

Licensure Testing Policy Update

Effective for Degrees Conferred On or After July 1, 2014 for Both In-State and Out-of-State Applicants

All Middle Grades, Secondary Grades, and K-12 initial SP1 licensure applicants (with the exception of Elementary Education and Exceptional Children: General Curriculum) are required to:

- ✚ Take the North Carolina State Board of Education (SBE) approved licensure exam(s) for each initial licensure area at least once during the first year of teaching
- ✚ Pass the SBE approved licensure exam(s) for each initial licensure area in order to convert the initial SP1 to the SP2 license
- ✚ All Exceptional Children license area applicants, other than Exceptional Children: General Curriculum, are required to pass all SBE approved licensure exams for the teaching area prior to the license being issued

Note: If the degree was conferred prior to July 1, 2014 previous SBE testing requirements apply.

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A. Elementary Education (K-6) initial SP1 licensure applicants are required to pass all of the following SBE approved licensure exams in order to qualify for licensure:

- ✚ Pearson Foundations of Reading Test (090): **minimum required score - 229**
- ✚ Pearson General Curriculum Test
 - Multi-subjects Subtest (103): **minimum required score - 227**
 - Mathematics Subtest (203): **minimum required score - 227**

Note: If the degree was conferred prior to October 1, 2014 previous SBE testing requirements apply.

B. Exceptional Children: General Curriculum (K-12) initial SP1 licensure applicants are required to:

- ✚ Pass Praxis II test 5543 - Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications prior to the license being issued: **minimum required score - 158**
- ✚ Take all of the following tests at least once during the first year of teaching:
 - Pearson Foundations of Reading Test (090)
 - Pearson General Curriculum Test for North Carolina
 - Multi-subjects Subtest (103)
 - Mathematics Subtest (203)
- ✚ Pass all of the following tests in order to convert the initial SP1 to the SP2 license:
 - Pearson Foundations of Reading Test (090): **minimum required score - 229**
 - Pearson General Curriculum Test
 - Multi-subjects Subtest (103): **minimum required score - 227**
 - Mathematics Subtest (203): **minimum required score - 227**

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Grace Period for Transition to New Pearson Testing Requirements Ended 12-31-14

A. Fall 2014 Elementary Education approved program completers will be allowed to use Praxis II test 5015 to meet licensure requirements if the test was taken and passed before October 1, 2014

B. Fall 2014 EC: General Curriculum approved program completers will be allowed to use Praxis II tests 0511/5511 and 0543/5543 to meet licensure requirements if both were passed before October 1, 2014

North Carolina State Board of Education Approved Licensure Testing Websites

A. Praxis II Testing - <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nc>

B. Pearson Foundations for Reading and General Curriculum Tests - <http://www.nc.nesinc.com/>