

NH ED Subject Area Test Requirements

For NH Licensure, The Ed 500 Administrative Rule (currently Ed 505.01/Ed 514.01 formerly) requires each candidate to pass a subject area content knowledge test when seeking teacher licensure in any one of the major areas of concentration in which the NH State Board of Education has established a passing score. In 2024, the NH DOE adopted tests administered by Pearson National Evaluation Series for teacher candidates to meet the basic skills and subject-area requirements. At this time, both the ETS Praxis assessments and the Pearson National Evaluation Series assessments are accepted for licensure in NH. As of July 1, 2025, some licensure areas that did not previously require assessments will do so. Please see the table below as well as the [NH DOE testing requirements page](#) for further information.

These tests are not required for graduation or for recommendation for licensure. However, it is strongly recommended that teacher candidates complete the tests required for licensure in their area as soon as possible (after coursework is completed), preferably before the internship begins, while coursework is still fresh and to make licensure as efficient as possible after graduation.

The following information came directly from the NH DOE website regarding subject area tests. (Credentialing HD Knowledge Base/Basic Academic Skills Assessment (BASA) and Subject Area Testing Information. 5.1.2025)

Praxis Testing: <https://praxis.ets.org/state-requirements/newhampshire-tests.html> Visit the link above for information regarding Praxis Core, a list of endorsements that require Praxis Subject tests, testing accommodations, test preparation, obtaining previous score reports, test center locations/dates and registration. You can also submit out of state/national testing reports for evaluation as a comparable test.

Pearson's Foundations of Reading Test: <http://www.nh.nesinc.com/> Effective 7/1/2014 Foundations of Reading is required for Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education (K-6/K-8), Reading and Writing Teacher, Reading and Writing Specialist endorsements. You can also submit out of state/national testing reports for evaluation as a comparable test.

Elementary Education K-8 requires (in addition to the requirements for Elementary Education K-6) a 15 credit concentration on your transcript in one of the following areas: English, Math, Science, or Social Studies. You must also submit passing scores on the corresponding Middle School content test. <https://praxis.ets.org/state-requirements/newhampshire-tests.html> You can also submit out of state/national testing reports for evaluation as a comparable test.

For students enrolling in a NH state approved educator preparation program and interested in having an out of state/national subject test evaluated for comparability: [Test Evaluation Request](#)

Required Subject Area Assessments for NH Licensure following Educator Preparation Programs at Plymouth State University

Licensure Area	ETS Praxis Tests	Passing Score	Pearson National Evaluation Series Tests	Passing Score
Art K-12	Content Knowledge (5134)	158	Visual Art (803)*	240
Elementary Education K-6	Multiple Subjects (5001)		General Curriculum Tests	
	Reading and Language Arts subtest	157	Subtest 1: Language Arts and History/Social Studies (827)	240
	Mathematics subtest	157		
	Science subtest	159	Subtest 2: Mathematics, Science, and Technology/Engineering (828)*	240
	Social Studies subtest	155		
	AND -----→	-→	AND Foundations of Reading (890)	240
Elementary Education K-8	K-6 tests (see above) AND		K-6 tests (see above) AND <u>one</u> of:	
w/ELA	Middle School ELA (5047)	164	Middle Grades English Language Arts (201)	220
w/Math	Middle School Mathematics (5164)	165	Middle Grades Mathematics (203)	220
w/Science	Middle School Science (5442)	152	Middle Grades General Science (205)	220
w/Social Studies	Middle School SS (5089)	153	Middle Grades Social Science (202)	220
English 5-12	Secondary English (5039)	168	English Language Arts (817)*	240
Health Education K-12	<i>no ETS Praxis option</i>	---	Health (509)	220
Library Media Specialist K-12	<i>no ETS Praxis option</i>	---	Library Media Specialist (508)	220
Music K-12	Content Knowledge (5113)	161	Music (820)*	240
Physical Education K-12	Content and Design (5095)	169	Physical Education (804)*	240
School Counselor K-12	<i>no ETS Praxis option</i>	---	School Counselor (510)	220
Social Studies 5-12	Secondary Social Studies (5086)	153	History/Social Science (826)*	240
Special Education K-12	<i>no ETS Praxis option</i>	---	Special Education (602)	220
			AND Foundations of Reading (890)	240

*Pearson National Evaluation Series Tests not available until 7/2025
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