MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2024 Pennsylvania Educator Testing Requirements

The CONTENT AREA Qualifying Scores and the GPA Qualifying Scores are subject to change by PDE. It is responsibility of the test taker to refer to the required scores published by PDE at the time of sitting for the exam.

The most current testing requirements including test codes, passing scores, qualifying scores and composite scores can be found at the following link:
https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/CertTestingRequirements/Pages/default.aspx.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PK-4

Register Online: www.pa.nesinc.com

	Test Name	*Test Code*	*Passing Score*	*Cost*
Module 1	PK-4 Child Development, Assessment, Professionalism	8006	197	$46
Module 2	PK-4 Language, Social Studies, Art	8007	193	$46
Module 3	PK-4 Math, Science, Health	8008	193	$53
				(All three modules: $131)

****Those who earn a Pennsylvania Instructional PreK-4 Certificate may add on grades 5-6 by completing the following modules (Register Online: www.ets.org/praxis/pa):**

	Test Name	*Test Code*	*Passing Score*	*Cost*
Module 2	PA Grades 4-8: English Language Arts & Social Studies	5154	152	$50
Module 3	PA Grade 4-8: Mathematics & Science	5155	164	$50

SPECIAL EDUCATION PK-12

Register Online: www.ets.org/praxis/pa

Test Name	*Test Code*	*Passing Score*	*Cost*
Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	5511	150	$130
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	5355	145	$130

DUAL - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PK-4 & SPECIAL EDUCATION PK-12

Register Online: www.pa.nesinc.com (Early Childhood PK-4)

	Test Name	*Test Code*	*Cost*
Module 1	PK-4 Child Development, Assessment, Professionalism	8006	$46
Module 2	PK-4 Language, Social Studies, Art	8007	$46
Module 3	PK-4 Math, Science, Health	8008	$53
			(All three modules: $131)

AND

Register Online: www.ets.org/praxis/pa (Special Education PK-12)

Test Name	*Test Code*	*Passing Score*	*Cost*
Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	5511	150	$130
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	5355	145	$130

****IMPORTANT: If you are applying for dual certification, a passing score on Module 1 of the Early Childhood PK-4 tests (PK-4 Child Development, Assessment, Professionalism; test code 8006) counts as your Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (test code 5511) for your Special Education tests. You do NOT need to take both.**

- This only applies if you are applying for both certifications at the same time, or if you already hold your Pennsylvania Instructional PreK-4 Certificate and are now adding on Special Education PK-12. If you are just applying for certification in Special Education PK-12, you must take the Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge test.

Grades PK-12 - CONTENT AREAS

Educators applying for an initial Instructional PK–12 area are required to pass (2) exams: the **Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge test** and **appropriate certification area test.**

Register Online: www.ets.org/praxis/pa

Test Name	*Test Code*	*Passing Score*	*Cost*
Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	5511	150	$130

AND

Certification Area	*Test Code*	*Passing Score*	*Cost*
Art PK-12	5134	158	$130
Music PK-12	5113	158	$130
*French-World Language PK-12	5174	162	$170
*Spanish-World Language PK-12	5195	168	$170

*In lieu of the Praxis test for your content area listed above, you have the option of taking and passing the ACTFL Tests for Higher Education. Select the link for more information: https://www.languagetesting.com

Grades 7-12 SECONDARY CONTENT AREAS

Register Online: www.ets.org/praxis/pa

Certification Area	*Test Code*	*Passing Score*	*Cost*
Biology	5236	154	$130
Chemistry	5246	146	$130
Earth & Space Science	5572	154	$130
English	5038	167	$130
General Science	5436	141	$130
Mathematics	5165	159	$130
Physics	5266	145	$130
Social Studies	5081	157	$130