

**College of Human Development, Culture and Media
Seton Hall University**

Education Entrance Criteria FAQ

What is the entrance criteria for an education major?

The New Jersey Department of Education has mandated that anyone entering a teacher education program must meet the following test criteria.

This is true for the education program at Seton Hall, and all other teacher education programs in New Jersey.

- Minimum test scores which may be combined across tests. For example, if you earned a 610 on the Reading/Writing SAT, but a 550 on Math, you are only required to submit a passing Math score. You could choose to retake the SAT or take the Math portion of the ACT or Praxis Core exam. (more detail is available within the education program handbook).

SAT		ACT		Core Academic Skills Exam (Praxis CORE)	
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (EVRW)	610	English	23	Reading	156
or Reading Section	30			Writing	162
Math	570	Math	23	Math	150

- Please request to send your test scores to Seton Hall. Our institutional test code is: RA2811
- **Students are encouraged to begin taking the Core Exam as soon as they are admitted and early into the freshmen year.** The final date for accepted passage is June 15th of that first year. A passing score on all three parts, and a GPA of 3.0 or higher, is needed to move into the full education major and start field placements in schools.

What if I have questions about the test process? Who may I contact?

- If your goal is to enter any of the elementary/special education programs (including the dual degree with speech or applied behavior analysis), you can reach out to Dr. Grace May at grace.may@shu.edu
- If your goal is to enter the secondary or secondary/special education programs, you can reach out to Dr. Daniel Katz at Daniel.katz@shu.edu

If I decide I don't want to (re)take the SAT or ACT, how may I find out more about the Praxis Core Exam?

The Praxis Core is offered by ETS and focuses on three areas: reading, writing, and math. You must reach the minimum score, set by the New Jersey Department of Education, in each area.

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/plan-your-test.html> Test overview

Test	Minimum Score	Number of Questions	Testing Time	Cost
Reading (5713)	156	56	85 mins.	\$90
Mathematics (5733)	150	56	90 mins.	\$90
Writing (2 sections) (5723)	162	40 2 essays	40 mins. 60 mins.	\$90

The test may be taken as a whole, meaning all three parts at the same time (\$150). This is a 5.5 hour test. You may also take each part separately and the timeframes are listed above.

You may retake individual sections, if needed, to reach the required minimum score. There is no limit on the number of times you may retake an exam.

- You must wait 28 days between the initial test date and a retake of a section. This issue of having to wait a month between test dates emphasizes the importance of starting the exam early in the academic year.

It is important to pay specific attention to the test numbers listed here. There are older versions of the test available or used by other states on the ETS website. Please make sure you register for the test numbers listed above.

How is the test being offered?

ETS offers some tests virtually and at test centers. Please check this link to see the current offerings. <https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/where-to-test.html>

Does ETS offer accommodations related to a disability or health impairment?

Yes, please refer to the information below.

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/resources.html>

Are there study resources available to prepare for the Praxis Core?

There are numerous resources, including an extensive FREE Khan Academy review, at the link below.

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/resources.html>

What education courses may I take in my first year while working on the entrance criteria?

If you are pursuing an elementary/special education program (including the dual degree programs), you may take:

Fall semester:

- EDST 1001 Introduction to Teaching
- CPSY 1001 Diverse Learners and Their Families, Part I

Spring semester:

- EDST 4000 Child Curriculum and Development
- CPSY 1002 Diverse Learners and Their Families, Part II

If you are pursuing a secondary education program, you may take:

Fall semester:

- EDST 1501 Education in the U.S.

Spring semester:

- EDST 3510 Culture, Community and Schools