

Basic Skills Competency in Reading, Writing & Math

Candidates seeking initial licensure must satisfy Basic Skills competency criteria in Reading, Writing and Math prior to Residency I admission. The CU Department of Education will complete a Basic Skills Competency Assessment in Reading, Writing & Math on each candidate, based upon the criteria below at the time of TEP application. The Basic Skills competency assessment results will be included in TEP admission decision letters. Candidates who do not meet competency criteria at the time of TEP application will be eligible for TEP Provisional Admission, as long as all other TEP admission requirements have been met. Competency criteria must be met prior to residency admission, and for the candidate to transition to TEP Full Admission. Failure to meet competency criteria prior to Residency I will result in the candidate being denied full TEP admission, and will not be permitted to progress into residency.

Competencies can be met individually (example: Praxis Core exam used to meet Math criteria & SAT score used to meet Reading & Writing criteria), or all three competencies can be met using a single criteria (example: 'B' or better in ENGL101, ENGL102 & MATH100+)

Reading & Writing Competency - Candidates must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- Successfully complete Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading & Writing exams (test codes 5713 & 5723). Official passing scores must be sent to Concord University via ETS. When registering for an exam(s), be sure to list Concord University and the WV Department of Education as a 'Score Recipient.' Visit <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register> to register for the exam.
- Attained a minimum combined score of 34 on the ACT exam (exams taken on or after November 1, 1989) using the Enhanced English and Enhanced Reading exams, with a minimum individual score of 17 for each individual subject (English and Reading). Eligible scores for English and Reading may be combined from multiple administrations of the ACT exam
- Attained a SAT score of 480 on the 'Evidence Based Reading and Writing' exam (exams taken on or after May 1, 2016)
- Obtain a grade of at least a 'B' in ENGL101 and ENGL102 with each course being at least 3-credit hours*

Math Competency - Candidates must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- Successfully complete Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Math exam (test code 5733). Official passing scores must be sent to Concord University via ETS. When registering for an exam(s), be sure to list Concord University and the WV Department of Education as a 'Score Recipient.' Visit <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register> to register for the exam.
- Attained a minimum individual score of 19 on the ACT Mathematics exam (effective for exams taken June 30, 2023 or earlier)
- Attained a minimum individual score of 21 on the ACT Mathematics exam (effective for exams taken on or after July 1, 2023)
- Attained a SAT score of 530 In Math (exams taken on or after May 1, 2016)
- Obtain a grade of at least a 'B' in MATH101 or above*

Reading, Writing & Math Competency - Candidates must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- Obtain a grade of at least a 'B' in each of the following three courses* with each course being at least 3-credit hours: ENGL101, ENGL102 and MATH101 or above.
- Holds a passing score on the current Elementary Education Multiple Subject PRAXIS II Exams required for WV licensure
- Obtained a score that is two standard error of measurement (SEM+2) above the content exam cut score for which licensure is sought
 - English 5-Adult (exam 5038) - Required Score: 167 | SEM+2 Score: 177
 - General Science 5-Adult (exam 5436) - Required Score: 141 | SEM+2 Score: 155
 - Music Pk-Adult (exam 5113) - Required Score: 155 | SEM+2 Score: 167
 - Social Studies 5-Adult (exam 5081) - Required Score: 148 | SEM+2 Score: 158
 - Wellness Pk-Adult (exam 5857) - Required Score: 160 | SEM+2 Score: 172
 - Special Education (exam 5543, valid until 8/31/24) - Required Score: 153 | SEM+2 Score: 163
 - Special Education (exam 5355) - Required Score: 145 | SEM+2 Score: 159
- Attained a composite score of 21 on the ACT (exams taken on or after November 1, 1989)
- Attained a score of 1035 on the SAT (exams taken prior to January 1, 1995)
- Attained a score of 1125 on re-centered SAT (exams taken April 1, 1995 to April 20, 2005)
- Attained a score of 1170 on revised SAT using Critical Reading & Math scores (exams taken March 1, 2005 to April 30, 2016)

*FGrades of 'B-' do not meet this requirement. Candidates who have AP credit with a grade of 'P' will receive the equivalency of a grade of 'B'