

North Carolina Test Requirements

Find your licensure area below to determine which test you need to take and to see the minimum qualifying score. To learn more about a specific test, click the test title. Once you know your test(s), find out [how to register for Praxis™ tests](#) and read the [Praxis test retake policy](#).

Most tests are offered in both Session 1 and Session 2. Refer to the [fees page](#) for tests that are restricted to a particular session.

In general, unless it is specifically stated that a calculator is permitted or required for a particular test, calculators may not be used on any *Praxis* tests (see [Calculator Use](#)).

Note: test codes that begin with "5" or "6" are delivered in computer format; codes that begin with "0" or "1" are delivered on paper. All tests are paper-delivered tests unless otherwise noted.

Tests Required for All Licensure Areas

Beginning teachers in all content areas must pass all three *Praxis I*® Pre-Professional skills tests (in either format), or meet composite score requirements. If you wish to take all three computer-delivered *Praxis I* exams (5710, 5720, 5730) at the same time, select *Praxis I* Pre-Professional Skills Test: Combined Test (5750) when registering. Scores will be reported by individual test (5710, 5720, 5730).

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
K–12: All Areas	Praxis I Reading (PDF) (Computer)	5710	176
	or		
	Praxis I Reading (Paper)	0710	176
	and		
	Praxis I Writing (Computer)	5720	173
	or		
	Praxis I Writing (Paper)	0720	173
	and		
	Praxis I Mathematics (PDF) (Computer)	5730	173
	or		
	Praxis I Mathematics (PDF) (Paper)	0730	173
	Composite Score		522

Note: Applicants may meet the testing requirement by submitting either individual qualifying scores or a composite score that is at or above the state qualifying score.

Tests Required for Specific Licensure Areas

Birth to Kindergarten

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Birth through	No test required*		

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Kindergarten	<i>*Although no test is required for the Birth–Kindergarten (B–K) license, B–K teachers may be designated "highly qualified" to teach kindergarten by earning a score of 155 or higher on the Praxis test Early Childhood: Content Knowledge (0022/5022) (PDF).</i>		

Elementary Education

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Elementary (K–6)	Elementary Education: Instructional Practice and Applications (PDF)	5015	161

Middle School Education

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Language Arts (Middle Grades)	Middle School English Language Arts (Computer)	5049	145
	or		
Mathematics (Middle Grades)	Middle School English Language Arts (Paper)	0049	145
	Middle School Mathematics (Calculator allowed.)	0069	141
Science (Middle Grades)	Middle School Science	0439	134
	Middle School Social Studies (Computer)	5089	149
Social Studies (Middle Grades) or	Middle School Social Studies (Paper)	0089	149

Secondary Education

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Anthropology (Secondary)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5081	*
	or		
	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0081	*
Biology (Secondary)	and		
	Social Studies: Pedagogy (PDF)	0084	*
	<i>*NC license for Anthropology requires a combined score of 320 from Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081/5081) and Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Chemistry	Biology: Content Knowledge (PDF)	0235	*
	and		
	Life Science: Pedagogy (PDF)	0234	*
	<i>*NC license for Biology requires a combined score of 302 from Biology: Content Knowledge (0235) and Life Science: Pedagogy (0234). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (PDF)	0245	*

