

# Basic Skills Test Worksheet

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided multiple means to help you meet the Basic Skills requirement for Reading, Writing, and Math. You will need to meet this requirement by **48-60 credits**, usually before your Methods 1 semester (Primary 1, Seminar 1). You may combine scores from multiple tests/courses to meet the requirement. You can learn more about this requirement, as well as additional tests that can be used, by going to [PDE's certification test website](#) and clicking on **3) Certification Test and Score Requirements (Excel)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credits Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Term of Methods 1 Semester \_\_\_\_\_

## 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	x		Composite ACT Test Score:	51	x	

## ETS CORE

Be sure to send your scores to ESU. If not, you will need to download a [PDF copy of your score reports](#) to share with your department and the dean's office. 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	x	

**Note:** If you combine scores from multiple tests, enter your scores into the [PDE Composite Score Calculator](#) (see #2)

## ESU Courses

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 course for the Basic Skills requirement. The course must be taken at ESU.

Reading	ENGL 274	B or better in the ESU Course
Math	MATH 105 & MATH 205	B or better in the ESU Course
Writing	ENGL 104 & MATH 205	B or better in the ESU Course

# My Plan for Success

*If I still need to meet the basic skills requirement, I will....*

Target Date  
to Pass My Tests \_\_\_\_\_

Next meeting with my advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Resources

1. The ESU Tutoring Center provides tutoring: <https://www.esu.edu/tutoring/index.cfm>
2. ESU Multi-tier System of Support (MTSS):  
[https://www.esu.edu/college\\_education/documents/18-19/multi\\_tiered\\_system\\_support.pdf](https://www.esu.edu/college_education/documents/18-19/multi_tiered_system_support.pdf)
3. Use ETS online practice exams and prep materials
  - a. Reading: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5713>
  - b. Math: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5733>
  - c. Writing: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5723>
4. Review CORE content using Khan Academy modules: <https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/praxis-core>