



Application for Graduate Admission

Basic Skills Test Requirements for Admissions and Graduation - For Initial Teacher Education Students

Basic Skills Test Requirements

One of the following basic skills tests meeting the cut-off score requirement must be uploaded and submitted as part of your application. If your current GPA is above a 3.0 GPA, then please upload a document stating the Basic Skills Test is waived with GPA.

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators	Test Code	MD Score
Reading	5712	156
Writing	5722	162
Mathematics	5732	150
Praxis I: PPST/CPST Prior to September 1, 2014		
Reading	5710	177
Writing	5720	173
Mathematics	5730	177
SAT (prior to April, 1995) (math and verbal)		1000
SAT (after April, 1995) (math and verbal or math and critical reading)		1100
GRE (prior to September 1, 2011) (math and verbal)		1000
GRE (taken as of September 1, 2011) (math and verbal)		297
ACT		24
Undergraduate or Graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher		Basic Skills Test Waived with GPA

Praxis II Requirements

The Praxis II Content Knowledge examination is required by June 1st for MCERT and IMCP programs.

Praxis II exceptions:

- Art, Physical Education, and TESOL (PreK-12 areas)
 - Content knowledge is not required (is not offered)
- World Languages Praxis II and **ACTFL requirements:
 - Chinese
 - Chinese (Mandarin) content is required
 - **OPI required
 - French, German, and Spanish
 - Content knowledge is required
 - **OPI required
 - Italian and Russian
 - Content knowledge is not required (is not offered)
 - **OPI and WPT required

**All World Language students have additional examination requirements by ACTFL, the *American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages*, and must qualify at the minimum levels listed below.

ACTFL OPI and WPT Passing Score Requirements for World Language Students

OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) is required for all World Language students

(OPI NCATE standards differ from MSDE standards. The minimum qualification levels are listed below.)

Chinese: Intermediate High Level

French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish: Advanced Low Level

WPT (Writing Proficiency Test) is required for Italian and Russian

(WPT must meet MSDE standards. The minimum qualification levels are listed below.)

Italian and Russian: Intermediate High Level

Chinese, French, German, or Spanish: WPT is not required