

Testing Information

Basic Skills Competency, Pedagogy Exam and CORE Content Exams

BASIC SKILLS COMPETENCY

Prior to admission to a teacher preparation program prospective Indiana educators are required to pass the CASA assessments, which measure proficiency in basic academic skills, **or** meet an approved alternative. (See list below) Please note that CASA testing only applies to pre-service teachers prior to official enrollment into a program.

The following additional assessments/routes are acceptable to document basic skills competency at the time of admission to a teacher preparation program:

- ACT with a score of at least 24 based on Math, Reading, Grammar, and Science;
- SAT with a score of at least 1100 based on Critical Reading and Math;
- GRE with a score of at least 1100 based on Verbal and Quantitative prior to 8/1/11;
- GRE with a score of at least 301 based on Verbal and Quantitative on or after 8/1/11; or,
- Praxis I composite score of at least 527 based on Reading, Writing, and Math if taken prior to 9/1/13.

Notes: ACT, SAT, and GRE scores do not include writing. Anyone with a Master's Degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution is exempt from this requirement.

For CASA testing information, testing resources, and test registration please click on <http://www.in.nesinc.com/Home.aspx>

PEDAGOGY EXAM

A pedagogy/developmental level exam is required for all individuals who are applying for their first initial practitioner instructional license. This exam covers the strategies of teaching such as Methodology, Classroom Management, Student Development and Diversity, Learning Processes, Learning Environment, Instructional Planning, Assessments and the Professional Environment as a teacher. These topics are covered in a teacher preparation program. Test preparation materials and registration are available at <http://www.in.nesinc.com/Home.aspx>

CORE CONTENT ASSESSMENTS

Please choose the appropriate Indiana CORE Assessment(s) in your content area(s) at http://www.in.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IN_test_requirements.pdf. Test registration and study materials are also available at the site.

Testing FAQs

How long does it take to get my test results?

Score reports are released according to the following schedules:

Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA)	Reading and Mathematics subtests only: you will receive a preliminary passing status on the computer screen immediately after submitting your test, and score reports are released within 10 business days after testing. Writing subtest or all three subtests: Score reports for <i>all tests taken on that date</i> will be available in your account within 20 business days after testing.
Developmental (Pedagogy) and Content Area Tests	Multiple-choice-only tests: Preliminary test results are provided at the test site immediately after testing, and score reports are released within 10 business days after testing. Tests with constructed-response assignments: A receipt of completion is provided at the test site immediately after testing, and score reports are released within 20 business days of testing.

How many times can I take the exams?


You can take them as many times as you need in order to pass it.

If I do not pass the exam(s), how long do I have to wait before I can take them again?

There is a 30-day waiting period before you retake any exam.

I have a learning disability; can I get accommodations for these exams?

Yes, but you have to apply for them BEFORE you register for any exams. For more information, http://www.in.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_AlternativeArrangements.html

For more information regarding Indiana educator licensure requirements, visit the [Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing](#)  on the Indiana Department of Education webpage.

IMPORTANT: Attending Institution/Recipient Codes. The Registration Form requests the codes for the agencies to receive score reports. Scores must be released to Butler University (Code #R1073) and to the Indiana Department of Education (Code #R7238). If you do not have your scores sent to Butler University, we will not be able to complete your license application process until you request that PEARSON send the scores to Butler (for a fee).

Teacher Licensing

A teaching license is, for all practical purposes, a license to teach at a specific grade level and/or in a specific content area. Indiana, like other states, requires its Elementary and Middle/Secondary teachers, as well as other specialized personnel, to hold licenses to ensure that the students are taught by individuals that have met specific standards of preparation.

Licensure requirements vary for each state. States will recognize the Indiana license and the completion of Butler University's accredited and approved educational preparatory program but individuals will be expected to complete any additional requirements for full licensure in that specific state. These requirements can be, for example, additional testing, coursework, trainings, workshops, etc. For more specific information on how to apply for a reciprocal license or an original license in other states, please consult that states Department of Education or licensing division.

Indiana License Requirements

To be eligible for an Indiana Instructional license, the following requirements must be completed:

- Meet all Butler University requirements for graduation or completion of a non-degree graduate licensure program.
- Receive favorable final evaluations for student teaching from the cooperating teacher and university supervisor with a grade of Pass with Validation (PV) assigned by the appropriate faculty member.
- Attain passing scores on the appropriate licensure exams.
- Provide proof of valid and current CPR/AED certification.
- Provide proof of successful completion of suicide awareness training.
- Meet all state requirements for licensure in effect at the time of program completion including the recommendation for licensure by the College of Education License Advisor.