

Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) Exams

In April 2012, the PECT Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) became the means of assessing reading, mathematics, and writing skills for undergraduate candidates seeking a state-approved Pennsylvania educator preparation certificate. All undergraduate candidates for initial certification will be required to pass the PAPA as well as the test corresponding to the specific certification area.

The Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) Exams includes three modules: Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. To pass the PAPA exams, candidates must take and meet the qualifying scores of all three modules. Below is a chart that outlines the passing scores for each exam and a composite score option as well.

The PAPA exams are only available in a computer based test format and are scheduled on an as requested basis. Test times and dates can be scheduled by registering on-line at the following web address: http://www.pa.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/PA001_TestPage.html. There are thirty-three (33) test centers in Pennsylvania. See **Pearson Professional Centers and Contracted Testing Sites** below the composite score chart.

Standard Qualifying Score and Composite Score Options for PAPA:

The Composite Scoring Option for PAPA was initiated to enable a candidate who may excel in one area such as mathematics, but who is not strong in another PAPA area, to receive a passing score on the PAPA series. In order to qualify, a candidate must meet a minimum score in each test area (Mathematics, Reading, and Writing) and then exceed the passing score by an amount equal to the Standard Error of Measurement in one or two of the other test areas. The candidate's test scores are added together, and if the scores total 686, the candidate has passed the PAPA series. The Minimum Scores required for the Composite Scoring Option are shown below.

Test Name	Test #	Standard PAPA Qualifying Score	Minimum Composite Score
PAPA Reading	8001	220	193
PAPA Mathematics	8002	220	197
PAPA Writing	8003	220	192
Minimum Composite Score: 686 (Sum of the 3 PAPA tests must total or exceed this number)			
Composite Score Total does not represent the sum of the 3 minimum scores. Candidates must achieve the qualifying score (220) in at least 1 area and also reach the Minimum Composite Score Total.			

Pearson Professional Centers and Contracted Testing Sites

Berks Technical Institute
 Bucks County Community College
 Central PA Institute of Science & Technology
 Community College of Philadelphia
 DuBois Business College
 HACC - Central Pennsylvania's CC
 Harrisburg Area CC - Lancaster Campus
 Indiana University of PA

Wyomissing
 Newtown
 Pleasant Gap
 Philadelphia
 DuBois
 Gettysburg
 Lancaster
 Indiana

Kutztown University of PA	Kutztown
Lincoln Technical Institute	Philadelphia
Luzerne County CC	Nanticoke
McCann School of Business	Sunbury
Millersville University	Millersville
Northampton Community College Library	Bethlehem
Pearson Professional Centers-Allentown PA	Allentown
Pearson Professional Centers-Erie PA	Erie
Pearson Professional Centers-Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg
Pearson Professional Centers-Horsham (Philadelphia)	Horsham
Pearson Professional Centers-Lancaster PA	Lancaster
Pearson Professional Centers-Philadelphia PA	Philadelphia
Pearson Professional Centers-Pittsburgh(East)	Pittsburgh
Pearson Professional Centers-Pittsburgh(West)	Pittsburgh
Pearson Professional Centers-Scranton PA	Scranton
Pearson Professional Centers-Wayne(Philadelphia)	Wayne
Peirce College	Philadelphia
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Williamsport
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College	Johnstown
Pittsburgh Technical Institute	Oakdale
Potter County Education Council	Port Allegany
Reading Area Community College	Reading
Saint Francis University	Loretto
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Slippery Rock
YTI Career Institute	York