



## **Educator Preparation Program Praxis Core Test Requirements and Exemptions**

North Carolina State Board of Education policy stipulates that degree seeking students pursuing admission to educator preparation programs must receive passing scores on the ETS Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test series or achieve an acceptable composite Praxis Core score. Students who meet alternative acceptable SAT or ACT scores may gain exemption from Praxis Core test requirements.

### **Required Official ETS Praxis Core Scores**

- Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading – 156
- Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing – 162
- Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics – 150
- OR
- Composite Praxis Core Test Score: 468

### **SAT and ACT Test Scores for Exempting All Praxis Core Tests**

#### ***SAT Taken Prior to March 2016 (old SAT)***

- Individuals with Total SAT (Verbal + Math) of 1100 or higher are exempt from Praxis Core. (*Essay not included*)

#### ***SAT Taken After March 2016 (new SAT)***

- Individuals with Total SAT (Evidence-based Combined Reading/Writing + Math) of 1170 or higher are exempt from Praxis Core (*Writing test not included*).

#### **ACT Composite**

- Individuals with ACT Composite of 24 or higher are exempt from Praxis Core.

### **Exemption of Praxis Core Reading and Writing Tests**

- *Old SAT*: Individuals with Total SAT (Verbal + Math) less than 1100 but with SAT Verbal 550 or higher are exempt from Praxis Core Reading and Writing.

- *New SAT*: Individuals with Total SAT (Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math) less than 1170 but with SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing of 600 or higher are exempt from Praxis Core Reading and Writing.
- *ACT*: Individuals with ACT Composite score less than 24 but with ACT English of 24 or higher are exempt from Praxis Core Reading and Writing.

### **Exemption of Praxis Core Reading and Writing Tests**

- *Old SAT*: Individuals with Total SAT (Verbal + Math) less than 1100 but with SAT Math 550 or greater are exempt from Praxis Core Math.
- *New SAT*: Individuals with Total SAT (Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math) less than 1170 but with SAT Math 570 or greater are exempt from Praxis Core Math.
- *ACT*: Individuals with Overall ACT (English + Math) less than 24 but with ACT Math 24 or greater are exempt from Praxis Core Math.

### **Other Test Exemptions**

- Students who hold a bachelor's degree are exempt from testing requirements
- By state legislation, passing scores on a pre-professional skills test (Praxis Core or alternative SAT or ACT) are not required for the period from May 4, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

*SAT and ACT scores may not be combined by North Carolina State Board of Education policy.*