

Praxis® Core
Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates
Neag School of Education, University of Connecticut

According to state law, each person admitted to a teacher education program in Connecticut shall take the **Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators** tests in reading, writing, and mathematics OR meet the requirements for a waiver.

How do I know if I am eligible for a waiver?

SAT Waiver	ACT Waiver	GRE Waiver
<p><i>Available for applicants who:</i></p> <p>Have a combined score of 1100 on the mathematics and critical reading sections, with neither subtest score below 450 Points. (Note: writing section is NOT included)</p>	<p><i>Available for applicants who:</i></p> <p>Score no less than 22 on the English subtest and no less than 19 on the mathematics subtest</p>	<p><i>Available for applicants who:</i></p> <p>Combined score of 297 on quantitative reasoning & verbal reasoning tests with no less than a score of 144 in quantitative reasoning and 150 in verbal reasoning, plus a minimum analytic writing score of 4.0.</p>
<p>Note: If you took the ACT prior to Oct. 1989, the SAT prior to 1995 or the GRE prior to 2011, see Basic Skills test Waiver Criteria on https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Bureau-of-Certification/News-and-Alerts for passing scores.</p>		
<p>SAT Test Score Request: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores</p>	<p>ACT Test Score Request: http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/your-scores.html</p>	<p>GRE Test Score Request: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/</p>

Current UConn students: To see if you qualify for the waiver, look at your ACT or SAT scores in High School Summary in the Student Administration system: <http://www.peoplesofthelp.uconn.edu/student/st27cs90.html>. If you qualify for the waiver AND your scores appear in PeopleSoft, you do not have to request test scores.

If you qualify for the waiver and have not submitted ACT, GRE or SAT scores to UConn, you **MUST** request official scores and have them sent to UConn (GRE/SAT recipient code 3915; ACT recipient code 0604;) by **May 1** (prior to entering the teaching program).

I do not qualify for a waiver, now what?

View test info on ets.org/praxis/ct/requirements. Register to take the Praxis Core (see information on next page). **Students will need to submit test scores by May 1 (prior to entering the teaching program).**

Praxis® Core	<p>Can take one, two, or all three at once</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading: 88 minutes; 56 selected-response questions based on reading passages & statements ▪ Writing: 100 minutes; 40 selected-response questions and two essay questions ▪ Math: 85 minutes; 56 selected-response and numeric entry questions (on-screen calculator available)
When & Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dates: Offered year-round by appointment (Monday - Saturday) ▪ Locations: Glastonbury (860-633-7236); Hamden (203-287-9677); Litchfield (860-567-0863); Norwalk (203-847-0031)

Test Numbers & Passing Scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum passing standards set by CSDE. However, students do not need to achieve the passing score in order to enter the teaching program. TCPCG will use the scores diagnostically to determine if students need remediation in any area. 		
	Reading Writing Math Combined Test	Test #5712 Test #5722 Test #5732 Test #5751	Passing Score = 156 Passing Score = 162 Passing Score = 150
Fees	1 test: \$90; 3 tests: \$150		
Fee Waiver	Fee waivers may be available for students with demonstrated need that meet the criteria.		
Score Report Receipt	Score reports are available via your online account. You will receive an email when scores have been posted. Reading or math score results available 10-12 days after testing window closes. Writing scores available 15-17 business days after testing window closes.		
Retest	Students <u>do not need to retake the test(s)</u> since passing scores are not needed to enter the program.		
Registration	<p><i>Praxis</i>[®] registration information, including test sites and dates, is available online: https://www.ets.org/praxis/ct/requirements. Please follow the steps outlined below to register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create your Praxis account Select the "Register for a <i>Praxis</i> test link" Select the "I Agree" button Select the "Continue" button after confirming your personal information Select the "EPP Test Requirements" button to view a full list of <i>Praxis</i> tests. The Core Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Combined tests will be available in this list. <p>Student tips and practice tests are available on the ETS website. It is suggested that students familiarize themselves with the test prior to taking it. Call 1-800-772-9476 for questions.</p>		
Recipient Code	Include the University of Connecticut as a score recipient: Code 3915 . If you did not include UConn as a score recipient, you MUST contact ETS and have them send UConn a score report.		

Praxis[®] Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) tests measure academic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. These tests were designed to provide comprehensive assessments that measure the skills and content knowledge of candidates entering teacher preparation programs.

- ***Praxis*[®] Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading** - The Core Reading test includes sets of questions that require the integration and analysis of multiple documents, as well as some alternate response types, e.g., select-in-passage. See <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5712>
- ***Praxis*[®] Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing** - The Core Writing test assesses both argumentative writing and informative/explanatory writing, and will contain one writing task for each writing type. In addition, multiple-choice questions will be added to address the importance of research strategies and assess strategies for revising and improving text. See <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5722>
- ***Praxis*[®] Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics** - The Core Mathematics test includes numeric entry and multiple choice questions, and will also offer an on-screen calculator to help ensure that questions are testing mathematical reasoning by reducing the chance that a candidate's wrong response comes from a simple arithmetic error. See <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5732>