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(Secondary)	and Physical Science: Pedagogy (PDF)	0483	*
	<i>*NC license for Chemistry requires a combined score of 307 from <i>Chemistry: Content Knowledge (0245)</i> and <i>Physical Science: Pedagogy (0483)</i>. There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Earth Science (Secondary)	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (PDF)	0571	136
	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5081	*
	or		
Economics (Secondary)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0081	*
	and Social Studies: Pedagogy (PDF)	0084	*
	<i>*NC license for Economics requires a combined score of 320 from <i>Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081/5081)</i> and <i>Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084)</i>. There are no minimum scores.</i>		
	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5041	*
	or		
	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0041	*
English (Secondary)	and English Language, Literature, and Composition: Pedagogy (PDF)	0043	*
	<i>*NC license for English requires a combined score of 321 from <i>English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge (0041/5041)</i> and <i>English Language, Literature, and Composition: Pedagogy (0043)</i>. There are no minimum scores.</i>		
	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5081	*
	or		
Geography (Secondary)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0081	*
	and Social Studies: Pedagogy (PDF)	0084	*
	<i>*NC license for Geography requires a combined score of 320 from <i>Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081/5081)</i> and <i>Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084)</i>. There are no minimum scores.</i>		
	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5081	*
	or		
History (Secondary)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0081	*
	and Social Studies: Pedagogy (PDF)	0084	*
	<i>*NC license for History requires a combined score of 320 from <i>Social Studies: Content</i></i>		

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	<i>Knowledge (0081/5081) and Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Mathematics (Secondary)	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (PDF) (Computer) (Graphing calculator required.) (available beginning June 2012)	5061	*
	or Mathematics: Content Knowledge (PDF) (Paper)(Graphing calculator required.)	0061	*
	and Mathematics: Pedagogy (PDF) (Calculator allowed.)	0065	*
	<i>*NC license for Mathematics requires a combined score of 281 from Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061/5061) and Mathematics: Pedagogy (0065). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Physics (Secondary)	Physics: Content Knowledge (PDF)	0265	133
	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5081	*
	or		
Political Science (Secondary)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0081	*
	and Social Studies: Pedagogy (PDF)	0084	*
	<i>*NC license for Political Science requires a combined score of 320 from Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081/5081) and Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Science (Comprehensive, Secondary)	General Science: Content Knowledge (PDF)	0435	*
	and Life Science: Pedagogy (PDF)	0234	*
	or Physical Science: Pedagogy (PDF)	0483	*
	<i>*NC license for Science (Comprehensive) requires a combined score of 303 from General Science: Content Knowledge (0435) and Life Science: Pedagogy (0234) OR a combined score of 305 from General Science: Content Knowledge (0435) and Physical Science: Pedagogy (0483). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Social Studies (Comprehensive, Secondary)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5081	*
	or		
	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0081	*
	and Social Studies: Pedagogy (PDF)	0084	*
	<i>*NC license for Social Studies (Comprehensive) requires a combined score of 320 from Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081/5081) and Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Sociology (Secondary)	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5081	*

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	or Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0081	*
	and Social Studies: Pedagogy (PDF)	0084	*
<i>*NC license for Sociology requires a combined score of 320 from Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081/5081) and Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084). There are no minimum scores.</i>			

All Grades

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Art (K–12)	Art: Content and Analysis (PDF)	0135	161
Health Specialist (K–12)	Health Education (PDF) (Computer) (available beginning June 2012)	5550	640
	or Health Education (PDF) (Paper)	0550	640
	Music: Concepts and Processes (PDF)	0111	*
Music (K–12)	and Music: Content Knowledge (PDF) (Contains listening section.)	0113	*
	<i>*NC license for Music (K–12) requires a combined score of 299 from Music: Concepts and Processes (0111) and Music: Content Knowledge (0113). There are no minimum scores.</i>		
Physical Education (K–12)	Physical Education: Content Knowledge (Computer) (available beginning May 2012)	5091	152
	or Physical Education: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0091	152
Reading (Bachelor's Level, K–12)	Teaching Reading (PDF) (Computer)	5204	159
	or Teaching Reading (PDF) (Paper)	0204	159
Reading (Graduate Level, K–12)	Reading Specialist	0300	570
Speech Communication (K–12)	Speech Communication: Content Knowledge (PDF)	0221	143

World Languages

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
English as a Second Language (K–12)	English to Speakers of Other Languages (PDF)	0361	141
French	French: World Language (PDF)	5174	162

