

Entry Assessment to Virginia Approved Programs

[This site refers to the Board of Education prescribed assessment for entry into a Virginia approved program. Please refer to the following Web site for information on the assessments required for licensure: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf]

Authority

Code of Virginia, § [23-9.2:3.6](#). **Education preparation programs offered by institutions of higher education.**

- A. Education preparation programs shall be required to meet the requirements for accreditation and program approval as prescribed by the Board of Education in its regulations.
- B. As provided in § [22.1-298.2](#), the Board of Education shall prescribe an assessment of basic skills for individuals seeking entry into an approved education program and shall establish a minimum passing score for such assessment. The Board also may prescribe other requirements for admission to Virginia's approved education programs in its regulations.
- C. Candidates who fail to achieve the minimum score established by the Board of Education may be denied entrance into the relevant education program on the basis of such failure; however, if enrolled in the program, they shall have the opportunity to address any deficiencies.

Assessment

Praxis I is the prescribed Virginia Board of Education assessment for entry into a Virginia approved teacher preparation program. The Educational Testing Service administers the assessment, and information on the assessment can be accessed at the following Web site: www.ets.org. The scores approved by the Virginia Board of Education are as follows:

Pre-Professional Skills Test (Paper/pencil PPST)			Pre-Professional Skills Test (Computerized-PPST)		
<u>PRAXIS I</u> (Paper/pencil)	<u>TEST</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>PASSING</u> <u>SCORES</u>	<u>PRAXIS I</u> <u>C-PPST</u>	<u>TEST</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>PASSING</u> <u>SCORES</u>
Mathematics	10730	178	Mathematics	5730	178
Reading	10710	178	Reading	5710	178
Writing	20720	<u>176</u>	Writing	5720	<u>176</u>
PPST Composite Score		532	C-PPST Composite Score		532

Substitute Tests for PRAXIS I

SAT AS A SUBSTITUTE TEST FOR PRAXIS I

On March 24, 2004, the Board of Education approved the use of the SAT® as a substitute test for Praxis I (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics). The Board approved the following scores:

SAT Taken Prior to April 1, 1995 -- a score of **1000** with at least **450** on the verbal and **510** on the mathematics tests;

SAT Taken After April 1, 1995 -- a score of **1100** with at least **530** on the verbal and **530** on the mathematics tests as a substitute for Praxis I.

ACT AS A SUBSTITUTE TEST FOR PRAXIS I

On September 22, 2004, the Board of Education approved the use of the ACT as a substitute test for Praxis I (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics). The Board approved the following scores:

ACT Taken Prior to April 1, 1995 -- a composite score of 21, with the ACT mathematics score no less than 21, and an ACT English Plus Reading score no less than 37. [Please note that you must have taken and met passing scores for the ACT **Mathematics** and **English Plus Reading** tests. At one time, the English Plus Reading test was not offered.]

ACT Taken After April 1, 1995 -- a composite score of 24, with the ACT mathematics score no less than 22, and an ACT English Plus Reading score no less than 46.

VIRGINIA COMMUNICATION AND LITERACY ASSESSMENT (VCLA) AS A SUBSTITUTE TEST FOR PRAXIS I (READING AND WRITING)

On March 18, 2010, the Board approved a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to allow the use of the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (Reading and Writing) as an optional test for the Praxis I Reading and Writing tests for individuals seeking entry into a teacher preparation program. This action of the Board does not impact the licensure assessments required for individuals seeking a teaching license.

The Board of Education will continue to allow the use of a composite score of the Praxis Reading, Writing, and Mathematics tests to meet the Praxis I assessment requirement and the use of the SAT® and ACT® as substitute tests for Praxis I (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) for individuals seeking admission into a teacher preparation program. An individual choosing to use the VCLA (Reading and Writing) as an optional assessment for the Praxis I Reading and Writing tests will be required to meet the Praxis I Mathematics assessment (or equivalent SAT® or ACT® test scores). The cut scores for the VCLA prescribed by the Board of Education are as follows:

Writing Sub Test:	235
Reading Sub Test:	235
Composite Score:	470

***To review the assessments required for licensure in Virginia, please refer to the following Web site:**
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf