

Basic Skills Testing Requirement for Admission to Teacher Certification Programs

All applicants to SCSU Teacher Certification Programs (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and MAT) are required to submit basic skills test scores in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing from Praxis® Core to satisfy the State of Connecticut competency examination requirement or meet the requirements for a waiver. Scores must be from within the last five years.

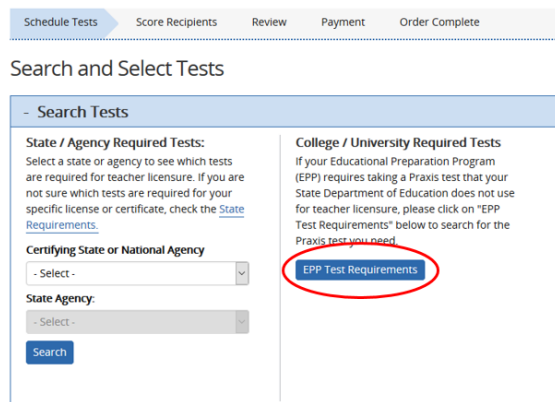
- a. Candidates who do not achieve a satisfactory Praxis® Core score will be required to participate in remediation plans.
- b. Students qualify for a Praxis® Core waiver if:
 - (1) they have an SAT score no less than 530 on the mathematics portion, **and** no less than 540 on the evidenced-based reading and writing, or
 - (2) an ACT score of 21 or higher on the mathematics subtest **and** no less than 21 on the reading subtest.

Note: Applicants meeting the Praxis® Core waiver criteria may still be required to take the Writing portion of Praxis® Core if they do not have an essay score from SAT or ACT.

Registering for Praxis Core Exams

Applicants are strongly encouraged to prepare for the tests. Free test preparation material can be found at: www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials

- To register for the tests, create a “My Praxis Account” online at www.ets.org/praxis. When registering for the test, click the “EPP Test Requirements” button to search for the tests:



The screenshot shows a navigation bar with tabs: Schedule Tests, Score Recipients, Review, Payment, and Order Complete. Below is the 'Search and Select Tests' section. It contains two columns of information: 'State / Agency Required Tests' and 'College / University Required Tests'. In the 'College / University Required Tests' column, there is a blue button labeled 'EPP Test Requirements' which is circled in red. Below the columns are dropdown menus for 'Certifying State or National Agency' and 'State Agency', and a 'Search' button.

- Use the following information to register for the appropriate tests:

Test Codes	Test Title	Fee
5712 or 5713	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	\$90
5722 or 5723	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	\$90
5732 or 5733	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics	\$90
5751 or 5752	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test (Reading, Writing and Mathematics)	\$150

Note: The “Combined Test” allows you to take all 3 subtests in one sitting and is more cost effective, however, applicants have the option of taking the subtests in multiple sittings, if preferred.

- Send your scores directly to SCSU (institution code: 3662) by listing the university as a “Score Recipient.”
- Official scores can take up to 20 business days to be reported. Please plan accordingly to ensure your scores will be available in time to meet application deadlines.

Evidence of Testing

If official Praxis Core, SAT, or ACT scores have already been sent to SCSU, the College of Education should have access to them. Applicants will be notified if they need to provide any additional evidence.

If scores have not been sent to SCSU, or are not appearing in SCSU's database, applicants can attach their official PDF score report in an email to coeadmissions@southernct.edu.

Financial Assistance

ETS offers financial assistance in the form of fee waivers, to those who qualify. More information can be found on the ETS website: https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees/fee_waivers/ Note, fee waiver requests must be received by the appropriate deadline listed on the application form.

Applicants may be eligible for a \$100 fee reimbursement if they register with TEACH Connecticut: <https://connecticut.teach.org/>

Requesting Testing Accommodations

For test takers with disabilities or health-related needs, or whose primary language is not English (PLNE), please see the ETS website for information on how to apply for testing accommodations: www.ets.org/praxis

ETS Disability Services must approve accommodation requests before your test date can be scheduled. Please note, disability and health-related accommodation requests take approximately six weeks to be reviewed by ETS. PLNE accommodation requests take approximately three weeks to be reviewed by ETS.

Questions or concerns?

Please contact the College of Education Dean's Office: 203-392-5900 coeadmissions@southernct.edu