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(Secondary, K–12)			
German (Secondary, K–12)	German: World Language (PDF)	5183	163
Latin (9–12)	Latin (PDF)	0600	570
Spanish (Secondary, K–12)	Spanish: World Language (PDF)	5195	168

Administrator/School Leader

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
School Administrator– Superintendent, or School Administrator– Principal	School Leaders Licensure Assessment (PDF) (Computer) (<u>Must use SLS Bulletin to register.</u>) (Test available beginning January 2012.)	6011	163
	School Leadership Licensure Assessment (PDF) (Paper) (<u>Must use SLS Bulletin to register.</u>) (Last administration September 2011.)	1011	163

Special Education

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Exceptional Children Program Administrator	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision (PDF)	0411	145
	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications (PDF) (Computer)	5545	158
Special Education: Adapted Curriculum	or Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications (PDF) (Paper)	0545	158
	and Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Computer) (<u>Calculator allowed.</u>) (available beginning May 2012)	5511	148
	or Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Paper) (<u>Calculator allowed.</u>)	0511	148
Special Education: Behaviorally/ Emotionally Disabled	Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbance (PDF)	0371	147
	and Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Computer) (<u>Calculator allowed.</u>) (available beginning May 2012)	5511	148
Special Education: Cross Categorical	or Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Paper) (<u>Calculator allowed.</u>)	0511	148
	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (PDF) (Computer)	5354	151

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	or		
	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (PDF) (Paper)	0354	151
	and		
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Computer) (Calculator allowed.) (available beginning May 2012)	5511	148
	or		
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Paper) (Calculator allowed.)	0511	148
	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (PDF) (Computer)	5543	158
	or		
	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (PDF) (Paper)	0543	158
Special Education: General Curriculum	and		
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Computer) (Calculator allowed.) (available beginning May 2012)	5511	148
	or		
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Paper) (Calculator allowed.)	0511	148
	Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities (PDF)	0381	139
	and		
Special Education: Learning Disabled	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Computer) (Calculator allowed.) (available beginning May 2012)	5511	148
	or		
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Paper) (Calculator allowed.)	0511	148
	Special Education: Teaching Students with Mental Retardation (PDF)	0321	144
	and		
Special Education: Mentally Disabled	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Computer) (Calculator allowed.) (available beginning May 2012)	5511	148
	or		
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Paper) (Calculator allowed.)	0511	148
	Special Education: Teaching Students with Mental Retardation (PDF)	0321	144
	and		
Special Education: Severely Profoundly Mentally Disabled	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Computer) (Calculator allowed.) (available beginning May 2012)	5511	148
	or		
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Paper)	0511	148

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Special Education: Visually Impaired	(Calculator allowed.) Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (PDF)	0281	135

Career & Technical Education

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Business Education (Career–Technical Education)	Business Education: Content Knowledge (PDF) (Calculator allowed.)	0101	154
Career–Technical Education Director	Educational Leadership: Administration & Supervision (PDF)	0411	145
Family and Consumer Sciences (Career–Technical Education)	Family and Consumer Sciences (PDF)	0121	148
Marketing Education (Career–Technical Education)	Marketing Education (PDF)	0561	169
Technology Education (Career–Technical Education)	Technology Education (PDF)	0051	159

Special Service Personnel

To Be Licensed in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Audiologist	Audiology (PDF)	0341	600
Counselor	School Guidance & Counseling (PDF) (Contains listening section.)	0420	570
Curriculum–Instructional Specialist	Educational Leadership: Administration & Supervision (PDF)	0411	145
Media Coordinator	Library Media Specialist (PDF)	0311	148
Media Supervisor	Educational Leadership: Administration & Supervision (PDF)	0411	145
School Psychologist	School Psychologist (PDF)	0401	159
Speech–Language Pathologist	Speech–Language Pathology Effective July 1, 2011, Speech-Language Pathologist testing requirements for North Carolina are determined by the NCBOESLPA .	0330	600