**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](https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/CertTestingRequirements/Pages/default.aspx)

**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**

| ***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. 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>

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