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## **Basic Academic Skills Assessment (BASA) and Subject Area Testing**

### ***What is Basic Academic Skills Assessment?***

The Ed 500 Administrative Rule (currently Ed 513.01) requires each candidate seeking initial teacher licensure to show Basic Academic Skills in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

### ***How do I meet the BASA requirement?***

- 1) Submit passing scores on Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nh/>
- 2) Submit passing scores on an out of state test comparable to Praxis Core. Comparability will be determined as part of your application review. For students enrolling in a NH state approved educator preparation program and interested in having an out of state test evaluated for comparability: <https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/documents/test-evaluation-request.pdf>
- 3) Submit scores documenting at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on a nationally recognized test in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics such as, but not limited to, the SAT, GRE or ACT. Evaluation of these tests will be part of your application review. For students enrolling in a NH state approved educator preparation program and interested in having a national test evaluated for comparability: <https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/documents/test-evaluation-request.pdf>
- 4) Hold a NH Beginning Educator or Experienced Educator License or document an initial or higher certification/license from out of state along with your application.
- 5) For Career and Technical Education (CTE) specialty area applicants only: submit an experience letter documenting 3 years of full time experience in the area for which licensure is sought **AND** a copy of a current industry-recognized credential appropriate to the CTE specialty area in which licensure is sought.

### ***Which endorsements do not require BASA?***

School Counselor, School Social Worker, School Speech-Language Specialist

### ***What is the subject area test requirement?***

The Ed 500 Administrative Rule (currently Ed 513.01) requires each candidate to pass a subject area content knowledge test when seeking teacher licensure in any one of the major areas of concentration in which the NH State Board of Education has established a passing score.

### ***How do I meet the subject area test requirement?***

Praxis Testing: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nh/>

Visit the link above for information regarding Praxis Core, a list of endorsements that require Praxis Subject tests, testing accommodations, test preparation, obtaining previous score reports, test center locations/dates and registration.

Pearson's Foundations of Reading Test: <http://www.nh.nesinc.com/>

Effective 7/1/2014 Foundations of Reading is required for Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education (K-6/K-8), Reading and Writing Teacher, Reading and Writing Specialist endorsements

For students enrolling in a NH state approved educator preparation program and interested in having an out of state/national subject test evaluated for comparability: <https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/documents/test-evaluation-request.pdf>

### **Please note:**

Advanced degrees do not meet the BASA or Subject Area Testing requirements. Test comparability determination is made by the Bureau of Credentialing. NH's Administrative rules do not provide a pathway to certification that only requires testing. In addition to any BASA and Subject Area Testing requirements, candidates for licensure must meet the requirements for one of the pathways to licensure as described on our website <https://www.education.nh.gov/certification>

### ***What is the ParaPro Assessment?***

Applicants for Paraeducator II can use the ParaPro (or comparable nationally recognized assessment) in lieu of the Associate's Degree or 48 college credit requirement.

<https://www.ets.org/parapro/about/>

### ***How do I submit documentation or see if documentation has been received?***

As of 11/15/2018, Credentialing will no longer accept the following documents via mail or email: Experience Letters, GED's, Industry Credentials, National Licenses, Official Transcripts, Out of State Educator Credentials, Reference Letters, Résumés, and Test Score Reports.

Please log into <https://my.doe.nh.gov/myNHDOE/Login/Login.aspx> to upload these documents directly into your Educator Information System account or to confirm tests results have been received at myNHDOE/EIS/Educator/View Your Credentials/Tests or Documents.

NH required Praxis/ETS or Pearson tests recently taken in NH are provided to the NHDOE electronically by the testing company. It can take up to 6-8 weeks for us to receive passing scores electronically from testing companies and for the scores to be visible in your EIS account. For older tests, tests not taken at a NH test site, tests not required by NH, or tests such as SAT (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>), GRE (<https://www.ets.org/gre>), ACT (<http://www.act.org/>), please contact the testing company to obtain a copy of your test score report. Sometimes score reports are also available on official high school or college transcripts. Test comparability determination is made by the Bureau of Credentialing.

For students enrolling in a NH state approved educator preparation program and interested in having an out of state/national test evaluated for comparability, please submit your test score reports along with the following form <https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/documents/test-evaluation-request.pdf> to the email listed in the form.

***I did not pass a test on my first attempt. What should I do before my next test date?***

- Review your test score report. Test scores are often presented with category subscores. Compare your points earned with the maximum number of points you could have earned for each category. The greater the difference between these two scores, the more opportunity you have to increase these scores with focused studying in these categories.
- Focus on learning the content in the categories you have selected to increase your score:
  - Review K-12 grade level content text books and/or introductory college textbooks, depending on content and grade level of test
  - Check testing company websites for links to further study resources
  - Attend workshops and/or complete coursework in specific content categories