

## Confirmation of Praxis Core Exemption

If you believe you are exempt from taking the Praxis Core because of qualifying SAT, ACT, or GRE scores, **the College of Education requires that you provide documentation.** Please note: Qualifying scores must be achieved within the same TYPE of assessment and can be combined from several testing dates.

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- The qualifying SAT, ACT, or GRE results are stored in GothicNet. A printed copy of the scores are attached to this packet. *(Please check box if form is attached.)*
  
  - The qualifying SAT, ACT, or GRE results (that are not in GothicNet) are attached to this packet. *(Please check box if form is attached.)*
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### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gothic ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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Confirmation by Academic Advisor:

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

**Please submit the completed form and all necessary documentation to Katherine Aquino in P206.**  
**Please contact her with any questions on the Praxis Core waiver form at [kaquino@njcu.edu](mailto:kaquino@njcu.edu).**

As per the NJDOE, there are two ways to meet the basic skills requirement:

**Two Ways to Meet the Basic Skills Requirement:**

1. **Pass a Commissioner-approved assessment of basic skills.** Currently, the only approved assessment<sup>1</sup> is the [Praxis Core Academic Skills](#) with passing scores as follows: Reading: 156, Math: 150, Writing: 162.
2. **Demonstrate a score on the SAT, ACT, or GRE at or above the cut score for the year in which the exam was taken (see cut scores below).** The following conditions apply:
  - A CEAS educator preparation program may determine the evidence required to demonstrate a candidate’s score on an exam.
  - CE candidates are responsible for ensuring official test scores are sent to the New Jersey Department of Education by providing the score report in a sealed, stamped envelope from the testing agency or having the score report sent directly from the testing agency.
  - The New Jersey Department of Education will accept the highest score on each test section, regardless of test date.

**Cut scores to meet basic skills requirement (SAT, ACT, GRE)<sup>2</sup>**

	SAT			ACT			GRE	
	Reading	Math		English	Math		Verbal	Quantitative
If taken before 4/1/1995	480	520	If taken before 8/28/1989	20	23	If taken before 8/1/2011	530	720
If taken between 4/1/1995 to 2/28/2016	560	540	If taken on or after 8/28/1989	23	23	If taken on or after 8/1/2011	155	156
If taken on or after 3/1/2016	610 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or 30 Reading Section							

**For More Information**

- Visit the [Educator Preparation web page](#) or view answers to frequently asked questions: [http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/fag/faq\\_rpr.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/fag/faq_rpr.shtml).
- To share questions or comments, please email [rpr@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:rpr@doe.state.nj.us).

1. If a candidate completed and passed the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST / Praxis I) prior to June 2014, the Department will accept passing scores on those exams to satisfy the basic skills requirement (passing scores on the PPST are as follows: Reading: 175, Math: 174, Writing: 173).
2. Regulations allow candidates who achieved a score on the SAT, ACT or GRE that was “approximately equal to the top-third percentile score for all test takers in the year the respective test was taken” to be exempt from taking the Praxis Core; these cut scores represent that approximate “top-third percentile score.”

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