

Praxis Core Exam – Exemption Requirements

Effective November 10, 2021

Effective 11/10/2021 the WV Department of Education have revised their Praxis Core exemption requirements. At least one of the following requirements must be met in order to receive an exemption for the Praxis Core Reading, Writing and/or Math exam(s) for acceptance into the Undergraduate Teacher Education Program, or into the Master of Arts in Teaching Program.

*Note – WVDE exemption requirements are subject to change.

Individuals may be exempt from the Praxis Core Reading, Writing, and Math exams (all 3 exams), provided they meet one of the following ACT/SAT exam criteria:

OPTION 1 exams taken 1989-present	ACT composite score from a single administration of 26
OPTION 2 exams taken prior to April 1995	SAT composite score from a single administration of 1125
OPTION 3 exams taken April 1995-February 2005	SAT 'Re-Centered Exam' composite score from a single exam administration of 1125
OPTION 4 exams taken March 2005-April 2016	SAT 'Revised Exam' composite score from a single exam administration of 1170 - sum of the Critical Reading and Math score (excludes the writing score)
OPTION 5 exams taken May 2016-present	SAT 'New Exam' scores from a single exam administration of 480 for 'Evidence Based Reading and Writing' <i>and</i> a score of 530 for 'Math'

Individuals may be exempt from the Praxis Core Reading *and* Praxis Core Writing exams (not Praxis Core Math), provided they meet the following exam criteria:

- ACT 'Enhanced' combined score using the 'Enhanced English' and 'Reading' scores of 34 or greater (add the exam scores together), with each of the individual exams having a minimum score of 17. Eligible scores for 'Enhanced English' and 'Reading' may be combined/selected from multiple administrations of the exam (exams taken after October 1989)
- SAT 'New Exam' score of 480 using the combined 'Evidence-Based Reading and Writing' portion of the exam (exams taken May 2016-present)

Individuals may be exempt from the Praxis Core Math exam (not Praxis Core Reading or Praxis Core Writing), provided they meet one of the following exam criteria:

- ACT Enhanced Mathematics score of 21 or greater (exams taken after October 1989)
- SAT 'New Exam' score of 530 using the 'Math' portion of the exam (exams taken May 2016-present)

MAT Program Only: Individuals may be exempt from the Praxis Core Reading, Writing, and Math exams (all 3 exams), provided they meet one of the following non-exam related criteria:

- Holds a conferred Bachelor's Degree from an accredited Institution of Higher Education with an overall cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0
- Holds certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
- Holds or has held a West Virginia Professional Certificate
- Holds a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education
- Has attained from a single administration a combined score of 800 verbal and quantitative on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (test prior to November 2011)
- Has attained from a single administration at least a 286 on the GRE (November 2011 – present)
- Holds a valid out-of-state certificate in the content area in which West Virginia certification is available and requested
- Holds an expired out-of-state certificate or equivalent, successfully converted that certificate or equivalent into a West Virginia Statement of Eligibility, sub-sequentially converted that Statement of Eligibility into a West Virginia Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate, and is seeking conversion from a West Virginia Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate to an initial West Virginia Professional Teaching Certificate
- Holds documentation of successfully completing three years of experience within the last seven years in one or a combination of specializations recognized on an out-of-state professional certificate, valid during those three years
- Holds a license issued by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses
- Holds a passing score on the current Elementary Education Multiple Subject PRAXIS Exam required for West Virginia licensure.