Basic Skills Test Requirements

One of the following basic skills test meeting the cut-off score requirement must be upload and submitted as part of your application.

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Praxis II Requirements

The Praxis II Content Knowledge examination is required by June 1st for MCERT and IMCP programs.
The Praxis II Pedagogy examination is required prior to student teaching for ALL initial teacher certification programs.

Praxis II exceptions:

1. Art, Physical Education, and TESOL (PreK-12 areas)
   - Content knowledge is not required (is not offered)
   - Require Praxis II pedagogy only

2. World Languages Praxis II and **ACTFL requirements:
   - Chinese
     - Chinese (Mandarin) content is required
     - Pedagogy is required by department (World Languages: Pedagogy, test code 5841)
     - **OPI required
   - French, German, and Spanish
     - Content knowledge is required
     - Pedagogy is required by department (World Languages: Pedagogy, test code 5841)
     - **OPI required
   - Italian and Russian
     - Content knowledge is not required (is not offered)
     - Pedagogy is required by department (World Languages: Pedagogy, test code 5841)
     - **OPI and WPT required

**All World Language students have additional examination requirements by ACTFL, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and must qualify at the minimum levels listed below.

ACTFL OPI and WPT Passing Score Requirements for World Language Students

**OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) is required for all World Language students

(OPI NCATE standards differ from MSDE standards. The minimum qualification levels are listed below.)

- Chinese: Intermediate High Level
- French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish: Advanced Low Level

**WPT (Writing Proficiency Test) is required for Italian and Russian

(WPT must meet MSDE standards. The minimum qualification levels are listed below.)

- Italian and Russian: Intermediate High Level
- Chinese, French, German, or Spanish: WPT is not required

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