

Initial Teacher Certification Programs

Testing Requirement for Admission to the FSEHD for Fall 22

➔ All students in initial teacher certification program must take and pass a **Basic Skills Test (BST)**. Test scores are due when you submit your application for admission to the FSEHD.

FSEHD S22 Admission Application Window: Dates will be coming soon.

- The FSEHD suggests students take the **SAT or ACT** exam.
- Students must meet the required BST scores or fall within the conditional admissions range.
- **Conditional Admissions:** If you fall within the range for math and/or literacy, you are eligible for enrollment in a one-credit content module(s). Continuation in the program will be contingent on completing these modules with a B or higher during the first and/or second semester of your conditional admission. The modules replaces the BST.

What are my first steps?

Step One: Determine if you have taken the SATs or ACTs? If yes,

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- a. Locate your scores and determine if they meet the RIC FSEHD required scores or conditional admission range. If you meet the required scores or the conditional range, you are all set. You will upload these scores when you submit your application for admission.
 - b. Locating your test scores – See Page 3 under Requesting Test Scores
 - c. **FSEHD BST Required Scores and Conditional Ranges Table** – See Page 3

Step Two: If you do not have BST scores or your scores are below the conditional ranges listed on page 3 you will need to take or retake the test.

→ Your scores **must be available during the FSEHD admission window.**

If I need to take or retake the BST, how do I decide which one to take?

This document provides an overview of the Basic Skills Test requirements for the SAT, ACT and Core tests.

You can also contact the [RIC Learning Centers & Tutorial Services](#) to schedule an appointment to explore these tests, determine your best option and access test prep resources. Go to: the ric.mywconline.com page to create an account. Once you create your account you can go in to schedule an appointment.

Choosing the SAT: SAT Testing Information

To register for the SAT: Go to the [SAT home page](#) to create an account.

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| SAT | > |
| SAT Subject Tests | |
| PSAT/NMSQT | > |
| PSAT 10 | > |
| PSAT 8/9 | > |


1. Select the SAT test. The SAT subject tests are not accepted for FSEHD admission.
2. Register for the Evidence Based Reading and Writing test and the Mathematics test.
3. **Evidence-Based Reading and Writing** (two parts): [Reading Test](#) and [Mathematics](#)
4. The separate essay test is not required.
5. [SAT test dates and deadlines](#)
6. [SAT Practice](#)
7. How long does it take to get my results? [See Getting SAT Scores](#)

Choosing the ACT: ACT Testing Information

To register for the ACT: Go to the [ACT home page](#) to create an account.

1. FSEHD requires the following ACT tests for admission. Each link provides tips and test information:
 - a. [English](#) [Reading](#) [Mathematics](#)
 - b. A separate writing test is not required for FSEHD Admission
2. How long does it take to get my results? [See: ACT Test Scores](#)

[College Board SAT to ACT Comparison:](#) Based on ACT released information as of 9-26-18



| Test Components | SAT: required tests Structure & Timing | ACT: required tests Structure & Timing |
|-----------------|--|---|
| | Reading Test → 65 minutes → 52 questions Writing and Language Test → 35 minutes → 44 questions Mathematics Test → 80 minutes → 58 questions | Reading Test → 35 minutes → 40 questions English Test → 45 minutes → 75 questions Math Test → 60 minutes → 60 questions Science Test → 35 minutes → 40 questions |

Choosing the Core (PRAXIS): Core Testing Information

To register for the Core: Go to the [ETS PRAXIS](#) home page to create an account. Click here to learn about [PRAXIS Tests and Service Fees](#)

1. On the **My Praxis Home**, follow the steps below to complete the registration process for the Core (Praxis)
2. Steps:
 - a. Register for a Praxis Test and read through all sections.
 - b. Choose **I Agree**, to continue the registration process.
 - c. Complete any background information and continue
 - d. Search Tests and Select **College/University Required Tests**, **NOT** State Agency Required Tests
 - e. **Taking all three tests the same day:** Reading, Writing, and Mathematics: Register for the Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test [5752]
 - f. **Taking the tests on different days:** Register for each one separately using the following codes: Reading [5713], Writing [5723], Mathematics [5733]
 - g. Schedule test taking by zip code.
 - h. If test dates are filled return to **Change Center** and choose a different location.
 - i. Identify Attending Institution, then Score Recipient
 - j. Enter Rhode Island College or the **RIC Code: 3724**
 - k. Check the Box to ensure score is sent to RIC and continue for payment information
3. Core test preparation: [Reading](#) [Writing](#) [Math](#) [Preparing for PRAXIS Tests \(information\)](#)
4. How long does it take to get my results? [See Frequently Asked Questions About the PRAXIS Test page](#)

Note: If you select to take the Core (PRAXIS) test, The ETS account you create will be used again in preparation for student teaching.

→ Two, in some cases three, Praxis tests will be required before student teaching. See [R.I. test requirements](#) to learn more about tests you will need prior to student teaching. These will be taken later in your program.

FSEHD Required BST Scores

| Basic Skills Test (BST) | Required Score | Conditional Admission Range |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| SAT Evidence-based R/Writing | 540 | 470-530 |
| SAT Mathematics | 530 | 480-520 |
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| ACT Reading | 22 | 19-21 |
| ACT Mathematics | 22 | 20-21 |
| ACT English | 22 | 20-21 |
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| Core Reading – 5712 discontinued | 168 | 164-167 |
| Core Writing – 5722 discontinued | 165 | 161-164 |
| Core Mathematics – 5732 discontinued | 162 | 158-161 |
| Core Reading – 5713 | 168 | 164-167 |
| Core Writing – 5723 | 165 | 161-164 |
| Core Mathematics – 5733 | 170 | 166-169 |

Test scores may be mixed

- If you took the SAT and need to retake the mathematics test, you may take the ACT or the Core math test.
- If you took the SAT and need to retake the Reading/Writing test, you may take the ACT Reading and English or Core Reading and Writing tests.
- If you took the ACT and need to retake the mathematics test, you may take the SAT or Core math test.

Additional Information:

Core (Praxis) Test.

- If you haven't taken or need to retake the Core tests, use the new codes listed above when you register for a test.
- FSEHD will accept the discontinued versions of the Core, if you've taken and passed them already.

SATs

- If you took the SATs before January 2016 - [use the SAT score converter](#) to see if your scores meet current admissions requirements. If you use the score converter be sure to submit your original scores and a copy of the score converter page when you submit your application for admission.

Requesting Test Scores

- You may have requested your test scores be sent to RIC, but the FSEHD application requires you to upload copies of all test score reports. View: [Examples of Score Reports](#) to see what is required.
- If you don't have access to your score reports, the links below provide information on accessing your reports.
 - [Getting SAT Scores](#)
 - [ACT Test Scores](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions About the PRAXIS](#) (See the links under the Scores heading at the bottom of the page.)

For more information contact: your advisor first!!

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