BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT

There are several testing options that meet the basic skills test requirements in PA. Students can meet the requirement obtaining the required scores noted below on one of the following tests: the PAPA, the PRAXIS CORE, the SAT, or the ACT. Students must take one of these tests prior to being admitted into candidacy (sophomore year). A student cannot become a certified teacher unless they meet the score requirements for one of the tests.

I. **Pre Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA):** Passing scores for each is 220 OR you can pass with a composite score of 686 as long as you score at least 220 on ONE of the modules and meet the minimum composite score for the other two modules. For more information and registration, go to [http://www.pa.nesinc.com](http://www.pa.nesinc.com)
   - Module 1: Reading (Code 8001) (composite score minimum: 193)
   - Module 2: Mathematics (Code 8002) (composite score minimum: 197)
   - Module 3: Writing (Code 8003) (composite score minimum: 192)

II. **New Alternative Test for PAPA: The PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators Test**

   The Pennsylvania Department of Education recently announced that students can take the PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators Test as an alternative to the PAPA. Specific tests and required scores are noted below. You can register for the tests at [http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/)
   - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5712): Minimum score: 156
   - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5722): Minimum score: 162
   - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (5732): Minimum score: 150
   
   To take all three tests at the same time, register for
   - Core Academic Skills for Educators Combined Test (5751): Minimum score: Same as above

III. **SAT and ACT Alternative:**

   Students can be credited with completion of the Basic Skills requirement if they met the following criteria when they originally took the SAT or ACT tests noted below:

   1. **A score of no less than 1550 on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT).**
      - The SAT score of 1550 will include no individual section (Critical Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) score of less than 500.
      - Students may combine section scores from different test administrations and use their best scores.
      - Scores must be earned prior to starting classes at Bloomsburg University

   2. **A composite score of 23 on the American College Test Plus Writing**
      - The composite score of 23 shall be accompanied by a combined English/Writing score of 22 and a Math score of 21.

   Students who meet either requirement at the time of college matriculation shall be exempt from taking the PAPA or PRAXIS Core exams.

PECT TESTING INFORMATION

PECT: Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests

- **Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests (PECT):** Program completers must take the following tests to become certified in Pennsylvania. These tests are not required for graduation but are required to obtain a teaching license. Passing scores are 220 for a student with a 3.0 GPA and then are scaled upward or downward based on lower or higher GPA’s. Currently, the required scores are listed at [http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_123236_1277232_0_0_18/Certification%20Testing%20and%20Scores.pdf](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_123236_1277232_0_0_18/Certification%20Testing%20and%20Scores.pdf)
  - Special Education PreK-8:
    - Module 1 (8011)
    - Module 2 (8012)
  - PreK-4:
    - Module 1 Child Dev., Prof (8006)
    - Module 2 Lang, Social Studies (8007)
    - Module 3 Math, Science (8008)

Remember to prepare for Assessments by studying/reviewing/practicing. Test information can be found at the testing website [http://www.pa.nesinc.com](http://www.pa.nesinc.com). Fee based preparation courses can be accessed at [http://www.passpraxis.com/](http://www.passpraxis.com/). Additional test preparation resources may be obtained at the BU COE website [http://www.bloomu.edu/coe-students](http://www.bloomu.edu/coe-students).