ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR EDUCATORS

Candidates seeking initial educator licensure in Vermont who do not hold a current non-conditional out-of-state-license from a state that has signed the NASDTEC agreement are required to meet the passing scores established by the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) for the **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE®).** ETS has completely phased out Praxis I, which means the tests are no longer available. The **Praxis Core tests** have replaced the Praxis I. The core academic skills tests for educators include three tests: Reading (5712), Writing (5722), and Mathematics (5732). The Praxis Core subtests measure whether educators have the necessary reading, writing, and mathematical knowledge/skills. The Praxis Core does not assess one's knowledge of teaching nor does it predict who will become a good teacher or administrator. All candidates need to pass ***each and every one*** of the Core tests to be eligible for licensure; there is no combined score for Praxis Core tests.

PRAXIS CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS TEST

Core Academic Skills Test for Educators			
	Test Code	**Pass Score**	Please refer to the ETS website for the PPST/C-PPST test fees.
Combined Test	5751		
Reading	5712	156	
Writing	5722	162	
Mathematics	5732	150	
Costs	$50 registration fee plus $40 per test		$90-1 test $150-combined

Alternatives to Praxis Core Series: Qualifying Praxis I or qualifying SAT, ACT, or GRE scores can be accepted if the test scores meet the following pass scores:

Praxis I Test Codes and Cut Scores				
	PPST		**C-PPST**	
	Test Code	**Pass Score**	**Test Code**	**Pass Score**
Reading	0710	177	5710	177
Writing	0720	174	5720	174
Mathematics	0730	175	5730	175
Combined		526		526

Qualifying SAT scores:

- Combined score of 1000 and minimum Verbal (420) and Math (470) scores if taken before April 1, 1995.
- Combined score of 1100 and minimum Verbal (500) and Math (500) if taken after April 1, 1995.

For SAT scores email College Board at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores/old-scores using recipient code #4142. Your "reading" SAT score is equivalent to the "verbal" score. Your writing SAT score will not be counted.)

Qualifying ACT scores: English 22, Math 22
For ACT scores email ACT Records at http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/your-scores.html and request test scores be sent to VT using recipient code #4331.

Qualifying GRE scores:

- Combined score of 1100 and a minimum Verbal (500) and Quantitative (500) if taken before August 1, 2011
- Combined score of 30 and a minimum Verbal (153) and Quantitative (144) if taken after August 1, 2011

For GRE scores email ETS https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/send/asr .
Please note ETS will not send scores directly to the AOE. Send unopened test scores to AOE when received.

PRAXIS II CONTENT TESTS

Required for the following content areas for all candidates unless you hold a valid non-conditional license in the same endorsement area from a State that has signed the NASDTEC agreement

Praxis II Test Codes, Pass Scores, and Fees (does not include $50 registration fee)				
Endorsement Area	Candidates must meet the passing score on either the multiple choice or essay version.			
	Multiple Choice(MC)			
	Test Code	Pass Score	Fee	NOTES
Art	5135	161	$146	
Early Childhood Education (ECE)	5001 *See below	161	$146	*Required for candidates seeking the K-3 Level of ECE endorsement.
Combined Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Reading Math Social St. Science	5001 5002 5003 5004 5005	 157 157 155 159	$170 $60 $60 $60 $60	To pass the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects test you must receive a passing score on each subtest. If you wish to take all four subtests (5002, 5003, 5004, 5005) at the same time, select Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) when registering. *If you wish to take or retake an individual subtest, you may register to take just that subtest.
English	5039	168	$146	
ESOL	5362	155	$120	
Health	5551	163	$120	
Math	5161	160	$120	
Middle Grades English	5047	164	$146	The English test can be used to satisfy the Middle Grades English testing requirements.
Middle Grades Math	5169	165	$120	The Math test can be used to satisfy the Middle Grades Math testing requirements.
Middle Grades Science	5440	150	$120	The General Science test can be used to satisfy the Middle Grades Science testing requirements.
Middle Grades Social Studies	5089	165	$146	The Social Studies test can be used to satisfy the Middle Grades Social Studies testing requirements.
Music	5114	162	$146	
Modern & Classical Languages				
American Sign Language	0632	3	$146	Interview test: Offered once a year
Latin	5601	147	$120	
French	5174	162	$160	
German	5183	163	$160	
Spanish	5195	168	$160	
Chinese	5665	164	$160	
Physical Education	5095	169	$146	
Reading /ELA Spec.	5301	164	$146	
Science				
For a full science endorsement, candidates must meet a passing score on the General Science AND one subject specific test of their choosing. A limited endorsement in a science content area requires passing the Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science or Physic test.				
General Science	5435	157	$120	The General Science test can be used to satisfy the Middle Grades Science testing requirements.
Biology	5235	151	$120	
Chemistry	5245	160	$120	
Earth Science	5571	158	$120	
Physics	5265	140	$120	
Social Studies	5086	153	$146	
Sch. Psych.	5402	147	$120	
SLLA	6011	163	$425	For educators seeking any administrator endorsement through Vermont's transcript review process unless they have completed a VT approved program of hold a current administrator endorsement.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is exempt from taking Core Academic tests and Praxis II tests?

- Candidates who hold a current professional educator license in a state that has signed the NASDTEC agreement and are applying for an initial VT license in the endorsement area being sought
- Candidates who otherwise qualify for licensure/endorsement and have achieved National Board Certification®
- Educators seeking endorsement as
  - Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-vehicle instruction only)
  - Junior ROTC Instructor
  - School Nurse
  - Associate School Nurse
  - School Psychologist
  - Social Worker
  - Work-based Learning Coordinator

Do I have to pay a registration fee each time I register to take a Praxis test? No. Test takers are required to pay the registration fee only once during a testing year.

I have taken my test; how long before the AOE gets my results? Scores will be available to candidate immediately after taking most tests. ETS sends scores to the AOE approximately two weeks after the test date.

I took the Praxis II Elementary Education test and failed one section; what do I do now? A candidate who fails a section must re-take that section only.

I took the Praxis I or the Praxis Core tests for Educators and failed a section; what do I do now? Praxis I tests are no longer available. A candidate that failed a section of Praxis I (e.g., math) must now take the corresponding Core Academic Series exam (e.g., math). A candidate that fails any section(s) of the Core Academic Series must re-take the section(s).

I took the Praxis I & II tests a few years ago in a different state. Can I use those scores or do I have to take the test again? If candidates complete tests that have the same test codes as the tests Vermont has adopted and the scores meet or exceed Vermont's passing scores, these scores can be used. Candidates should contact the Educational Testing Service and request that an official score report be sent to the Vermont Agency of Education using recipient code "8410."

How do Vermont's testing requirements apply to Peer Review candidates? Peer Review candidates must meet all licensure testing requirements that are in effect when the Licensing Office receives the candidate's application for a

license. Please note that Peer Review candidates can only apply for a license after the panel has recommended the candidate for licensure and the candidate has received written confirmation of such from the Licensing Office.

I am applying for Educational SLP licensure in Vermont. What tests are required? Applicants for the Educational Speech Language Pathology endorsement must meet the passing scores for the Core Academic Series or an alternative to this series described in this brochure.

I previously held a Vermont educator license and wish to reinstate it. Do I have to meet the testing requirements? No. Vermont's testing requirements do not need to be met for reinstatement of a previously held educator license.

I am applying for the science endorsement limited to a specific science subject (i.e., biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science). Do I need to take a Praxis II General Science Subject Assessment test? No. Applicants are required to meet Vermont's passing score on the applicable Praxis II subject specific test only.

If I passed a Praxis II content knowledge test (English, math, science or social studies), do I also need to pass a middle grades Praxis test in the same content area to obtain a middle grades endorsement? No. A Praxis II passing score in a secondary content area will meet the testing requirements for the middle grades endorsement in that same content area. For the middle grades science endorsement, the general science test can be substituted for the middle grades science test. NOTE: Middle Grades Praxis II content tests cannot be used for secondary English, math, Social Studies or Science endorsements.

Can I have my college send the AOE my test scores? No, only test scores received **directly from ETS** will be considered official.

I am seeking an endorsement in a Modern and Classical Language not tested by Praxis II. What test do I need to take (e.g. Italian)? In all languages without an assigned Praxis II exam, ACTFL or ASLTA testing is required to demonstrate proficiency. For more info click here.

Can scores be used from other state required tests such as the MTEL, NYSTE, CBEST, NTE, etc.? No. Only passing SAT, ACT, GRE or Praxis I scores can be used, in lieu of, the Praxis CORE. There is no replacement for the required Praxis II test in the subject matter for which you have been recommended for licensure.

ETS INFORMATION

How do I register? Go to ETS for registration information. You can register online or via US mail.

Are special accommodations available if required by the test taker? The following accommodations are available: extended time for test takers whose primary language is not English, Monday testing for test takers whose military service or religious convictions prevent testing on Saturday, and non-standard testing accommodations for test takers with documented health-related needs or disabilites. **Consult the Praxis website here**, for additional information regarding what's required to qualify.

What if I need to cancel or reschedule my test prior to my test date? You may cancel or reschedule your test online or by calling ETS Customer Service at 1-800-772-9476 no later than four full days prior to your test date (not including the day of your test). If you cancel within this time frame, you may be eligible for a 50% refund of your test fees. More information about cancellation, rescheduling and refunds available at: www.ets.org/praxis/register/changes/.

When will I receive my scores?
Computer-Delivered Tests: As stated previously, scores for tests that are administered continuously will be available 2-3 weeks after the testing window closes (regardless of the specific day on which you tested within that window). Official score reports will be available online for 1 calendar year from the score reporting date. You can view your unofficial multiple-choice scores for certain tests at the test center. Because of the scoring process for constructed-response questions, your scores for tests containing constructed-response questions will not be available at the test center.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **VERMONT COMPUTER BASED TESTING LOCATION:** Prometric Services, 600 Blair Park Rd, Williston VT 05495. To register you must go to the ETS website: www.ets.org
- It is the agency's expectation that an applicant who is required to meet the testing requirement, request their passing test scores to be sent to our agency. There is a cost for this service. Therefore, the agency strongly advises that applicants ensure that their testing scores meet the pass score **before placing an order**.
- Test scores submitted by an applicant or an applicant's college **CANNOT** be accepted **UNLESS** the passing scores being submitted were for a PRAXIS I or SAT or ACT test taken **more than** 10 years ago. For tests taken more than 10 years ago, the agency will accepted a NOTARIZED paper copy of passing scores. The Notary will attest to the fact that the test scores are a true/accurate copy.
- If you test in Vermont, your score report will be sent automatically to the Vermont Agency of Education. If you test outside of Vermont, select the Vermont Agency of Education (**State Code 8410**) as a score recipient when you register or on an additional score report request.
- ETS has discontinued paper-delivered testing. However, tests will be available in a paper-delivered format as required for ADA accommodations. All scores for previously administered paper-delivered tests are reportable for 10 years from the date the test was taken. Note: the Assessment of Signed Communication – American Sign Language test (0632) will continue to be delivered in its current format.
- The **Top10 Questions Asked by *Praxis*™ Candidates** can be viewed at www.ets.org/praxis/top10
- Test Preparation materials can be found at www.ets.org/praxis/testprep.
- For more information on Praxis, or to register to take a test, log onto www.ets.org/praxis or call the Educational Testing Customer Service at 1-800-772-9476.

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