

## Basic Skills Assessment Options

### Basic Skills Assessments – Composite Score Option

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.

<b>I. ACT</b>		<i>Test Registration Link:</i> <a href="#">ACT</a>	
Test Name	Section	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
ACT - before September 1, 2015	English/Writing	22	Not Eligible
	ACT Combined Score*	23	Not Eligible
	Mathematics	21	19
*Must have all three passing scores to qualify; only Mathematics may be used in composite scores			
ACT – September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016	Reading	22	20
	Writing	21	17
	Mathematics	21	19
	<b>Composite ACT Test Score:</b>	<b>64</b>	
	ACT – after August 31, 2016		
ACT – after August 31, 2016	Reading	22	20
	Writing after Sept. 2016	8	7
	Mathematics	21	19
	<b>Composite ACT Test Score:</b>	<b>51</b>	

<b>II. CORE Academic</b>		<i>Test Registration Link:</i> <a href="#">ETS</a>	
CORE Test Option Effective 6/1/2014 for non-vocational certifications	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	5712	156	148
Mathematics	5732	142	132
Writing	5722	162	158
	<b>Composite CORE Test Score:</b>	<b>460</b>	

**III. PAPA***Test Registration Link:* [ES Pearson](#)

Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	8001	220	193
Mathematics	8002	193	176*
Writing	8003	220	192
<b>Composite PAPA Test Score:</b>		<b>633</b>	

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

**IV. SAT***Test Registration Link:* [College Board](#)

Test Date	Test	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
SAT – prior to March 1, 2016	Critical Reading	500	500
	Mathematics	500	500
	Writing	500	500
	<b>Composite SAT Test Score:</b>	<b>1500</b>	
SAT - after February 29, 2016	Reading	27	25
	Mathematics	26	24
	Writing and Language	28	26
	<b>Composite SAT Test Score:</b>	<b>81</b>	

**V. PPST (Praxis I)\***

Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
PPST or Computerized PPST Reading	0710 or 5710	172	169
PPST or Computerized PPST Writing	0720 or 5720	173	170
PPST or Computerized PPST Mathematics	0730 or 5730	173	170
<b>Composite PPST Test Score:</b>		<b>518</b>	

\*Test Series Must be Started Prior to 12/31/2012

## Who must pass the Basic Skills requirements?

All students in undergraduate teacher education programs leading to Instructional I Certification as teachers (initial teaching certificates) and graduate students who are in programs leading to certification as Educational Specialists who do not hold a teaching certificate must satisfy the Basis Skills requirements.

**Students must satisfy the Basic Skills Requirements to achieve candidacy status and register for advanced education courses.**

## Who is exempt from the PAPA?

Post-baccalaureate students (students who already have a college degree and are completing an initial teacher certification program) are exempted from the Basic Skills requirements.

## How do I register and prepare for the PAPA? Can I retake the PAPA?

Go to <http://www.pa.nesinc.com> for information about how to register and prepare for the exam. Click “What tests do I need to take” and then click on PAPA. There is a registration link at the bottom of the page.

Preparation materials and practice tests are provided by Pearson and can be accessed at <http://www.pa.nesinc.com>. There are free full length tests available and also additional tests that can be purchased on the Pearson site.

You may retake the exam for free one time if your score falls between 209 and 219 and you have attempted to pass the test module at least once but no more than twice. Retake vouchers must be obtained from the Teacher Education office at the University.

## How do I register and prepare for the CORE? Can I retake the CORE?

Go to [www.ets.org/praxis/pa/requirements](http://www.ets.org/praxis/pa/requirements) for information to register and prepare for the exam.

The CORE tests can be taken individually or as a set. The Test Number for the combined test is 5751.

**This link provides FREE practice materials and videos for the CORE exams.**

<http://www.mometrix.com/academy/praxis-test/>

You may retake the exam for free one time if you miss the passing score by no more than 3 points and you have attempted to pass the test module at least once but no more than twice. Retake vouchers must be obtained from the Teacher Education office at the University.

## How else do I prepare for the PAPA and CORE?

*In addition RMU has purchased online preparation courses for your use for the PAPA and CORE exams.*

## PAPA Online Course and Practice Tests

Locate the following URL with your web browser: <http://www.longsdalepub.com/papa/>

This URL will direct you to a Web page welcoming you to the **PAPA Online Course and Practice Tests**. Click on the “Register NEW Account” button. You will need to register using the following information.

School Number: **91135**

School Key: **papasuccess**

After entering this information, the next screen to appear will require you to enter an email address and your first and last name into the spaces provided. The ID Number field is optional.

When you have completed the registration process, you will be issued a user name and password. Since you will be asked to enter your user name and password each time you login, it is important that you keep a copy in a safe place.

After logging into the program for the first time, we encourage you to begin with the section entitled, "Introduction to the PAPA." This section will introduce you to the course and offer suggestions on how to get the most out of the instruction and practice tests. The program is flexible, so after reading the introduction you can begin working through the material from the beginning covering all sections, or you can navigate to areas of specific need.

## **CORE Online Course and Practice Tests**

Locate the following URL with your web browser: <http://www.longsdalepub.com/praxis/>

This URL will direct you to a Web page welcoming you to the **Praxis Core Online Course and Practice Tests**. Click on the "Register NEW Account" button. You will need to register using the following information.

School Number: **94015**

School Key: **praxissuccess**

After entering this information, the next screen to appear will require you to enter an email address and your first and last name into the spaces provided. The ID Number field is optional.

When you have completed the registration process, you will be issued a user name and password. Since you will be asked to enter your user name and password each time you login, it is important that you keep a copy in a safe place.

After logging into the program for the first time, we encourage you to begin with the section entitled, "Introduction to the Praxis Core." This section will introduce you to the course and offer suggestions on how to get the most out of the instruction and practice tests. The program is flexible, so after reading the introduction you can begin working through the material from the beginning covering all sections, or you can navigate to areas of specific need.

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Students should review these materials *before* taking the exam for the first time. You may access the courses on any computer. We have computers available in the Education Lab (PH308) on the top floor of the Library for your convenience.