All candidates seeking an initial instructional (teaching) certification must meet the basic skills requirement in one of the ways below or using a combination of passing scores from the various tests. PDE provides the most recent information online. To see if a combination of your scores from different tests is passing, click on the “Composite Score Calculator” on the PDE website. Enter the scores from the tests you have taken and the calculator will indicate whether your scores are passing.

1) PAPA – Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment
   Available only as computer tests at authorized Pearson VUE testing centers. Register at www.pa.nesinc.com. Preparation materials are available at this web site.

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   • You may take all three modules in one testing session or take them individually.
   * PDE will accept 174 for the PAPA Math Composite Score from candidates accepted in the certification program prior to August 31, 2016.

2) ETS Core Academic Skills for Educators
   Available only as computer tests at authorized ETS/Praxis centers. Register at www.ets.org/Praxis. Preparation materials are available at this web site.

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   • You may take all three tests in one testing session as a Combined test or take them individually. The test code for the Combined test is 5751.

3a) SAT taken prior to 3-1-16: 500 in Critical Reading; 500 in Math; 500 in Writing.
3b) SAT taken 3-1-16 and later: if the sum of your three scores equals 81 or higher:
   SAT taken 3-1-16 and later if the sum of your three scores equals 81 or higher: 25 in Critical Reading; 24 in Math; 26 in Writing and Language.

4a) ACT taken prior to 9-1-15: Submit a PDE help ticket with a copy of your full score for a determination. Go to the PDE website to submit a help ticket.
4b) ACT taken between 9-1-15 and 8-31-16: 22 in Reading; 21 in Math; 21 in Writing.
   ACT taken between 9-1-15 and 8-31-16 if the sum of your three scores equals 64 or higher: 20 in Reading; 19 in Math; 17 in Writing.
4c) ACT taken 9-1-16 and later: 22 in Reading; 21 in Math; 8 in Writing.
   ACT taken 9-1-16 and later if the sum of your three scores equals 51 or higher: 20 in Reading; 19 in Math; 7 in Writing.

5) Bachelor’s Degree: you are exempt from the basic skills assessments if you already possess a bachelor’s degree
6) ETS Praxis I Reading, Math, and Writing (PPST)
   • This option is available only if you initially took the Praxis I before December 31, 2012. Scores are available upon request and at the PDE web site.