

Important SRU Teacher Candidate Test Prep Information:

- Free (to SRU Students) Praxis Core Prep Course:
 - <http://www.longsdalepub.com/praxis/>
 - Password and login information is available at 105 McKay. Please stop in or call (724) 738-2007.
- (Optional, at students' cost): BC3 PAPA Prep---<http://www.passpraxis.com/>

PAPA Prep

This Internet course is designed for teacher candidates preparing to take the new Pennsylvania PAPA Exam. PAPA Prep online provides plenty of interaction with the instructor through submitted assignments, discussion board topics, and live chats in the chat room in Blackboard. Homework assignments are submitted to the instructor so the instructor can help students discover areas of strengths and weaknesses. Students will learn exam taking strategies, improve reading comprehension, learn how to write an effective essay response, understand key mathematical concepts, and get plenty of practice exam questions. [Tutoring available](#)

- Note: Based on initial CORE pass rates recently released by PDE, SRU currently recommends considering taking the CORE in order to demonstrate “basic skills.”
 - Please visit <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core> for more information
 - Students should seriously consider taking advantage of the free and priced preparation materials found at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials>.

Additional SRU test prep help:

- The following SRU math courses are aligned to the PAPA/CORE math exam: **ACSD 110 (for students sub 430 Math SAT's), Math 120, Math 118, and Math 152**
- The following SRU English courses are aligned to the PAPA/CORE writing and reading exams: **ENGL 102, 104, and 220.**
- Check with your advisor for other possible workshop/prep course opportunities
- Education FYRST Seminars may also require demonstration of having taken these exams. Students will need to produce the diagnostic printout from each test showing areas of strength and weakness so that individualized remediation can take place.
- Click here for Writing Center academic support, math tutoring, and general tutorial support: <http://www.sru.edu/academics/academic-services/academic-support>

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Call SRU's Career Services if you have questions: 724-738-2028 or click
<http://www.sru.edu/life-at-sru/career-education-and-development>

PDE Basic Skills Requirement

The basic skills requirement may be met by any of the following assessment methods. Modules from different providers may be combined to meet the requirement.

To see score requirements, announcements, test registration, study guides, and pass rate data for all of the following assessments, visit <http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-Testing.aspx#tab-1>

- The Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) modules in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.
 - Visit www.pa.nesinc.com to register for test code PA701.
 - Scores must be electronically submitted directly to the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality from the test vendor.

- The Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) modules in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.
 - Visit www.ets.org/praxis/pa to register for test codes 5712, 5722 and 5732.
 - Scores must be electronically submitted directly to the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality from the test vendor.

- The Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) -- Critical Reading, Writing, Mathematics
 - The best section scores from different test sessions may be selected
 - Submit official test scores and a TIMS application cover sheet to the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality in an envelope sealed by the test vendor. Scores may also be verified by the Pennsylvania Approved Preparation Programs through TIMS.

- The American College Test (ACT)
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 - Submit official test scores and a TIMS application cover sheet to the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality in an envelope sealed by the test vendor. Scores may also be verified by the Pennsylvania Approved Preparation Programs through TIMS.