Education certification may not be added through testing alone.

**WORLD LANGUAGES EDUCATION:**

CERTIFICATION AREA:	TEST VENDOR & SERIES:	TEST CODE:	TEST TITLE:	QUALIFYING SCORE:
French	ACTFL	n/a	French OPI & WPT	Intermediate High
	ETS PRAXIS	5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
German	ACTFL	n/a	German OPI & WPT	Intermediate High
	ETS PRAXIS	5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
Latin	ETS PRAXIS	0600	Latin	152
	ETS PRAXIS	5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
Russian	ACTFL	n/a	Russian OPI & WPT	Intermediate High
	ETS PRAXIS	5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
Spanish	ACTFL	n/a	Spanish OPI & WPT	Intermediate High
	ETS PRAXIS	5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150

Students taking the ACTFL test must complete both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Written Proficiency Test (WPT). The minimum proficiency to qualify for certification is Intermediate High- Code 120. You should plan to take the ACTFL test when your language skills are at their peak, typically after your semester abroad. Currently, ACTFL does not electronically report test scores. Please save your ACTFL score report for verification by Penn State and PDE.

**ADDITIONAL PSU UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS:**

CERTIFICATION AREA:	TEST VENDOR & SERIES:	TEST CODE:	TEST TITLE:	QUALIFYING SCORE:
Agriculture	ETS PRAXIS	5701	Agriculture	147
		5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
Art	ETS PRAXIS	5134	Art: Content Knowledge	158
		5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
Health and Physical ED	ETS PRAXIS	5857	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge	160
		5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
Music	ETS PRAXIS	5113	Music: Content Knowledge	158
		5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150

**ADDITIONAL PSU GRADUATE-LEVEL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:**

CERTIFICATION AREA:	TEST VENDOR & SERIES:	TEST CODE:	TEST TITLE:	QUALIFYING SCORE:
Reading Specialist	ETS PRAXIS	5301	Reading Specialist	164
Speech and Language Impaired K-12	ETS PRAXIS	5331	Speech Language Pathology	162
		5511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150
School Counselor I	ETS PRAXIS	5421	Professional School Counselor	156
School Psychologist	ETS PRAXIS	5402	School Psychology	147
Supervisor I	ETS PRAXIS	5411	Ed Leadership: Administration and Supervision	143
Principal/Vocational Director	ETS PRAXIS	6011	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	163
Superintendent	ETS PRAXIS	6021	School Superintendent Assessment	160
Vocational I	ETS PRAXIS	5712	Core Academic Skills for Educators; Reading	148
	ETS PRAXIS	5722	Core Academic Skills for Educators; Writing	158
Vocational II	ETS PRAXIS	5732	Core Academic Skills for Educators; Mathematics	142

**SCORE REPORTING:** For all teacher certification tests you must have your score report sent to Pennsylvania State University, University Park (R2660). If you take a PRAXIS exam outside of Pennsylvania, you must also have your scores sent to Pennsylvania Department of Education (R8033). For all tests, it is very important that you keep a copy of your score report for your records.

For additional information on the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) testing requirements for Instructional I certification: <http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-Testing.aspx#.Vdsc4kYsA8A>

If you have questions about Instructional I Educator Preparation Program majors at Penn State, please contact the College of Education Advising and Certification Center at 814-865-0488 or visit us online at <http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/current-students/undergraduate>

For information regarding testing dates and registration:

ESP PECT: <http://www.pa.nesinc.com/> ETS PRAXIS: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/> ACTFL: <http://www.actfl.org>