

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		*see below
8002	PAPA Module 2: Mathematics	You may take 1 or all 3 modules at 1 test appt.	*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.
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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.
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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	You may take one or all three modules at one test appt.	197
8007	Early Grades PreK-4 - Module 2		193
8008	Early Grades PreK-4 - Module 3		193
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 Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 CA: English Lang. Arts & Social Studies Middle Grades 4-8 PA G 4-8 CA: Mathematics & Science	162
5154	retake subtest(s)		152
5155	not passed		164
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 at one test appointment	220
8012	Special Ed (PreK-8) Module 2		220
8015	Special Ed (7-12) Module 1	You may take one or both modules at one test appointment	220
8016	Special Ed (7-12) Module 2		220
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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