

Testing Requirements for a Minnesota Teaching License

Note: Save copies of your score reports!!!

Registration Tips: Select BSU as your score reporting location; Enter “no” for portfolio; Must wait 30 days to retake tests; Official scores are released twice a month and score report dates are available here: https://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PopUp.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MNCBTRB_ScoreReportDates.html

Basic Skills: Passing scores on state-approved basic skills tests and 3 years of teaching in Minnesota are required for Tier 4 licensure in Minnesota. The basic skills testing requirement may be met in several ways:

- ****MTLE NES Essential Academic Skills: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics**** <https://www.mtle.nesinc.com/> – or –
- ACT Composite with Writing score ≥ 22 **and** ACT ELA (English Language Arts) score ≥ 21 (ELA may also be listed as “Combined English/Writing”) <http://www.actstudent.org/scores/viewing-scores.html>
- You can combine more than one ACT test if one score report has the correct composite score with writing and the other score report has the correct ELA.
- SAT 1600 (New Version) Taken March 1, 2016 to present = Reading + Writing: 550 and Math: 570 – or – SAT 2400 (Old Version) Taken March 12, 2005 – February 28, 2016 = Reading: 510, Writing: 510, and Math: 520
- GRE Taken 2001 to August 11, 2011 Verbal Reasoning: 450, Analytical Writing: 3, and Quantitative Reasoning: 540 – or – Taken after August 11, 2011 Verbal Reasoning: 150, Analytical Writing: 3, and Quantitative Reasoning: 145

****If you have not met the Basic Skills requirement through the ACE, SAT, or GRE – you should take the MTLE NES Reading, Writing and Math tests.**

MTLE Pedagogy Exams (all subtests): Candidates applying for an initial teaching license must have official scores on file for the MTLE Pedagogy Subtests 1 and 2 prior to recommendation for licensure. Choose one pedagogy exam (2 Subtests) according to the chart listed below. *Take the Pedagogy tests after you have completed ED 3350 Pedagogy.*

MTLE Content tests (all subtests); Select the appropriate Content exam aligned with your teaching program(s) listed below (some students may have multiple content exams). *Take the Content tests after you have completed all required Content and Methods coursework.*

Licensure	MTLE Content Exams	MTLE Pedagogy Exams
Communication Arts & Literature (5-12)	Communication Arts/Literature (5-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Elementary Education (K-6)	Elementary Education (K-6) Subtests 1, 2 and 3	Elementary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Middle Level Communication Arts & Literature (5-8)	Middle Level Comm., Arts/Literature (5-8) Subtests 1 and 2	None – met through initial license
Middle Level Mathematics (5-8)	Middle Level Mathematics (5-8) Subtests 1 and 2	None – met through initial license
Middle Level Science (5-8)	Middle Level Science (5-8) Subtests 1 and 2	None – met through initial license
Middle Level Social Studies (5-8)	Middle Level Social Studies (5-8) Subtests 1 and 2	None – met through initial license

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Pre-Primary (Age 3 – PreK)	Pre-Primary (Age 3 - PreK) Subtests 1 and 2	None – met through initial license
Health Education (5-12)	Health (5-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Mathematics Education (5-12)	Mathematics (5-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Music Education – Instrumental and Classroom Music (K-12)	Instrumental Classroom Music (K-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Choose ONE: Elementary Pedagogy or Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests for one set, either Elementary or Secondary)
Music Education – Vocal and Classroom Music (K-12)	Vocal Classroom Music (K-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Choose ONE: Elementary Pedagogy or Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests for one set, either Elementary or Secondary)
Physical Education (K-12)	Physical Education (K-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Choose ONE: Elementary Pedagogy or Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests for one set, either Elementary or Secondary)
DAPE (PreK-12) <i>Optional add-on to PHED</i>	Special Education Core Skills (Birth - Age 21) Subtests 1 and 2	None – met through initial license
Science: Chemistry (9-12)	Chemistry (9-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Science: Earth & Space (9-12)	Earth & Space Science (9-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Science: Life Science (9-12)	Life Science (9-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Science: Physics (9-12)	Physics (9-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Social Studies Education (5-12)	Social Studies (5-12) Subtests 1 and 2	Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests)
Special Education: ASD, EBD, SLD	Special Education Core Skills (Birth - Age 21) Subtests 1 and 2	Choose ONE: Elementary Pedagogy or Secondary Pedagogy (all subtests for one set, either Elementary or Secondary)

*If you are already fully licensed you do not need to take the Pedagogy tests.

**On campus students completing Science with a Chemistry, Earth & Space, Life Science, or Physics Specialty are also completing the Middle School Science Endorsement. These students must take both the 9-12 Specialty Content Exam and 5-8 Middle Level Science Content Exam.