

Vermont Testing Requirements for Educator Licensure

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Basic Academic Skills for Vermont Educators

Candidates seeking initial educator licensure in Vermont are required to demonstrate basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Most licensure applicants will demonstrate this by meeting the passing scores established by the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) for the **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE®)**. The Praxis Core subtests measure whether educators have the necessary reading, writing, and mathematical knowledge and skills critical to learning and achievement in an educator preparation program. Licensure applicants currently enrolled in or recently graduated from an educator preparation program must meet the requirements and policies of their institution for a recommendation for licensure. All applicants must demonstrate qualifying scores in each of the three subject areas. Different forms of assessment may be used for each subject.

Who is Exempt from Demonstrating Basic Skills for Vermont Educators?

- Applicants who hold a current non-conditional out-of-state-license from any US state education agency, or a participating jurisdiction of the NASDTEC agreement. Individuals with a reciprocal license are also exempt from Praxis II.
- Applicants seeking an initial license in the following endorsement areas:
 - 30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-vehicle instruction only)
 - 16 Junior ROTC Instructor
 - 65 School Nurse
 - 65A Associate School Nurse
 - 54 Social Worker
 - 60 Work-based Learning Coordinator
- Vermont Educators seeking to add an endorsement to a current license (unless that current license is in an endorsement listed above).

Praxis Core Academic Skills Test

Combined Test (includes Reading, Writing, and Mathematics sub-tests): Test Code 5752. Tests are administered by ETS; please visit [ETS.org](https://www.ets.org) for fee details. Test takers may sign up for the full combined test, or individual subject tests if preferred or needed for retakes.

- Reading: Test Code 5713 – passing score: 156
- Writing: Test Code 5723 – passing score: 162
- Mathematics: Test Code 5733 – passing score: 146

Demonstration of Basic Skills Using Alternative or Multiple Assessments:

Applicants for licensure may demonstrate Basic Skills using any one, or a combination, of the assessments below. Not all tests are required. Applicants currently enrolled in, or who have recently completed, a licensure program through an Educator Preparation Program must meet the policies and requirements of their institution. Institutes of Higher Education are not required to utilize all options below when making a recommendation for licensure.

Options to demonstrate Basic Skills in Reading

- Praxis Core Reading - Passing Score: 156
- Praxis I Reading Test Code 5713 - Passing Score: 156
- SAT Verbal Score
 - Before 4/1/1995 - Passing Score: 420
 - 4/1/1995 – 3/1/2018 - Passing Score: 500
 - After 3/1/2016 - Passing Score: 480
- ACT English - Passing Score: 18
- GRE Verbal Score
 - Before 8/1/2011 - Passing Score: 500
 - After 8/1/2011 - Passing Score: 153
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) AFQT Score - Passing score: 65
- Passing score on teacher licensure Basic Skills test in another US State
- Approved Course Evaluation

Options to demonstrate Basic Skills in Writing

- Praxis Core Writing - Passing Score: 162
- SAT Verbal Score
 - Before 4/1/1995 - Passing Score: 420
 - 4/1/1995 – 3/1/2018 - Passing Score: 500
 - After 3/1/2016 - Passing Score: 480
- ACT English - Passing Score: 18
- GRE Verbal Score
 - Before 8/1/2011 - Passing Score: 500
 - After 8/1/2011 - Passing Score: 153
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) AFQT Score - Passing score: 65
- Passing score on teacher licensure Basic Skills test in another US State
- Approved Course Evaluation

Options to demonstrate Basic Skills in Mathematics

- Praxis Core Math score of 146

- SAT Math Score
 - Before 4/1/1995 - Passing Score: 470
 - 4/1/1995 – 3/1/2018 - Passing Score: 500
 - After 3/1/2016 - Passing Score: 530
- ACT Math - Passing Score: 18
- GRE Quantitative Score
 - Before 8/1/2011 - Passing Score: 500
 - After 8/1/2011 -Passing Score: 144
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) AFQT Score - Passing Score: 65
- Passing score on teacher licensure Basic Skills test in another US State
- Approved Course Evaluation

Praxis II Content Tests

Praxis II content tests are required for the following content areas for all candidates unless they hold a valid non-conditional license in the same endorsement area from any US state education agency, or a participating jurisdiction of the NASDTEC agreement. Tests are administered by ETS, please visit [ETS.org](https://www.ets.org) for fee details.

