

Committee on Teacher Education
Bloomington Campus
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Voting Item

Teacher Education Program Admissions - Alternative Assessments of Basic Skills

BACKGROUND:

The Committee for Teacher Education is asked to approve modifications to the admissions criteria to the teacher education programs. These additional assessments are options for the criterion that addresses candidates' basic skills, and represents options approved by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). The IDOE does require all teacher education programs to include an admissions criterion addressing basic skills, i.e., reading, mathematics and writing.

CURRENT REQUIRED BASIC SKILLS CRITERION:

- PRAXIS I with the following individual minimum scores:
Reading – 176, Mathematics – 175, and Writing – 172

PROPOSED ADMISSIONS CRITERIA ALTERNATIVES OF CANDIDATES' BASIC SKILLS:

- ACT with a minimum score of 24 based on Math, Reading, Grammar, and Science.
- SAT with a minimum score of 1100 based on Critical Reading and Math
- GRE with a minimum score of 1100 based on Verbal and Quantitative
- Master's Degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Praxis 1 composite score of 527 based on Reading, Writing and Math (option to the individual minimum scores currently required)

Note: The IDOE has approved that the ACT, SAT and GRE minimum scores do not include writing.