

Admission Exams for Teacher Education

Students who do not hold a bachelor's degree must submit passing entrance exam scores as part of their application for admission to Teacher Education. At this time, students have two options: the Core Academic Skills for Education (Core) OR the American College Test (ACT).

Candidates who hold a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university are not required to complete the entrance exam.

Entrance Exam Options

Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core)

required scores: Mathematics (150), Reading (156), & Writing (162)

- Mathematics Exam: test code 5732
- Reading Exam: test code 5712
- Writing Exam: test code 5722
- Combined Exam (Math, Reading, & Writing): test code 5751

American College Test (ACT)

required scores: Mathematics (22), Reading (22), & English (22)

American College Residual Test (ACT-R)*

required scores: Mathematics (22), Reading (22), & English (22)

*The ACT-R allows candidates to take one or more sections of the ACT test. Test is paper-based and must be taken at the Kelly Center on the FHSU campus in Hays, KS. The ACT-R score report is only available to FHSU and cannot be submitted to other institutions.

REGISTRATION: Register for the Praxis Core at www.ets.org/praxis/register or for the ACT at www.act.org/content/act/en/register.html. If you wish to take either entrance exam at FHSU, you can choose the Hays location. Otherwise, choose the testing center that is closest to you. Regardless of where you take it, choose Fort Hays State University as a score recipient. To register for the ACT-R, please contact the FHSU Kelly Center directly at 785-628-4401.

EXAM COSTS: Fees for the Praxis Core can be found at www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees/ or for the ACT at www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/fees.html. Fee information for the ACT-R can be obtained from the FHSU Kelly Center at 785-628-4401.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you have a disability or health related issue that may impact your ability to complete the entrance exam, you may qualify for testing accommodations. Instructions for requesting accommodations for the Praxis Core can be found at www.ets.org/disabilities/test_takers/ or for the ACT at www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/accommodations.html. If you need help with test anxiety or test-taking skills, Kelly Center Academic Success Programs provides free assistance to FHSU students. Contact the Kelly Center at 785-628-4401 to schedule an appointment.

PREPARATION MATERIALS: There are a variety of free and paid-for study materials to help you prepare for either the Praxis Core or the ACT. Please see the second page for a list of resources.



Preparation Materials

PRAXIS CORE: Utilize the following free and paid-for resources in your preparation for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam.

- Praxis (ETS) offers free study guides, demonstrations, and exercises to help you prepare. You can also purchase interactive practice tests. See the following website for more information:
 - www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials
- FHSU in conjunction with Ed2Go offers a non-credit course to prepare students for the Praxis Core. Information on cost and start dates can be found at the following website:
 - www.ed2go.com/fhsu/online-courses/praxis-1-preparation
- The Mathematics Department offers free tutoring on mathematical concepts during the school year. For more information, please contact the Mathematics Department at 785-628-4240.

ACT: Utilize the following free and paid-for resources in your preparation for the ACT.

- ACT offers free study guides as well as paid-for options that include a test-prep book, practice exams, and a virtual class. See the following website for more information:
 - www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html
- FHSU in conjunction with Ed2Go offers a non-credit course to prepare students for the ACT. Information on cost and start dates can be found at the following website:
 - www.ed2go.com/fhsu/online-courses/sat-act-preparation-1
- The Mathematics Department offers free tutoring on mathematical concepts during the school year. For more information, please contact the Mathematics Department at 785-628-4240.

EXTERNAL RESOURCES: The following is a listing of outside companies that offer test preparation materials.

- 240 Tutoring: www.240tutoring.com/ (Core)
- 4 Tests.com: www.4tests.com/ (ACT)
- Exam Focus: www.examfocus.com/ (ACT)
- Free Test Online: www.free-test-online.com/ (ACT)
- Kaplan Test Prep: www.kaptest.com/ (ACT)
- Princeton Review: www.princetonreview.com/ (ACT)
- Study Guide Zone: www.studyguidezone.com/ (ACT & Core)
- Test Prep Practice: www.testpreppractice.net/ (ACT)
- Test Prep Review: www.testprepreview.com/ (ACT & Core)
- Teachers Test Prep: www.teacherstestprep.com/ (Core)
- The State Library of Kansas' Learning Express: www.learningexpresshub.com (ACT & Core)

