

Options for Satisfying the Pre-Service Testing Requirement for
Admission to Advanced Professional Studies (APS) and Certification

Basic Skills Assessment Exception
Individuals that have completed an approved post-baccalaureate certification program or hold a graduate level degree are not required to take the basic skills assessments.
Basic Skills Assessments – Composite Score Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may combine reading, writing, and mathematics module scores from different test providers to meet the basic skills requirements. • You may use the composite score method to meet the requirement when you do well in one or two areas to compensate for a lower score in the other area. • The composite score is the sum of the passing scores. • Use the Composite Score Calculator when mixing tests. • Note: When using the composite score, each test must meet or exceed the minimum score listed.

I. SAT			
<u>Test Name</u>		<u>Passing Score</u>	<u>Minimum Composite Score</u>
<i>Prior to March 1, 2016:</i>			
Critical Reading		500	
Mathematics		500	
Writing		500	
<i>March 1, 2016 and Later:</i>			
Critical Reading		27	25
Mathematics		26	24
Writing and Language		28	26
Total Composite Score		81	
Composite Score Method for SAT Tests: (March 1, 2016 and Later Only)			
If the sum of your reading, mathematics, and writing modules total 81 or higher AND each module's score meets the minimum composite score above, you meet the pre-service testing requirement.			

II. PraxisCORE Academic			
<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Test Number</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>	<u>Minimum Composite Score</u>
<i>Prior to September 1, 2019:</i>			
Reading	5712	156	148
Mathematics	5732	142	132
Writing	5722	162	142
Total Composite Score		460	
<i>September 1, 2019 and Later:</i>			
Reading	5713	156	148
Mathematics	5733	142	132
Writing	5723	162	142
Total Composite Score		460	

Register for the PraxisCORE: ets.org/praxis/pa/requirements	
Fees:	5752 (All tests on one test date) \$150.00 <i>All 3 modules</i>
	Individual tests (scheduled different days/times) \$ 90.00 <i>Each module</i>

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III. PAPA			
<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Test Number</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>	<u>Minimum Composite Score</u>
Reading	8001	220	193
Mathematics	8002	193	176*
Writing	8003	220	192
Total Composite Score		633	

*We will accept 174 from candidates accepted into an educator certification program prior to 8/31/2016.

Register for the PAPA: pa.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/PA001_TestPage.html
Fees: All 3 modules scheduled at one time: \$110.00
 Individual tests (scheduled separately): Reading \$37; Mathematics \$44; Writing \$37

IV. ACT			
<u>Test Name</u>		<u>Passing Score</u>	<u>Minimum Composite Score</u>
<u>Prior to September 1, 2015:</u>			
Send an email to ra-edcertquestions@pa.gov with a copy of your full score report for a determination			
<u>September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016:</u>			
Reading		22	20
Mathematics		21	19
Writing		21	17
Total Composite Score		64	
<u>August 31, 2016 and Later:</u>			
Reading		22	20
Mathematics		21	19
Writing		8	7
Total Composite Score		51	

V. PPST (Praxis I)*			
<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Test Number</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>	<u>Minimum Composite Score</u>
PPST or Computerized PPST Reading	0710 or 5710	172	169
PPST or Computerized PPST Mathematics	0730 or 5730	173	170
PPST or Computerized PPST Writing	0720 or 5720	173	170
Total Composite Score		518	

*Test Series must be started prior to 12/31/2012.