

PA Department of Education (PDE) Test Requirements for School Certification

All **undergraduate** candidates must pass a series of basic skills tests, according to Option 1, 2, 3, or 4, in order to apply for Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE).

Post bacc candidates previously enrolled in an initial certification program but discontinued must take these tests.

Option #1 PECT/PAPA Tests

8001	PAPA Module 1: Reading	You may take 1 or all 3 modules at 1 test appt.	*see below
8002	PAPA Module 2: Mathematics		*see below
8003	PAPA Module 3: Writing		*see below

*Testing requirements for PAPA can be met through Method 1 or Method 2	Method 1 ➤ Reading – 220 ➤ Mathematics – 220 ➤ Writing – 220 <u>Meet or exceed</u> each minimum test score above	Method 2 ➤ Reading – 193 ➤ Mathematics – 197 ➤ Writing – 192 COMPOSITE SCORE = 686 // Two conditions must be met to use the composite score method: (1) the Minimum Composite Score on each PAPA test is achieved or surpassed; and (2) the sum of the three test scores must be at least 686. If any test is below the minimum composite score shown above, the composite score method may not be used.

Option #2 Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) Tests

Register individually or as a combined test (5751)

5712 Core Academic Skills for Educators (Reading)

5751 -Use this number when registering for all three tests at once

5722 Core Academic Skills for Educators (Writing)

5732 Core Academic Skills for Educators (Mathematics)

Testing requirements for CORE can be met through Method 1 or Method 2	Method 1 ➤ Reading – 156 ➤ Writing – 162 ➤ Mathematics – 150 <u>Meet or exceed</u> each minimum test score above	Method 2 ➤ Reading – 148 ➤ Writing – 158 ➤ Mathematics – 142 COMPOSITE SCORE = 475 / Two conditions must be met to use the composite score method: (1) the Minimum Composite Score on each Core Academic Skill test is achieved or surpassed; and (2) the sum of the three test score must be at least 475. If any test is below the minimum composite score shown above, the composite score method may not be used.

Option #3 ACT Test:

The composite score of 23 on the **American College Test Plus Writing (ACT)** shall be accompanied by a combined English/Writing score of 22 and a Math score of 21.

[Score Reporting Information for ACT](#)

Option #4 SAT Test:

A score of no less than 1550 on the **Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT)**

- The SAT score of 1550 will include no individual section (Critical Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) score of less than 500.
- Highest scores can be from different test administrations.

[Score Reporting Information for SAT](#)

- Tests offered by Pearson (PECT) are in shaded rows; otherwise the tests are offered by Educational Testing Service (ETS) or ACTFL/LTO
- When registering with ETS, choose #8033 (PDE) and #2659 (WCU) as a score recipients; with Pearson, choose WCU from a drop down menu – it will go to PA automatically
- ETS Computer-based tests have date restrictions
- PA certification tests may be repeated an unlimited amount of times and are good for life
- For further details about replaced tests, call the Certification Office (610) 436-2321
- Basic skills tests must be passed in order to apply for Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE) and all PDE required tests must be passed to be certified in PA
- All candidates for certification must meet the qualifying score for all applicable tests at the time their application for certification is received by the PA Department of Education

Go to the College of Education web site for more testing details & links:

<http://wcupa.edu/academics/coe/paTests.aspx>

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These tests must be <i>taken</i> prior to student teaching:			
5235		Biology: Content Knowledge	147
5245		Chemistry: Content Knowledge	154
5571		Earth and Space Science: Content Knowledge	157
8006	}	Early Grades PreK-4 - Module 1	197
8007		Early Grades PreK-4 - Module 2	193
8008		Early Grades PreK-4 - Module 3	193
You may take one or all three modules at one test appt.			
5038		English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
		French: ACTFL (OPI) and (WPT)	IH/IH
5174		OR World Languages: French** (contains listening section)	162
5511		Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Required for Foreign Languages, H/PE, Music)	150
5435		General Science: Content Knowledge	146
		German: ACTFL (OPI) and (WPT)	IH/IH
5183		OR World Languages: German** (contains listening section)	163
5857		Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge	160
5161		Mathematics: Content Knowledge (graphing calculator required)	160
5152		Middle Grades 4-8 PA Grades 4-8 Core Assessment (combination)*	N/A*
5153	}	Subtests of #5152	Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 CA: Pedagogy
5154		retake subtest(s)	Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 CA: English Lang. Arts & Social Studies
5155		not passed	Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 CA: Mathematics & Science
5156		Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 SC: English Lang. Arts	156
5158		Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 SC: Mathematics	173
5159		Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 SC: Science	156
5157		Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 SC: Social Studies	150
5113		Music: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	158
5265		Physics: Content Knowledge	140
5421		Professional School Counselor	156
5301		Reading Specialist	164
		Russian: ACTFL (OPI) and (WPT)	IH/IH
5081		Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157
		Spanish: ACTFL (OPI) and (WPT)	IH/IH
5195		OR World Languages: Spanish** (contains listening section)	168
8011	}	Special Ed (PreK-8) Module 1	You may take one or both modules
8012		Special Ed (PreK-8) Module 2	at one test appointment
8015	}	Special Ed (7-12) Module 1	You may take one or both modules
8016		Special Ed (7-12) Module 2	at one test appointment
5331		Speech Language Pathology	162

*To pass the Pennsylvania **Grades 4–8** Core Assessment you must receive a passing score on each subtest. You may choose to take the combined test (#5152) or schedule subtests individually.

**Consult with your foreign language advisor to determine if this test is appropriate

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