

# TEST SCORE REQUIREMENTS

- Must take and pass the **PRAXIS CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR EDUCATORS TEST (C.A.S.E.)** with the following scores - **Reading (156), Writing (162) and Math (150)**.
  - Individuals with a **composite score of 468** on Praxis I Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading, Writing and Mathematics shall be deemed to have satisfied this requirement.
  - However, individuals with a total **SAT® score of 1100** (Verbal and Quantitative only) are exempt from Core testing requirements for an educator preparation program administration.
    - Individuals with a total **SAT score of less than 1100** (Verbal and Quantitative only), but a score of at least 550 on the Verbal test, are exempt from the Core tests in Reading and Writing for educator preparation program admission.
    - Individuals with a total **SAT score of less than 1100** (Verbal and Quantitative only), but a score of at **least 550** on the Math test, are exempt from the Core test in Mathematics for educator preparation program admission.
    - For additional information regarding these tests, click on the link below:  
<http://www.ets.org/praxis/nc>
- Likewise, individuals with a composite **ACT® score of 24** are exempt from Core testing requirements for educator preparation program admission.
  - Individuals with a composite **ACT score of less than 24**, but with a score of at least 24 on the English test, are exempt from the Core tests in Reading and Writing for educator preparation program admission.
  - Individuals with a composite **ACT score of less than 24**, but a score of at least 24 on the Math test, are exempt from the Core test in Mathematics for educator preparation program admission.

## **Elementary Education Candidates:**

### **Additional testing requirements:**

- **PEARSON TESTS:**
  - Candidates must take and pass the Pearson Test.
    - Click on the following link to see the test score requirements:  
[http://www.nc.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\\_Tests.html](http://www.nc.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html)

## edTPA for North Carolina Testing Requirements

Beginning **July 1, 2018**, candidates participating in edTPA will be exempt from the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) assessment requirement if they can produce evidence of meeting the NC DPI established passing standard for the officially scored assessment.

For further information: [https://www.edtpa.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\\_NorthCarolina.html](https://www.edtpa.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_NorthCarolina.html)

Beginning **September 1, 2019**, all candidates seeking initial licensure in North Carolina will be required to submit qualifying scores on the appropriate edTPA performance-based, subject-specific assessment. Please check with your faculty advisor about program-specific edTPA requirements established for 2017–2020.

Initial License	edTPA Handbook	2018–2019 Passing Score
<b>Elementary</b>		
Elementary—Birth through Kindergarten	Early Childhood	38
Elementary (K–6)	<i>Must complete one of the following:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary Education: Literacy with Mathematics Task 4</li> <li>Elementary Education: Mathematics with Literacy Task 4</li> </ul>	45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary Literacy</li> <li>Elementary Mathematics</li> </ul>	38
Elementary Reading (K–6)	<i>To Be Determined</i>	
Elementary Special Education—General Curriculum (grades K–6)	Special Education	38
Elementary Special Education—Adaptive Curriculum (grades K–6)	Special Education	38
Exceptional Children	Special Education	38
<b>Middle Grades</b>		
Middle Grades Language Arts	Middle Childhood English Language Arts	38
Middle Grades Mathematics	Middle Childhood Mathematics	38
Middle Grades Science	Middle Childhood Science	38
Middle Grades Social Studies	Middle Childhood History/Social Studies	38
<b>Secondary (9–12)</b>		

Secondary English (9–12)	Secondary English Language Arts	38
Secondary Mathematics (9–12)	Secondary Mathematics	38
Secondary Science (9–12)	Secondary Science	38
Secondary Biology (9–12)	Secondary Science	38
Secondary Social Studies (9–12)	Secondary History/Social Studies	38
Secondary Political Science (9–12)	Secondary History/Social Studies	38
Secondary Spanish (9–12)	World Language	32
<b>Special Subjects (K–12)</b>		
Art (K–12)	Visual Arts	38
Music (K–12)	K–12 Performing Arts	38
Physical Education (K–12)	Physical Education	38
Health and Physical Education (K–12)	Physical Education	38
English as a Second Language (K–12)	English as an Additional Language	38
Reading (K–12)	<i>To Be Determined</i>	
Spanish (K–12)	World Language	32
<b>Exceptional Children</b>		
Exceptional Children	Special Education	38

### Passing Scores for North Carolina

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has established a passing threshold for edTPA. The following table lists the NC DPI approved edTPA cut scores: The NC-established passing threshold for 2018–2019 will remain for the 2019–2020 program year. *The cut scores for 2020–2022 are estimates until North Carolina data collected over 2017–2020 can be analyzed to determine North Carolina-specific cut scores beginning in 2020–2021. Note - Handbooks with only 13 rubrics include World Language and Classical Languages. Handbooks with 18 rubrics include the two Elementary Education handbook options. All other edTPA handbooks consist of 15 rubrics.*

Your handbook selection should be aligned with your clinical experience. Please call or contact your state office of educator licensing for specific details. For additional information regarding edTPA state policies, please review [AACTE's state participation information](#). 