

Professional Testing Requirements by Certification Type

Note: *The information below is accurate as of November 26, 2012. Candidates are responsible to stay alert for changes. Current PDE testing information may be found at: http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing_requirements/8638

Two test providers now administer the tests; registration and test information may be obtained at their websites below:

ETS <http://www.ets.org/praxis/pa>

ES Pearson www.pa.nesinc.com [See Scoring Notes on Page 13 below]

General Notes:

Act 24 of 2011 removed the requirement for Basic Skills Tests for certification applicants who are already certified or licensed by the state of Pennsylvania. All students who are seeking initial certification must show evidence of passing the Basic Skills test as well as the appropriate Praxis II/PECT tests for their certification area.

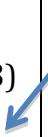
Test results must be sent to PDE directly from the test provider. If you test in PA, scores are automatically sent to PDE. If you test outside of PA, you must request that your scores are sent to PDE. Basic Skills tests are valid for life. Content tests are usually valid for ten years.

World language candidates have the option of taking either the Praxis or the ACTFL tests. Latin is only available through Praxis. More information on the ACTFL option may be obtained at www.actfl.org

ETS test codes that begin with "5" or "6" are delivered in computer format; codes that begin with "0" or "1" are delivered on paper. All tests are paper-delivered tests unless otherwise noted.

The University of Scranton is not responsible for any loss due to any form of typographical error, miscommunication, misinformation or changing testing requirements. It is ultimately the candidate's responsibility to register, pay for and take the appropriate tests for a given certification area. Always confirm that you are taking the proper tests by consulting the PDE website before you register.

I. New Elementary and Middle School Teacher Education Certificates

Certificate	Basic Skills or Praxis I	Advanced or Praxis II
PreK-4 (2825)	ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ES Pearson PreK-4 Battery: Module 1: Child Development, Professionalism (8006) Module 2: Language Arts, Social Studies (8007) Module 3: Math, Science (8008)
Grades 4-8 Note: All Grades 4-8 candidates must take ONE or TWO subject area concentration tests depending on their program. See below:	ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003) +To pass the 4-8 Core Assessment, you must receive a passing score on each subtest. You must take the full test on your initial attempt. If, after your first attempt you did not pass one subtest, you just retake that subtest again for a reduced fee.	ETS +PA 4-8 Core Assessment (5152)  PA Grades 4-8 Module 1_Pedagogy (5153) PA Grades 4-8 Module 2_English, Language Arts & Social Studies (5154) PA Grades 4-8 Module 3_Math & Science (5155)
Grades 4-8 Mathematics Concentration		ETS PA Grades 4-8 Math Concentration (5158)
Grades 4-8 Science Concentration		ETS PA Grades 4-8 Science Concentration (5159)
Grades 4-8 English-Language Arts Concentration		ETS PA Grades 4-8 English-Language Arts Concentration (5156)
Grades 4-8 Social Studies Concentration		ETS PA Grades 4-8 Social Studies Concentration (5157)

II. New Special Education Certificates

Certificate	Basic Skills or Praxis I	Advanced or Praxis II
Special Education PK-8 (9226)	These tests have been taken to secure your pre-requisite initial certificate. Special Education PK-8 is not a stand-alone certificate; candidates must hold a previous Instructional I certificate in order to qualify for a special education certificate.	ES Pearson Spec Ed PreK-8 Module 1 (8011) Spec Ed PreK-8 Module 2 (8012)
Special Education 7-12 9227)	These tests have been taken to secure your pre-requisite initial certificate. Special Education 7-12 is not a stand-alone certificate; candidates must hold a previous Instructional I certificate in order to qualify for a special education certificate.	ES Pearson Spec Ed 7-12 Module 1 (8015) Spec Ed 7-12 Module 2 (8016)

III. Secondary and K-12 Certificates

Certificate	Basic Skills or Praxis I	Advanced or Praxis II
Citizenship Education 7-12 (8825)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS Citizenship Content Knowledge (0087/5087)
English 7-12 (3230)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS English Language, Literature & Composition Content (0041/5041)

Certificate	Basic Skills or Praxis I	Advanced or Praxis II
Math 7-12 (6800)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS Math Content Knowledge (0061/5061)
Reading Specialist K-12 (7650)	These tests have been taken to secure your pre-requisite initial certificate. Reading Specialist K-12 is not a stand-alone certificate; candidates must hold a previous Instructional I certificate in order to qualify for a Reading certificate.	ETS Reading Specialist (0301/5301) Note: If you do not hold a PA K-6 or PK-4 certificate, you must also take: ETS 0511/5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge

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French K-12 (4410)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS French World Language (5174) ETS 0511/5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
German K-12 (4420)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS German World Language (5183) ETS 0511/5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge

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Italian K-12 (4430)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	Contact Certification Officer 570-941-5810 ETS 0511/5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
Latin K-12 (4030)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS Latin (0601) ETS 0511/5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge

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Spanish K-12 (4490)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS Spanish World Language (5195) ETS 0511/5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
Biology 7-12 (8405)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS *Biology (0235/5235)

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Chemistry 7-12 (8420)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS Chemistry (0245/5245)
General Science 7-12 (8450)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS General Science (0435/5435)

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Physics 7-12 (8470)	*ETS Praxis I Reading, Writing & Math *These tests will be accepted if you have registered prior to April 2, 2012. If you have taken one or more of the above tests, and you need to take one again, stay with ETS and retake the same test you did not pass. After 4/2/2012: ES Pearson PAPA tests Reading (8001), Math (8002) & Writing (8003)	ETS Physics (0265/5265)

IV. Educational Leadership Certificates

Certificate	Basic Skills or Praxis I	Advanced or Praxis II
Principal K-12 (1115) Curr & Inst Supervisor (2915) Reading Supervisor (7615) SpEd Supervisor (9215)		Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision (0411/5411) Must use SLS website to register: http://www.ets.org/sls/about
Superintendent: Letter of Eligibility (1150)		School Superintendent Assessment (6021) Must use SLS website to register: http://www.ets.org/sls/about

SCORING NOTES

As of 11/26/2012

PAPA tests

The qualifying score is **220** for each module (Reading, Writing, and Math).

If candidates fail to score the required 220 on one of the three modules, they have an option to use the Composite Scoring Method to meet the PDE requirements for pre-professional skills assessment.

To use the Composite Scoring Method:

1. The sum of the three PAPA modules must total or exceed **686**.
2. At least one of the three modules must be at least 220.
3. There are also minimum scores when using this method:
 - a. PAPA Reading Minimum = 193
 - b. PAPA Math Minimum = 197
 - c. PAPA Writing Minimum = 192

CONTENT tests

PDE has posted a table of qualifying scores based on a candidate's GPA. See http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing_requirements/8638

Click on "Certification Testing and Scores" (updated November 2012).