

WHAT TESTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE INDIANA CORE ASSESSMENTS FOR EDUCATOR LICENSURE?

The Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure program includes a test of basic skills (Core Academic Skills Assessment), four developmental (pedagogy) area assessments, and more than fifty content area assessments.

Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA). Effective August 31, 2013, the CASA replaced Praxis I as one means for satisfying entrance requirements at Indiana educator preparation programs. CASA includes three subtests:

- ★ CASA—Reading (40 multiple-choice questions)
- ★ CASA—Mathematics (40 multiple-choice questions)
- ★ CASA—Writing (42 multiple-choice questions and 1 writing assignment)

Complete information about the CASA is available on the Indiana program website at www.in.nesinc.com.

Developmental (Pedagogy) Area Assessments.

Four assessments, based on the Indiana School Setting Developmental Standards, have been developed:

- ★ Early Childhood Education (P–3)
- ★ Elementary Education (K–6)
- ★ Secondary Education (5–12)
- ★ P–12 Education

These tests will be available for administration beginning on February 10, 2014. Registration will open in December 2013.

Content Area Assessments. Over fifty assessments, based on the Indiana Educator Standards, have been developed to replace Praxis II. These tests will be available for administration beginning on February 10, 2014, with registration opening in December 2013:

- ★ Business
- ★ Career and Technical Education—Agriculture
- ★ Career and Technical Education—Business and Information Technology
- ★ Career and Technical Education—Family and Consumer Sciences
- ★ Career and Technical Education—Marketing

- ★ Early Childhood Generalist
 - Subtest 1: Reading and English Language Arts
 - Subtest 2: Mathematics
 - Subtest 3: Science, Health, and Physical Education
 - Subtest 4: Social Studies and Fine Arts
- ★ Elementary Education Generalist
 - Subtest 1: Reading and English Language Arts
 - Subtest 2: Mathematics
 - Subtest 3: Science, Health, and Physical Education
 - Subtest 4: Social Studies and Fine Arts
- ★ Engineering and Technology Education
- ★ English Language Arts
- ★ English Learners
- ★ Exceptional Needs—Blind or Low Vision
- ★ Exceptional Needs—Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- ★ Exceptional Needs—Intense Intervention
- ★ Exceptional Needs—Mild Intervention
- ★ Exceptional Needs—Mild Intervention: Reading Instruction
- ★ Fine Arts—General Music
- ★ Fine Arts—Instrumental Music
- ★ Fine Arts—Vocal Music
- ★ Fine Arts—Theatre Arts
- ★ Fine Arts—Visual Arts
- ★ High Ability
- ★ Journalism
- ★ Mathematics
- ★ Middle School English Language Arts
- ★ Middle School Mathematics
- ★ Middle School Science
- ★ Middle School Social Studies
- ★ Reading

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How Can I Get More Information About the Program?

Information about the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure program is available on the program website (www.in.nesinc.com). The website provides comprehensive information about all tests included in the program as well as policies and procedures related to test registration, administration, and scoring and reporting. It also includes preparation materials that are available for each test.

Content Area Assessments (cont.)

- ★ School Administrator—Building Level
- ★ School Administrator—District Level
- ★ School Librarian
- ★ Science—Chemistry
- ★ Science—Earth/Space Science
- ★ Science—Life Science
- ★ Science—Physical Science
- ★ Science—Physics
- ★ Social Studies—Economics
- ★ Social Studies—Geographical Perspectives
- ★ Social Studies—Government and Citizenship
- ★ Social Studies—Historical Perspectives
- ★ Social Studies—Psychology
- ★ Social Studies—Sociology
- ★ World Languages—Chinese (Mandarin)
- ★ World Languages—French
- ★ World Languages—German
- ★ World Languages—Japanese
- ★ World Languages—Latin
- ★ World Languages—Spanish

Registration Information

HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THE INDIANA CORE ASSESSMENTS FOR EDUCATOR LICENSURE TESTS?

Visit the Indiana program website (www.in.nesinc.com) for complete instructions to register online. Registration for the Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA) is currently available. Registration for the licensure tests will begin in early December 2013.

HOW DO I REQUEST ALTERNATIVE TESTING ARRANGEMENTS?

Alternative testing arrangements that are reasonable in the context of a licensure test are available for candidates who are not able to take the test under standard conditions. Candidates are required to provide appropriate documentation. Information on requesting alternative testing arrangements is available on the program website.

WHEN & WHERE ARE THE TESTS OFFERED?

Core Academic Skills Assessment. The CASA subtests are available year round by appointment at Indiana educator preparation programs and Ivy Tech campuses. You can search for available appointments and test centers near you when you register and schedule your appointment at <http://casa.starttest.com>. A list of centers is also available on the program website, www.in.nesinc.com.

Developmental (Pedagogy) and Content Area Assessments. Most tests are available year round by appointment at Pearson test centers throughout Indiana and nationwide.

School Administrator—Building Level and School Administrator—District Level assessments are available during two-week windows scheduled every other month.

World Languages—Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish—will be available on select dates throughout the year.

WHAT KIND OF ID DO I NEED IN ORDER TO BE ADMITTED TO TAKE A TEST?

You will need one piece of current, government-issued identification printed in English, in the name in which you are registered, bearing your photograph and signature. Acceptable forms of identification include the following:

- ★ Driver's license with photograph and signature
- ★ Passport with photograph and signature
- ★ State identification with photograph and signature (provided by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for individuals who do not have a driver's license)
- ★ National identification with photograph and signature
- ★ Military identification with photograph and signature
- ★ Alien Registration Card (green card, permanent resident visa)

For complete information about acceptable forms of identification, visit the ID Policy page on the Indiana program website.

WHAT ARE THE FEES TO TAKE THE TESTS?

Core Academic Skills Assessment: \$38.00 per subtest. CASA test centers may charge additional fees.

- ★ Core Academic Skills Assessment—Reading
- ★ Core Academic Skills Assessment—Writing
- ★ Core Academic Skills Assessment—Mathematics

Developmental (Pedagogy) and Content Area Tests: \$114.00 per test (except as noted below):

Fine Arts—Music fields: \$57.00 per test

- ★ Fine Arts—General Music
- ★ Fine Arts—Instrumental Music
- ★ Fine Arts—Vocal Music

Early Childhood Generalist: \$45.00 per subtest/\$145.00 if four tests are taken in one test session

- ★ Subtest 1: Reading and English Language Arts
- ★ Subtest 2: Mathematics
- ★ Subtest 3: Science, Health, and Physical Education
- ★ Subtest 4: Social Studies and Fine Arts

Elementary Education Generalist: \$45.00 per subtest/\$145.00 if four tests are taken in one test session

- ★ Subtest 1: Reading and English Language Arts
- ★ Subtest 2: Mathematics
- ★ Subtest 3: Science, Health, and Physical Education
- ★ Subtest 4: Social Studies and Fine Arts

Exceptional Needs—Mild Intervention: Reading Instruction: \$45.00

Social Studies fields: \$80.00 per test

- ★ Social Studies—Economics
- ★ Social Studies—Geographical Perspectives
- ★ Social Studies—Government and Citizenship
- ★ Social Studies—Historical Perspectives
- ★ Social Studies—Psychology
- ★ Social Studies—Sociology

HOW MUCH TIME IS ALLOWED FOR EACH TEST?

Testing time varies depending upon the test field. You can find the testing time for each test on the program website (www.in.nesinc.com). Examinees are given an additional 15 minutes in which to complete a nondisclosure agreement and tutorial prior to testing.

Scoring & Reporting Information

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY SCORES?

If your test includes only multiple-choice questions, you will receive your test scores within 10 business days after you test.

If your test includes both multiple-choice questions and constructed-response assignments, you will receive your test scores within 20 business days after you test.

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM PASSING SCORE?

Scores are reported to candidates as scaled scores that range from 100 to 300. The minimum passing score for each test is a scaled score of 220. Passing scores were established by the Indiana State Board of Education based on recommendations from Indiana educators.

WHO RECEIVES MY SCORES?

Your scores are provided to you, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), and the educator preparation program(s) that you selected during test registration.

Preparing to Take the Tests

WHAT PREPARATION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE?

Preparation materials are available on the program website, including:

- ★ **Assessment Blueprint** – Describes the content included on each test and is available at no cost
- ★ **Study Guide** – Includes general test information and sample questions for each test. A study guide for CASA is currently available; study guides for the developmental (pedagogy) and content area assessments will be available beginning in early December 2013. There is no cost for the study guides.
- ★ **Practice Test** – Full-length, computer-based practice tests that simulate the actual test administration will be available for purchase for select test fields. Practice tests are 100% aligned with the test, include the same number of items as the operational test, and allow candidates to practice taking the test at their convenience. Once candidates complete the practice test, they are provided with feedback on their performance. A practice test for CASA is currently available. Practice tests for select developmental (pedagogy) and content area assessments will be available in early December 2013.