

Certification Tests - Undergrad

The following show what exams you need to take to get certified. Remember that it is never too early to start taking these. Here is the state document that has all the **passing scores** and links to the actual test information:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Guide-to-Assessments-for-Educator-Certification-in-Connecticut>

These tests are needed to get certified. You can still graduate without having these successfully completed but you won't get certified.

Early Childhood:

- Foundations of Reading Exam
- Pearson Early Childhood Test

Elementary Ed:

- Foundations of Reading Exam
- Praxis II Multiple Subjects (5001; subtests are 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005)

Collaborative:

- Foundations of Reading Exam
- Praxis II Multiple Subjects (5001; subtests are 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005)
- Praxis II Special Ed (5543)

Bilingual:

- Foundations of Reading Exam
- Praxis II Multiple Subjects (5001; subtests are 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005)
- ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – OPI (passing score is Advanced Low)
- ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test – WPT (passing score is Advanced Low)

****ALSO:** You must have “passed” Praxis Core Writing (5622) with a score of at least 162

Finally, all students must complete and pass edTPA during student teaching.

When Should You Take Each Exam:

Foundations of Reading Exam – Immediately after EDU 407

Pearson Early Childhood Test – Sometime in Gate 3

Praxis II Multiple Subjects – After Tier 2 Courses

Praxis II Special Ed – Before Student Teaching

ACTFL – After Spanish courses

There are Praxis II and Foundations of Reading study guides set up as organizations in Blackboard. If you go to Organization tab and then to search bar and type in either “Elementary Education” or “foundations”, they will appear. Just click on the link to gain permission.

New State Law Affecting Retakes:

ETS will assume the cost for up to two test retakes per candidate for all PRAXIS® subject area tests if a candidate’s initial test score is within six (6) points of the passing score that the State of Connecticut has determined for the given PRAXIS® subject area test.

Pearson will assume the cost for up to two retakes per candidate for the following tests if a candidate’s initial test score is within five (5) points of the passing score that the State of Connecticut has determined for the given tests: Pearson Foundations of Reading Test and the Pearson Early Childhood Test.