

WHAT TESTS ARE REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION IN PA?			
Please request that Immaculata University (school code 2320) and the PA Department of Education receive your test scores.			
Please review the test information below for the program that you are in or completed. If you are unsure of what test(s) to take, please reach out the certification officer. The contact information is below.			
Please take note of the important announcement indicated below regarding the Basic Skills tests.			
Certification Type/Program:	Test Name:	Test #:	Administered By/Website to Register:
Elementary: Pre K through Grade 4	*Basic Skills Tests: CORE Reading, Writing, and Math (for undergraduate students only-waived through 7/8/2025.		
	The Pre K-4 Assessments (includes 3 modules)	ETS: CORE Reading (5713) CORE Writing (5723) and CORE Math (5733) 8006, 8007 and 8008	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis Pearson: (www.pa.nesinc.com)
Pre K-4 and Special Education PK-12	*Basic Skills Tests: CORE Reading, Writing, and Math (for undergraduate students only-waived through 7/8/2025.		
	The Pre K-4 Assessment (includes 3 modules)	ETS: CORE Reading (5713) CORE Writing (5723) and CORE Math (5733) 8006, 8007 and 8008	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis Pearson: (www.pa.nesinc.com)
	PK-12 Special Education- Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	5355 (Beginning 9/1/2023); 5354 (Discontinued 8/31/2023)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
K-12 (Special Education PK-12, BCIT, Music, and Reading Specialist)	*Basic Skills Tests: CORE Reading, Writing, and Math (for undergraduate students only-waived through 7/8/2025.	ETS: CORE Reading (5713) CORE Writing (5723) and CORE Math (5733)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Fundamental Subjects - Content Knowledge (note: The Fundamental Subjects test is only required for candidates seeking their first Pennsylvania certificate)	5511	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Plus the subject concentration test:		
	PK-12 Special Education- Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	5355 (Beginning 9/1/2023); 5354 (Discontinued 8/31/2023)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	BCIT	5101	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Music	5113	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Reading Specialist	5301 (Accepted through August 31, 2021); 5302 (Required beginning September 1, 2021)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
7-12 (Biology, Chemistry, ELA, and Social Studies)	*Basic Skills Tests: CORE Reading, Writing, and Math (for undergraduate students only-waived through 7/8/2025.	ETS: CORE Reading (5713) CORE Writing (5723) and CORE Math (5733)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Plus the subject concentration test:		
	Biology	5236 (Required beginning September 1, 2022); (Accepted through August 31, 2022)5235	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Chemistry	5245 (Accepted through August 31, 2022); 5246 (Required beginning September 1, 2022)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	English Lang., Arts: Content Knowledge	5038	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Social Studies	5081	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
School Counselor	Professional School Counselor	5421 (Accepted through August 31, 2022); 5422 (Required beginning September 1, 2022)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
Superintendents Ltr of Eligibility	School Superintendent Assessments (SSA)	6991 (Required starting 3/1/2020) 6021 (Accepted if taken before 9/1/2020)	ETS: https://www.ets.org/sls/register
Supervisor	Educational Leadership: Admin & Supervision	5412 (replaces 5411 effective 3/1/2019)	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
Principal	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	6990 (replaces 6011 effective 3/1/2019)	ETS: https://www.ets.org/sls/register
PLEASE REVIEW THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW REGARDING TEST INFORMATION.			
*Undergraduate Students ONLY: PDE Announcement regarding the Basic Skills Tests: Act 55 of 2022 signed into law by Governor Wolf on July 8, 2022 requires the Secretary of Education to waive the requirement to satisfactorily complete the assessment of basic skills required under section 1207.3 and 22 Pa. Code § 49.18(c) (relating to assessment) for 3 years from July 8, 2022 through July 8, 2025. This applies to all students who enter preparation programs during this period as well as otherwise qualified candidates for licensure who make application during this period. Please contact the Certification Officer for more details.			
*Undergraduate Students ONLY: Please contact the Certification Officer before taking the Basic Skills Tests. Students who obtain a "B" or higher in Math 109 and Math 111 are not required to take the Math basic skills test. Students may also be SAT/ACT exempt.			
Please take note of the ACT 55 Announcement.			
If you completed a Special Education PK-8 program, please contact the Certification Officer before taking the test for this certification.			
(1) If you have your initial certification or are completing pk-grade 4 along with special education pk-grade 12, you are not required to take test 5511. (2) Please check the testing websites to see if your test is available to take from home. (3) Many tests allow for a GPA allowance. Please visit https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/CertTestingRequirements/Pages/default.aspx for more information on GPA allowances allowed in PA.			
ADDING ON BY TESTING ALONE FOR GRADES 5 THROUGH 6 AND GRADES 4 THROUGH 8			
Certification Type:	Test Name:	Test #:	Administered By/Website to Register:
Elementary: Grades 5 through 6	English Lang. Arts and Social Studies Subtest and	5154	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Math and Sciences Subtest	5155	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Note: Adding on Elementary Grades 5–6 is only available to those holding a valid Pennsylvania Grades PK–4 certificate.		
Elementary: Grades 4 through 8	Pennsylvania Gr. 4-8 Core Assessment	5152	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Pedagogy Subtest (Not needed for people with Pre K-Grade 4 Certification)	5153	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	English Lang. Arts and Social Studies Subtest and	5154	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Math and Sciences Subtest	5155	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Plus the subject concentration test:		
	English Lang., Arts	5156	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Social Studies	5157	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Math	5158	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
	Science	5159	ETS: www.ets.org/praxis
Pennsylvania educators who hold any Instructional certificate may add instructional content areas by testing alone with no additional coursework required. To find more information on what certifications can be added on by testing alone, please visit PDE's site for more information: https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/PAEducators/Pages/Instructional-Add-Ons.aspx .			
Please contact Leah Bustraan, Certification Officer, at 484-323-3297 or lbustraan@immaculata.edu with any questions.			