

The state of Connecticut recently made a number of changes to the basic skills testing requirements for teacher candidates. Please help us ensure that your advisees have the following correct information about the new requirements. We do not want a student to take and pay for an unnecessary test!

In the past every student applying to the professional program for teacher certification was required to submit scores for Praxis Core tests. The state also set specific passing scores for the Praxis Core tests. This is no longer the case. Students may now meet the state requirement for basic skills testing in a number of ways. There are no longer state-required passing scores on basic skills tests. A student's basic skills test scores are now only one of several factors considered in professional program admission decisions.

All applicants to the professional program for teacher certification at CCSU must submit basic skills test scores in reading, writing, and mathematics as part of the application to the professional program submitted in Task Stream. The basic skills testing requirements may be met in any one of the following ways:

- 1) A Praxis Core waiver issued by the CT State Department of Education prior to 2/1/2017;
- 2) SAT scores that include a writing score;
- 3) ACT scores that include a writing score;
- 4) Scores on Praxis Core reading, writing, and mathematics tests;
- 5) SAT scores that do not include a writing score PLUS a Praxis Core writing score;
- 6) ACT scores that do not include a writing score PLUS a Praxis Core writing score;
- 7) GRE scores that include a writing score and meet the institutional waiver standard*;
- 8) GRE scores that do not include a writing score but meet the institutional waiver standard*PLUS a Praxis Core writing score; or
- 9) PAA scores that meet the institutional waiver standard* AND a Praxis Core writing score.

Students must submit credible evidence of the basic skills test(s) taken, the testing date(s), and the scores earned. This evidence must be submitted by the application deadline as part of the Task Stream application to the professional program. We will accept any combination of the following forms of evidence:

- 1) official test score report(s) showing test, score(s) earned, and date of testing;
- 2) a Banner web printout showing SAT or ACT scores and test date; or
- 3) a copy of the high school transcript showing SAT or ACT scores and test date.

***Criteria for a Basic Skills Test Waiver Based on GRE or PAA Scores**

| Test | Date Taken | Combined V/M | Verbal/English | Math/Quant. | Analytic Writing |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| GRE | Before 10/01/2002 | 1000 | 450 | 500 | |
| | On/After 10/01/2002 | 1000 | 450 | 500 | 4.5 |
| | On/After 08/01/2011 | 297 | 150 | 144 | 4.5 |
| Test | Date Taken | Combined V/M | Verbal/English | Math/Quant. | ESLAT/ TESOL |
| PAA | All | Equivalent to 1000 | No less than 400 | No less than 400 | 510 |

NOTE: If you have taken the GRE on more than one occasion, your highest verbal score and your highest mathematics scores will be combined.