

Basic Skills Requirements

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided multiple means to help you meet the Basic Skills Requirements for Reading, Writing, and Math. You should try to meet this requirement by **48-60 credits** and your Methods 1 semester. *You may combine scores from multiple tests/courses to meet the requirement.*

SAT or ACT

If you are using SAT scores, you will need to download a [PDF copy of your score reports](#) to share with your department and the dean's office. You can access your report by logging into the College Board (SAT) or ACT website and selecting Print/Download report.

A screenshot will not be accepted.

SAT - after February 29, 2016	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score	My Score(s)	ACT - after August 31, 2016	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score	My Score(s)
Reading	27	25		Reading	22	20	
Mathematics	26	24		Mathematics	21	19	
Writing and Language	28	26		Writing after Sept. 2016	8	7	
Composite SAT Test Score:		81		Composite ACT Test Score:		51	

ETS CORE

Be sure to send your scores to ESU. You will also need to download a PDF copy of your score reports to share with your department. A screenshot will not be accepted. If you wish to take all three computer-delivered Core Academic Skills for Educators exams (5713, 5723, 5733) at the same time, select Core Academic Skills for Educators Combined Test (5752) when registering.

Section	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score	My Score(s)
Reading (5713)	156	148	
Mathematics (5733)	142	132	
Writing (5723)	162	158	
Composite CORE Test Score:		460	

Note: If you combine scores from multiple tests, enter your scores into the [PDE Composite Score Calculator](#)

ESU & NCC Course Alternatives

*PDE has approved the following courses as an alternative for the Basic Skills exams. You will need to earn a **B or better** in order to use your grade on an ESU or NCC course for the Basic Skills requirement. You will need to provide a PDF unofficial transcript to your department to verify your scores.*

	ESU	NCC
Reading	ENGL 274	NCC ENG 101 & NCC MATH 119
Math	MATH 105 & MATH 205	NCC MATH 118 & NCC MATH 119
Writing	ENGL 104 & MATH 205	NCC ENG 101 & NCC MATH 119

My Plan for Success

<i>If I still need to meet the basic skills requirement, I will...</i>	<p>Target Date to Pass My Tests _____</p> <p>Next meeting with my advisor _____</p> <p>Advisor Signature _____ Date _____</p>
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Resources

1. ESU Tutoring: <https://www.esu.edu/tutoring/index.cfm>

2. Use the ETS Test prep Materials
Reading: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5713>
Math: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5733>
Writing: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5723>

3. Review CORE content using Khan Academy modules: <https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/praxis-core>