

CCSU Basic Skills Testing Information for Application to the Professional Program

In the past every student applying to the professional program for teacher certification was required to submit scores for Praxis Core tests. The state also set specific passing scores for the Praxis Core tests. This is no longer the case. Students may now meet the state requirement for basic skills testing in a number of ways. There are no longer state-required passing scores on basic skills tests. A student's basic skills test scores are now only one of several factors considered in professional program admission decisions.

All applicants to the professional program for teacher certification at CCSU must submit basic skills test scores in reading, writing, and mathematics as part of the application to the professional program submitted in Task Stream. The basic skills testing requirements may be met in any one of the following ways:

- 1) A Praxis Core waiver issued by the CT State Department of Education prior to 2/1/2017;
- 2) SAT scores that include a writing score;
- 3) ACT scores that include a writing score;
- 4) Scores on Praxis Core reading, writing, and mathematics tests;
- 5) SAT scores that do not include a writing score PLUS a Praxis Core writing score;
- 6) ACT scores that do not include a writing score PLUS a Praxis Core writing score;
- 7) GRE scores that include a writing score and meet the institutional waiver standard*;
- 8) GRE scores that do not include a writing score but meet the institutional waiver standard*PLUS a Praxis Core writing score; or
- 9) PAA (Prueba de Aptitud Academica) scores that meet the institutional waiver standard* AND a Praxis Core writing score.

Students must submit credible evidence of the basic skills test(s) taken, the testing date(s), and the scores earned. This evidence must be submitted by the application deadline as part of the Task Stream application to the professional program. We will accept any combination of the following forms of evidence:

- 1) official test score report(s) showing test, score(s) earned, and date of testing;
- 2) a Banner web printout showing SAT or ACT scores and test date; or
- 3) a copy of the high school transcript showing SAT or ACT scores and test date.

*Criteria for a Basic Skills Test Waiver Based on GRE or PAA Scores

Test	Date Taken	Combined V/M	Verbal/English	Math/Quant.	Analytic Writing
GRE	Before 10/01/2002	1000	450	500	
	On/After 10/01/2002	1000	450	500	4.5
	On/After 08/01/2011	297	150	144	4.5
Test	Date Taken	Combined V/M	Verbal/English	Math/Quant.	ESLAT/ TESOL
PAA	All	Equivalent to 1000	No less than 400	No less than 400	510

NOTE: If you have taken the GRE on more than one occasion, your highest verbal score and your highest mathematics scores will be combined.

Testing companies:

Test scores may be requested from the testing companies.

SAT – College Board www.collegeboard.org

ACT – ACT, Inc. www.act.org

Praxis Core or I: ETS www.ets.org/praxis

GRE – ETS www.ets.org/gre

PAA (Prueba de Aptitud Academica) – College Board <https://latam.collegeboard.org/>