Endorsement	Required Praxis II Test	Passing Score
Administrator Endorsements ¹	School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6990)	151
Art	Art: Content and Analysis (5135)	161
Associate School Nurse	None required in Vermont	n/a
Bilingual Education	None required in Vermont	n/a
Business Education	None required in Vermont	n/a
Career Technical Education	None required in Vermont	n/a
CTE School Counseling Coordinator	None required in Vermont	n/a
CTE Special Needs Coordinator	None required in Vermont	n/a
Computer Science Educator	None required in Vermont	n/a
Dance	None required in Vermont	n/a
Design and Technology Education	None required in Vermont	n/a
Driver and Traffic Safety Education	None required in Vermont	n/a
Early Childhood Education ²	Early Childhood Education (5025)	156
Early Childhood Special Educator ³	None required in Vermont	n/a
Educational Speech Language Pathologist	None required in Vermont	n/a
Educational Technology Specialist	None required in Vermont	n/a
Elementary Education ⁴	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001)	
Elementary Education	Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002)	157
Elementary Education	Mathematics Subtest (5003)	157
Elementary Education	Social Studies Subtest (5004)	155
Elementary Education	Science Subtest (5005)	159

Endorsement	Required Praxis II Test	Passing Score
English	English Language Arts: Content and Analysis (5039)	168
English Language Learner	English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362)	155
Family and Consumer Sciences	None required in Vermont	n/a
Health Education	Health Education (5551)	163
Intensive Special Education Teacher	None required in Vermont	n/a
Junior ROTC Instructor	None required in Vermont	n/a
Mathematics	Mathematics (5165)	159
Middle Grades: English ⁵	Middle School English Language Arts (5047)	164
Middle Grades: Mathematics	Middle School Mathematics (5164)	157
Middle Grades: Science	Middle School Science (5442)	152
Middle Grades: Social Studies	Middle School Social Studies (5089)	165
Modern and Classical Languages: American Sign Language ⁶	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634)	3+(170)
Modern and Classical Languages: Chinese (Mandarin) ⁶	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665)	164
Modern and Classical Languages: French ⁶	French: World Language (5174)	162
Modern and Classical Languages: German ⁶	German: World Language (5183)	163
Modern and Classical Languages: Japanese ⁶	Japanese: World Language (5661)	156
Modern and Classical Languages: Latin ⁶	Latin (5601)	147

Endorsement	Required Praxis II Test	Passing Score
Modern and Classical Languages: Russian ⁶	Russian World Language (5671)	130
Modern and Classical Languages: Spanish ⁶	Spanish: World Language (5195)	168
Music	Music: Content and Instruction (5114)	
Online Teaching Specialist	None	n/a
Physical Education	Physical Education: Content and Design (5095)	169
School Counselor	None required in Vermont	n/a
School Librarian	None required in Vermont	n/a
School Nurse	None required in Vermont	n/a
School Psychologist	School Psychologist (5402)	155
School Social Worker	None required in Vermont	n/a
Science ⁷	General Science (5436) AND one of the following subject specific tests:	141
Science ⁷	Biology (5236)	154
Science ⁷	Chemistry (5246)	146
Science ⁷	Earth and Space Sciences (5572)	154
Science ⁷	Physics (5266)	145
Social Studies	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (5086)	153
Special Education Consulting Teacher	None required in Vermont	n/a
Special Educator ⁸	None required in Vermont	n/a

Endorsement	Required Praxis II Test	Passing Score
Specialize Literacy Professional	None required in Vermont	n/a
Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	None required in Vermont	n/a
Teacher of the Visually Impaired	None required in Vermont	n/a
Theatre Arts	None required in Vermont	n/a
Work Based Learning Coordinator	None required in Vermont	n/a

¹ Not required for applicants who have completed a post-Bacc degree in educational leadership, an AOE-Approved teacher leadership program, or hold a current admin endorsement.

² Not required if only seeking Birth-PK

³ Individuals hired for a provisional license under the [Provisional Waiver](#) will need to take Praxis II 5691

⁴ Taking 5001 first is encouraged. If individual subtests need to be retaken, educators may sign up for each individually (5002-5005)

⁵ Applicants for middle grades endorsements may use the corresponding Secondary content test (e.g General Science).

⁶ For languages without an assigned Praxis II exam, [ACTFL or ASLTA](#) testing is required (e.g Italian, Arabic, Greek, etc.).

⁷ For a full science endorsement, candidates must meet a passing score on the General Science AND one subject specific test of their choosing. A limited endorsement in one science content area requires passing the Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science or Physic test.

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