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Preparation Strategies for the Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests

Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests™ (PECT™)

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Overview

- How to Register for the Test
- What's on the Test?
- What do I need to Learn?
- How Can I Do My Best?
- How to Read your Score Report
- Contact information

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How to Register for the Test

What Test Do I Need To Take?



Be sure to visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education website before you register.



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There you will find:

- > Testing Requirements
- > Test Announcements
- > Links to Test Registration and Study Guides



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What Test Do I Need To Take?



PDE > Teachers & Administrators > Certifications > Certification Testing

CERTIFICATION TESTING

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Pennsylvania requires assessment of all candidates in basic skills, general knowledge, professional knowledge and subject area knowledge before a certificate may be issued. Three documents are recommended reading:

1. Policies and submission procedures in [CSPG 21 - Testing](#) (PDF)
2. [Certification Test and Score Requirements](#) (Excel)
3. [Composite Score Calculator](#) (Excel)

TEST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New SAT, ACT writing and composite score information is in the updated Certification Test and Score Requirements document.
- Composite basic skill scores are available for basic skills tests. A Composite Score Calculator is provided to calculate single and mixed series composite scores.
- Basic Skills Mathematics scores were revised in 2016. They are in the Certification Test and Score Requirements document linked above.
- Cooperative Education (test code 5901/5902). The new Cooperative Workforce Education test will be offered this fall. Contact your program advisor for updated information.
- Environmental Education (test code 0831). The deadline is extended until June 2017. Look for the "Special Administrations" link on the [PDE's Pennsylvania page](#).

LINKS TO TEST REGISTRATION AND STUDY GUIDES

- [ETS/Praxis](#)
- [Pearson Evaluation Systems](#)
- [UTIACTE](#)
- [PDE Safety/Driver Education](#) (Teacher Certification Testing)

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How to Register for the Test

What Information Do I Need?

- Identification and Background Information
- Alternative Testing Arrangements
- Test Score Reporting
 - How would I like to receive my score report?
 - What is my Educator Preparation Program?
 - Who else would I like to receive my score report? (up to 2 additional institutions)
 - What two-year college did/do I attend (if applicable)?

Requesting Alternative Testing Arrangements

1. Review the required documentation
2. Register for your test module(s)
3. Submit your completed Alternative Testing Arrangements Request Form and documentation
4. Check email for notification of resolution
5. Schedule your testing appointment



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How to Register for the Test

How can I check seat availability?



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Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA)

i The Pennsylvania Department of Education has recently established a new qualifying score for PAPA Module 2: Mathematics. Official scores in the MyAccount system will be updated on July 25. Please see below for more information.

The PAPA includes three modules: Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. You may take one or all three modules at one test appointment. The PAPA series may be passed by meeting or exceeding the established minimum qualifying score on all three modules (see below), or by the Composite Score Option.

Format	Selected-response items and constructed-response assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 36 selected-response items • Mathematics: 36 selected-response items • Writing: 36 selected-response items, 2 sentence correction assignments, and 1 extended-response assignment
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 45 minutes • Mathematics: 75 minutes • Writing: 75 minutes Examinees will also have 15 minutes for a computer-based testing tutorial. Examinees who take all three modules during a single test session will also have a 15-minute break between each module.
Test Dates	By appointment, year round. Test appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Check real-time seat availability g .
Test Sites	CBT sites are located in Pennsylvania, nationwide, and in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Canada. Locate a test center g .
Qualifying Score	Performance criterion (cutscore): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 220 • Mathematics: 193 • Writing: 220

Tests
Find information about each test, including when and where you can test.

Welcome PECT Candidates
Quick links to program essentials to start you on your way.

- What tests do I need to take?
- Test dates and sites
- Alternative testing arrangements
- Testing policies

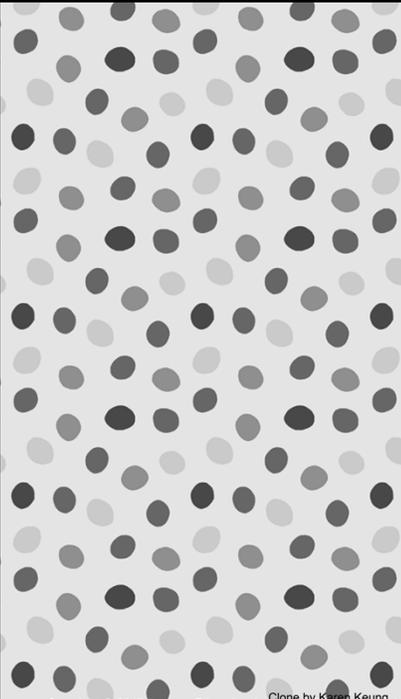
Returning Visitors
Quick links for examinees who have already registered to test.

- View/change registrations
- The day of the test
- View scores and testing history
- Get help finding information



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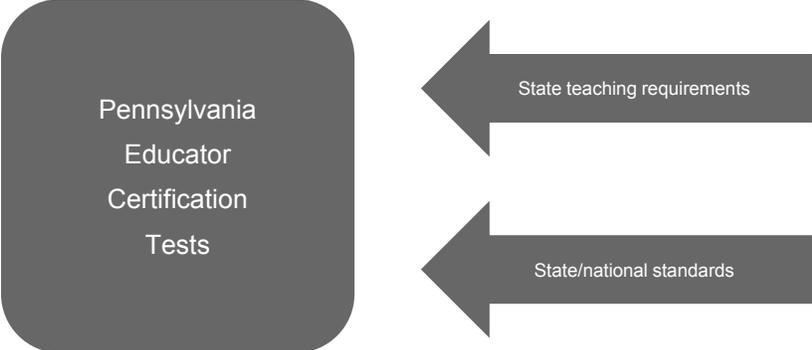
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What's on the Test?

Custom-developed for Pennsylvania Educator Certification



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State teaching requirements

State/national standards

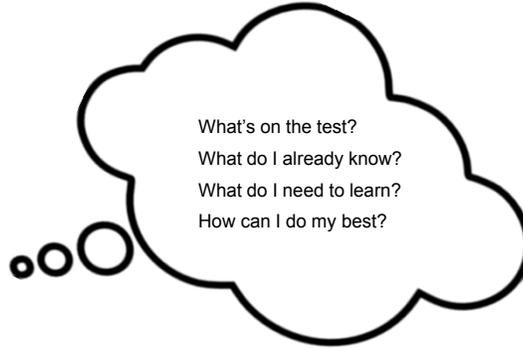
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What's on the Test?

Key Questions to ask when preparing to do your best



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What's on the Test?

Preparation Materials



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What's on the Test? Preparation Materials

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What's on the Test? Preparation Materials

Percentages relative to content areas and question types

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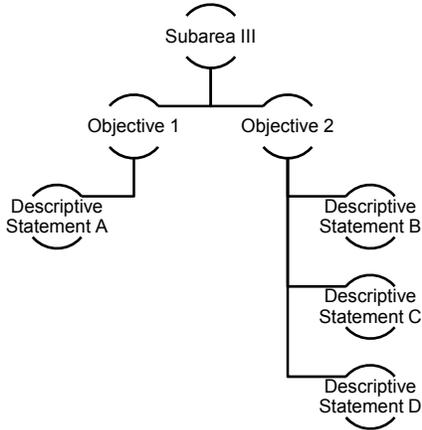
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What's on the Test?

How do I know what content is covered?





Test Frameworks:

- Define potential content for the test
- Provide information to candidates
- Help educator preparation faculty
- Contain content for selected-response questions and Constructed-Response assignments





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What's on the Test?

Format of the Framework



Test Objectives

Module 1

SUBAREA—READING

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SUBAREA

Objective → 0001 Determine the meanings of words and phrases used in a variety of texts.
For example:



Descriptive Statements

- » applying knowledge of word structure, context, and syntax to determine the meanings of words and phrases
- » determining the literal and figurative meanings of words and phrases
- » determining the denotative and connotative meanings of words and phrases
- » recognizing synonyms and antonyms for words and phrases

» 0002 Recognize purpose, main idea, and organization in a variety of texts.
For example:

- » identifying the primary purpose of a paragraph or passage
- » identifying the main idea of a paragraph or passage
- » distinguishing between general statements and specific details
- » recognizing organizational structures
- » recognizing an accurate summary or outline of a paragraph or passage





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What do I need to learn?

Mapping Framework Content to Test Item Content



You'll need:

1. The framework of the licensure test you plan to take
2. All of your notes, textbooks and other study materials

Test Objectives

Module 1

SUBAREA—READING

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What do I need to learn?

Mapping Framework Content to Test Item Content



Objective	Descriptive Statements	Materials	Other Related Topics
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What do I need to learn?

Mapping Framework Content to Test Item Content



- Take your test framework and note each objective.
- Look through your coursework, textbooks, lecture notes, etc. and find what specific content is associated with that objective.

Objective	Materials
Determine the meanings of words and phrases used in a variety of texts.	Composition 101 - Sept 4 - October 26 Notes
	Texts and Reading 345 - November 14th Lecture Slides
	Comprehension Connections: Bridges to Strategic Reading - Chapter 2

Please note the "Materials" listed are only examples to illustrate the concept and not study recommendations.



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What do I need to learn?

Mapping Framework Content to Test Item Content



- Add in the descriptive statements.

Objective	Descriptive Statement	Materials
Determine the meanings of words and phrases used in a variety of texts.	applying knowledge of word structure, context, and syntax to determine the meanings of words and phrases	Composition 101 - Sept 4 - October 26 Notes
	determining the literal and figurative meanings of words and phrases	Texts and Reading 345 - November 14th Lecture Slides
	determining the denotative and connotative meanings of words and phrases	Comprehension Connections: Bridges to Strategic Reading - Chapter 2
	recognizing synonyms and antonyms for words and phrases	

- Within your materials -- is there additional content related to these descriptive statements?

- ✓ If so, you've likely identified a good resource to study from! -- why? Remember the descriptive statements are examples *not* an exhaustive list.

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What do I need to learn?

Mapping Framework Content to Test Item Content



- Note where you found descriptive statement content as well as other related topics – **those topics may be test material!**

Objective	Descriptive Statements	Materials	Other Related Topics
Determine the meanings of words and phrases used in a variety of texts.	applying knowledge of word structure, context, and syntax to determine the meanings of words and phrases	<i>Composition 101</i> September - October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content cue use (<i>Comp 101 October notes</i>) → relates to Objective 2 - Reading strategies (<i>Comp Connections: Chapter 4,5</i>) → relates to Objective 5 - Types of texts (<i>Notes, Assigned Reading, March</i>) → relates to Objective 5
	determining the literal and figurative meanings of words and phrases	<i>Texts and Reading 345</i> February - March	
	determining the denotative and connotative meanings of words and phrases	<i>Comprehension</i> <i>Connections: Bridges to Strategic Reading - Chapter 2</i>	
	recognizing synonyms and antonyms for words and phrases		

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What Do I Need to Learn?

How well prepared are you?



Knowledge gaps?

- Review with advisor or classmate
- Identify additional resources
 - Recommended resources from university/college courses
 - Textbooks being used in Pennsylvania schools
 - State and national standards and curriculum documents
 - Academic journals
 - Publications from national organizations in your field
- Take additional courses



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How Can I Do My Best?

Create a study plan and schedule




What I Need to Study?	When?	Strategy?	Status?
Factors affecting a listener's ability to understand spoken language in different contexts	Nov. 1-3	Create summary table	DONE!
Evaluating visual materials for use in an oral presentation	Nov. 4-5	Listen to lecture notes	Started
Interpreting messages communicated in news broadcasts, television commercials, and other media	Nov. 7-8	Flash cards	
Conventions of standard American English	Nov. 9-10		Need to find resources
Strategies for developing reading comprehension	Nov. 17-18	Discuss with study group	

Test date: December 15 @ 2 p.m.

On the test?

Need to learn?

Do my best!

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How Can I Do My Best? Preparation Materials

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Preparation Materials

Preparation materials are available for every test in the PECT program. Select a test from the dropdown list below to access the preparation materials for that test, or choose a product from the categories below.

Select a test:

Prepare for the Test

Study Guide
Review sample questions, the test objectives, and more.

Practice Test
Try a full-length practice test.

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Test Preparation Video
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Take a guided tour of the test center.

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Learn more about test scores and score reporting.

Special Education 7-12

Preparation Materials

Select from the following links to view or print test preparation information for this test.

Study Guide

- About the PECT program
- Test-taking strategies
- What's on the test? Test design and test objectives
- Sample selected-response questions
- Resources

Test Preparation Worksheet

- PDF worksheet
- Microsuite Word worksheet

Mapping Test Content to Courses Taken Worksheet

- Worksheet instructions
- PDF worksheet
- Microsuite Word worksheet

Videos and Tutorials

- How to prepare for your test @ Pearson Professional Centers tour @ Computer-Based Testing Tutorials - Find out what to expect when you take a computer-based test.

Free Practice Test

- Full-length practice test
- Free-Based Interactive Materials

Tests

Special Education 7-12

- Preparation Materials
- Test Fees and Payment Information
- Requesting Alternative Testing Arrangements
- The Day of the Test
- Policies

On the test?

Need to learn?

Do my best!

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How Can I Do My Best? Use the Study Guide

Study Guides contain:

- Information about the structure and content of the test
- Test Framework
- Test Taking Strategies
 - Planning a course of study
 - Suggested study method
 - Strategies for success on the day of the test

The screenshot shows a sidebar with navigation options: About the Tests, Test Development Process, Understanding Test Content, Plan a Course of Study, Recommended Study Method, Strategies for Success, and After the Test. The main content area includes:

- Program and Test Info**: A section with a heading and introductory text about the PECT program's development and goals.
- Test-taking Strategies**: A section with a heading and introductory text about the test's structure and objectives.
- Understanding the Structure and Content of the Tests**: A section with a heading and detailed text explaining the test objectives, modules, subareas, and objectives.

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How Can I Do My Best?

Use the Study Guide



Study Guides contain:

- Sample test directions
- Sample selected-response (multiple-choice) questions
- Sample sentence correction assignments
- Sample constructed-response assignment

PECT Study Guide

Special Education PreK-8
Sample Selected-Response Questions

Exam #1 - S01000-01

Module 1

Objective 0001
Understand the historical, philosophical, and legal foundations of special education and the professional and ethical roles of the special education teacher.

1. Which of the following programs was significantly enhanced by the reauthorization of the IDEA in 2004?

- federal grant programs to provide funding for the development of bias-free cognitive assessment tools
- homebound education programs for teenage students who are pregnant or have children
- after-school enrichment programs for school districts with a special education population of 10 percent or more
- accountability measures for educational programs serving students with disabilities

Answer and Rationale

Objective 0003
Understand typical and atypical human growth and development and the characteristics and needs of students with disabilities.

3. When compared to most 9- to 15-month-old children, a 20-month-old child who has just begun walking would most likely be considered to have a

- hearing disability.
- developmental delay.
- disintegrative disorder.
- cognitive deficit.

Answer and Rationale

Sample MCQ Questions with Answers



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How Can I Do My Best?

Use the Full-Length Practice Test

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Practice Tests

For each test in the PECT program, a full-length practice test in PDF format is available at no charge via this website. For the Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA), this practice test also contains information to help you evaluate your performance, including your responses to the sample constructed-response assignments.

An online, interactive, fee-based practice test with comprehensive performance feedback and a score report, is also available for each test in the PECT program. Candidates may purchase practice tests for themselves directly on this website.

- Learn more about fee-based practice tests.
- View a free sample of a fee-based practice test [#P](#).
- Institutions: Order practice test vouchers for your candidates. [J](#).

Both types of practice test contain the same type and number of questions as can be found on an actual test, as well as any applicable reference materials (e.g., math formulas page) that will be available on the test. The practice tests also contain test directions similar to what you will see on the day of the test. Select a test from the dropdown list below to access the practice tests and other preparation materials available for that test.

Select a test:

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Sample MCQ Questions with Answers

Multiple-choice questions and answers from the practice test, including objective numbers and rationales.



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Prepare for the Test



- Review the preparation materials available on the website.
- Identify content you need to review or learn
- Identify resources (e.g., textbooks, class notes, academic publications)
- Create a cumulative study plan and schedule.
- Focus on content areas where you do not feel confident, but don't forget to review the content you are most familiar with, too.
- Be resourceful: Use study aids, or review test material with a faculty member or study groups to maximize what you know and deepen your understanding.
- Form connections between ideas, don't just memorize!



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How Can I Do My Best?



The screenshot displays the website's 'Preparation Materials' section. It includes a search bar, navigation tabs (Home, Tests, