

State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT

The California Education Code and Title 5 Regulations specify, in most cases, that applicants for a credential, certificate, or permit to serve in the public schools of California must verify basic skills proficiency before the credential, certificate, or permit will be issued. For Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credential candidates, the basic skills requirement must be met prior to being assigned to daily responsibility for whole class instruction in student teaching or serving as an intern. However, institutions may require the basic skills requirement prior to program enrollment. Contact the college or university education department for more information.

The basic skills requirement may also be required as a condition of employment. Applicants should contact the school district where they are considering employment for more information.

OPTIONS FOR MEETING THE BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT

Individuals may satisfy the basic skills requirement by **one** of the following methods:

1. Pass the CBEST

Individuals only need to pass The California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) once; CBEST passing scores remain valid indefinitely for all credential and employment purposes. To pass the CBEST, one must obtain a minimum scaled score of 41 in each of the three sections—reading, writing, and mathematics. However, a score as low as 37 on an individual section is acceptable if the total scaled score is at least 123. Any or all sections of the CBEST can be repeated as many times as necessary to obtain a passing score, but the full registration fee is charged for each test administration.

Additional information and instructions for test registration and administration processes may be obtained by contacting the CBEST program.

CBEST Program

Evaluation Systems group of Pearson

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Automated Information System (24 hours a day) (800) 262-5080

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Website: http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/

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2. Pass the CSET: Multiple Subjects Plus Writing Skills Examination

The California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET): Multiple Subjects examination has been modified, adding an assessment of basic writing skills. Passage of the CSET: Writing Skills examination (test #142) can be added to passage of the CSET: Multiple Subjects Examination (subtests #101, 102, & 103) to meet the basic skills requirement. Passing exam scores used to meet the basic skills requirement only remain valid indefinitely. See www.ctcexams.nesinc.com for more information.

3. Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program or the CSU Placement Examinations

Passing scores on the California State University (CSU) Early Assessment Program (EAP) (English and Mathematics sections) or the CSU Placement Examinations (English Placement Test [EPT] and Entry Level Mathematics [ELM]) are sufficient to meet the basic skills requirement. See <u>Coded Correspondence 09-03</u> for additional information. Passing exam scores remain valid indefinitely for credential purposes. See Table 1 for passing scores.**

Table 1

<u> </u>						
CSU EAP Placement Test	CSU EAP Placement Tests (taken in Spring of 11th grade)					
	Math English					
Early Assessment Program (EAP)	'College Ready' or 'Exempt'	'College Ready' or 'Exempt'				
CSU Placement Tests						
	Math English					
Entry Level Math (ELM)	50*					
English Placement Test (EPT)		151				

^{*} ELM tests taken prior to March 2002 required a minimum passing score of 550.

4. Achieve Qualifying Score on the SAT or ACT

<u>Coded Correspondence 15-03</u> explains that an individual having earned a score of 500 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section* of the SAT exam combined with a score of 550 or higher on the SAT Mathematics exam is determined to have met the basic skills requirement. An individual having earned a score of 22 or higher on the ACT English exam combined with a score of 23 or higher on the ACT Mathematics exam is determined to have met the basic skills requirement. See Table 2.

Table 2

Examination	Math	English*
College Board SAT	550	500
(ACT)	23	22

^{*} Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (previously Critical Reading or Verbal) section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test.

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^{**} The English Placement Test (EPT) and Entry-Level Mathematics Exam (ELM) are no longer offered.

5. College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

As noted in <u>Coded Correspondence 15-03</u>, students who achieve a score of 3 or higher on the College Board AP English exam and AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam may also use these exam scores to meet the basic skills requirement. Table 3 shows how the scores may be applied.

Table 3

Examination	Math	English
College Board	Score of 3 or above on one of the following:	Score of 3 or above on one of the following:
Advanced Placement Examinations	AP Calculus ABAP Calculus BCAP Statistics	 AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition

6. Pass a Basic Skills Examination from Another State

The Commission will accept basic skills examinations from other states. A photocopy of the score report or letter from the testing agency verifying passage of the examination must be submitted with the application packet. There is no recency requirement for the date the examination was passed. See the Out-of-State Basic Skills Examinations chart at the end of this leaflet for a listing of acceptable examinations from other states.

Submitting Scores to the Commission

Individuals filing applications directly to the Commission using the CSU, SAT/ACT, or AP exams to meet the basic skills requirement must submit **original** passing score reports with their application packet. **Scores posted only on high school transcripts are not acceptable.** Commission-approved program sponsors or local employing agencies may submit a photocopy of the score report as long as the program sponsor or agency has verified it actually received from the educator an original score report, not a scanned or PDF copy.

Obtaining Duplicate Score Reports

Duplicate score reports may be obtained from the testing agencies as shown below.

CSU Placement Tests (EAP, ELM, EPT)

Beginning October 1, 2017, the English Placement Test (EPT) and Entry-Level Mathematics Exam (ELM) are no longer offered. For contact information on obtaining score results, see the ETS website at https://www.ets.org/csu/about/?WT.ac=csu/38419 scores results.

SAT/AP/ACT

The testing agencies maintain files of test scores taken within the last few years online. Check the testing agency's website for details if you completed one of these examinations recently. These agencies also maintain an archive of test results that date back for decades. For a fee, you can request a copy of your archived test scores for each of these examinations.

Archived SAT scores may be requested by mail or by telephone. Check the College Board website for the Archived Score Report Order Form or phone ordering directions and current duplicate report fees using this link: https://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-old-sat-scores

Information from the College Board on obtaining archived AP exam scores and the Archived AP Scores Request Form may be found using this link: https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/help#faq56

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Information on obtaining archived ACT scores online, by phone, or by mail may be found using this link: http://testprep.about.com/od/actfaq/ht/Old_ACT_Scores.htm

COMBINING EXAMINATION SCORES

Generally, as described in <u>Coded Correspondence 09-03</u>, there is no mixing and matching of different sections of examinations that satisfy the BSR. For example, an individual cannot combine passage of the mathematics section of the EAP, with the reading section of the CBEST, and the Writing section of the CSET: Multiple Subjects Plus Writing examination.

However, since the EAP and EPT/ELM examinations were linked for CSU admission and placement, the Commission will accept a combination of scores from the EAP and EPT/ELM Examinations to meet the BSR as long as the individual passed a section of English and a section for Mathematics. For example, an individual may combine passing scores of the Mathematics EAP and the CSU Placement Examination in English (EPT) to satisfy the BSR. See Coded Correspondence 11-18.

EXEMPTIONS

Applicants for the following documents are exempt from the basic skills requirement:

- 1. Renewal, reissuance, or upgrading of existing non-emergency credentials, certificates, or permits unless it is specifically indicated as a renewal requirement on the document
- 2. An additional credential, certificate, or permit to teach when the applicant holds a non-emergency California teaching credential which required a bachelor's degree
- 3. Credentials issued solely for teaching adults in apprenticeship programs
- 4. Designated Subjects Vocational Education, Career Technical Education, or Special Subjects Teaching Credentials for which a bachelor's degree is not required
- 5. Certificates of Clearance
- 6. Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificates
- 7. Child Development Permits
- 8. Visiting Faculty Permits
- 9. Eminence Credentials
- 10. Health Services Credentials, unless the document also authorizes teaching
- 11. Candidates who are prelingually deaf. This includes all credential types that have basic skills as a requirement for those serving in state special schools or in special classes for pupils with hearing impairments. Prelingually deaf individuals who choose this option will be required to complete a jobrelated assessment. See the *Guide for Verifying the Proficiency of Prelingually Deaf Credential Candidates* found on the Commission's website for complete details.

Applicants for the following documents may serve on a credential for one year pending the completion of the basic skills requirement:

- Exchange Credentials
- One-Year Nonrenewable (OYNR) Credentials (some services and teaching credentials may be
 issued to applicants who have completed their professional training outside of California and who
 have met all of the requirements for an initial California credential except for completion of the basic
 skills requirement). Applicants for the OYNR credential must submit a completed application
 packet through a California school district or county office of education that includes written

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verification that they have offered employment to the credential applicant, **and** the applicant has passed a basic skills test developed by the district or county. (The district basic skills test does not replace the basic skills requirement.)

• Out-of-state prepared holders of the preliminary multiple subject, single subject, and education specialist credentials must complete the basic skills requirement during the first year of certification

NOTE: Any examination information provided in this leaflet is subject to change. Please see the testing agency's website for the most current information.

Reference: California Education Code, Section 44252 and 44830

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Out-of-State Basic Skills Exams Guide February 2019

This chart is only a guide and is subject to change. Dashes (-----) in the *exam* column indicate that the state testing information is inconclusive. If an educator submits a basic skills examination from one of these states, the educator must include information from the state verifying that the examination meets the basic skills requirement.

State	Exam	Exam Name	Exam Info Web Site	State Web Site
Alabama	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment (since October 1, 2016) AECAP-ACT WorkKeys System (last administration July 8, 2017) Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP: Basic Skills Test) (Formerly APTTP) 	https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ea/Pages/bsa -all.aspx?navtext=Basic Skills Assessment	www.alsde.edu/sec/tc/page s/home.aspx
Alaska	yes	 Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) West-B 	www.ets.org www.cbest.nesinc.com www.west.nesinc.com education.alaska.gov/teachercertification /praxis.html	www.eed.state.ak.us/
Arizona	Not currently	Basic Skills Exam (if passed between January 1984 and January 1999)	Not applicable	www.azed.gov/
Arkansas	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org/praxis/ar/requirements www.ets.org	www.arkansased.org/



Colorado	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	www.cde.state.co.us/
Connecticut	Not currently	 Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment (Connecticut no longer requires the basic skills test; OK if passed prior to 07/01/2016) 	www.ets.org/praxis/ct/requirements www.ets.org	www.sde.ct.gov/sde/site/def ault.asp
Delaware	Not currently	 Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) (Delaware no longer requires the basic skills test; OK if passed prior to 06/20/2017) 	www.ets.org www.cbest.nesinc.com deeds.doe.k12.de.us/certificate/deeds_te_sting.aspx	www.doe.k12.de.us/
District of Columbia	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 8/31/16) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/dc/requirements/	osse.dc.gov/
Florida	yes	 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE)- (Beginning July 1, 2002) General Knowledge Test (GK) CLAST (1982-June 30, 2002); as of July 1, 2014, Florida will not recognize CLAST results to obtain an initial credential 	www.fl.nesinc.com/tests.asp	www.fldoe.org/EdCert/



Georgia	yes	 Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) 200, 201, 202 Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 3/5/2007) 	www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Ass essment/BasicSkillsInfo.aspx www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Ass essment/Testing.aspx www.ets.org	public.doe.k12.ga.us www.gapsc.com/
Guam	Yes	 Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org/praxis/gu/requirements gcec.guam.gov/wp- content/uploads/2011/08/Certification- Table-for-All-Educators.pdf	sites.google.com/a/gdoe.net /gdoe/
Hawaii	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 6/30/14) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/hi/requirements	www.htsb.org/ (Hawaii Teacher Standards Board) doe.k12.hi.us/index.html
Idaho		Not applicable	Not applicable	www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tea cher_certification/
Illinois	yes	 Illinois Certification Testing System (ILTS): Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) - four subtests beginning 9/12/2012 ICTS – Basic Skills Test (#096 if all sections passed before 8/31/2010; #300 if passed between 9/11/2010 and 9/11/2012) 	http://www.il.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx? f=HTML_FRAG/IL400_TestPage.html	www.isbe.net/licensure/html/testing.htm www.isbe.net/default.htm
Indiana	yes	 Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA) (beginning Summer 2013) Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org www.in.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GE N_Tests.html www.in.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HT ML_FRAG/IN001_TestPage.html	www.doe.in.gov/



Iowa		Not applicable	Not applicable	www.educateiowa.gov// www.iowa.gov/boee
Kansas	Not currently	Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) <u>(if passed between 5/1/1986 to 7/1/2002)</u>	Not applicable	www.ksde.org/
Kentucky	Not currently	Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST)	www.ets.org	education.ky.gov/Pages/def ault.aspx www.epsb.ky.gov/
Louisiana	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment (beginning 09/01/2014) Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (up to 8/31/2014 - scores differ depending on year passed) 	www.ets.org	www.doe.state.la.us/
Maine	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 8/31/2014) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements/ www.ets.org/praxis/me	www.maine.gov/doe/
Maryland	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment (beginning 09/01/2014)* Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 8/31/2014) * Candidates may combine passing scores on individual sections of the Praxis-Core and Praxis-I PPST exams to meet Maryland's basic skills requirement 	www.ets.org	www.marylandpublicschools .org/MSDE/divisions/certific ation/certification_branch/te sting



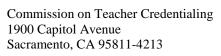
Massachusetts	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	www.doe.mass.edu/ www.mass.edu/home.asp
Michigan	Not currently	 Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC): Professional Readiness Exam (PRE)-last administered 09/23/2017 MTTC: Basic Skills Test NOTE: Effective 09/25/2018, Michigan will no longer require a basic skills test for teacher candidates 	http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/TestView.as px?f=HTML_FRAG/MI096_TestPage.html http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/MI17_requirements.asp	www.michigan.gov/mde
Minnesota	Yes	 NES Essential Academic Skills (NOTE: 2 versions of test,	www.ets.org http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.a spx?f=GEN_Tests.html	https://education.mn.gov/M DE/Lic/lic/index.htm
Mississippi	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/educator- licensure/new-praxis-testcore- academic-skills-for-educators- (core).pdf?sfvrsn=0	www.mde.k12.ms.us/
Missouri	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	dese.mo.gov/



Montana	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	opi.mt.gov/
Nebraska	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) 	www.ets.org www.education.ne.gov/tcert/pdfs/Test.pd f www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/	www.education.ne.gov/TCE RT/ www.education.ne.gov/inde x.html
Nevada	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) 	www.ets.orgwww.cbest.nesinc.com www.ets.org/praxis/nv/requirements	www.doe.nv.gov/
New Hampshire	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements	www.education.nh.gov/ www.education.nh.gov/certification/
New Jersey	yes	Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment	http://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/requiremen ts	http://www.nj.gov/educatio n/educators/license/praxis/
New Mexico	yes	 Essential Academic Skills (001, 002, 003) New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Basic Skills 	www.nmta.nesinc.com/	www.ped.state.nm.us www.ped.state.nm.us/licens ure/index.html
New York	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	usny.nysed.gov/teachers/
North Carolina	yes	 Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 8/31/14) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment 	www.ets.org/praxis/nc/requirements www.ets.org	www.ncpublicschools.org/lic ensure/ stateboard.ncpublicschools. gov/



North Dakota	yes	Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST)	www.ets.org	www.nd.gov/espb/ www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/ testing.html
Ohio	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Te mplates/Pages/ODE/ODEPri mary.aspx?page=2&TopicRe lationID=513
Oklahoma	yes	 Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ok.gov/octp/index.html www.ceoe.nesinc.com/ www.ets.org	www.ok.gov/sde/home/defa ultie.html www.ok.gov/octp/
Oregon	yes	 NES Essential Academic Skills Test West-B California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment 	www.west.nesinc.com www.cbest.nesinc.com/ www.ets.org www.orela.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f= HTML_FRAG/NT001_TestPage.html www.ets.org/praxis/or/requirements	www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages /index.aspx
Pennsylvania	yes	 Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) (beginning 4/2/2012) The Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) modules in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed from 09/01/2000 to 4/2/2012) Praxis: General Knowledge (GK) and Communication Skills (if passed prior to 09/01/2000) 	www.pa.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=G EN_WhatTestsDoINeedToTake.html www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/c ommunity/testing_requirements/8638 http://www.ets.org/praxis/pa/requireme nts	www.pde.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pennsylvania_department_of_education/7237





Rhode Island		Not applicable	Not applicable	www.ride.ri.gov/ www.ride.ri.gov/educatorqu ality/certification/default.asp x
South Carolina	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 8/31/2014) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/sc/requirements	ed.sc.gov/
South Dakota	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	doe.sd.gov/
Tennessee	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/tn/requirements/	www.state.tn.us/education/lic/
Texas	yes	THEA/TASP (Texas Higher Education Assessment/Texas Academic Skills Program) TSI Assessment	http://www.thea.nesinc.com/	https://tea.texas.gov/ Texas_Educators/ Certification/ Educator_Testing/
Utah	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	www.schools.utah.gov/cert/
Vermont	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 8/31/2014) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/vt/requirements	education.vermont.gov/ education.vermont.gov/licen sing



Wyoming	no	Not applicable	Not applicable	ptsb.state.wy.us/
Wisconsin	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org tepdl.dpi.wi.gov/licensing/wisconsin-educator-testing-requirements	dpi.wi.gov/tepdl/index.html
West Virginia	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.ets.org www.ets.org/praxis/wv/requirements	wvde.state.wv.us/certificatio n/ wvde.state.wv.us/
Washington	yes	 Washington Educator Skills Test – Basic (West-B) California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) 	www.west.nesinc.com/ www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/ www.ets.org	www.teachwashington.org/ www.pesb.wa.gov/ www.k12.wa.us/
Virginia	yes	 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Assessment (beginning 1/1/2014) Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST) (if passed prior to 8/31/2014) 	www.ets.org www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/educator preparation/college_programs/entry_as sessment.pdf www.ets.org/praxis/va/requirements	www.virginia.gov/education



Resources

Credential Leaflets:

Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) CL-667: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf

Examinations for Teacher Certification CL-818: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl818.pdf

Coded Correspondence:

15-03 - Options for Meeting the Basic Skills Requirement

09-03 - Implementation of Senate Bill 1186 Concerning the Basic Skills Requirement

07-18 - Changes to the Basic Skills Requirement

