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.

[ ] 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.)

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

First Name: ____________________________________________

Last Name: ____________________________________________

Gothic ID: ____________________________________________

Confirmation by Academic Advisor:

_________________________________________  __________________________  __________
Signature  Printed Name  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.
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 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)**

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For More Information

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

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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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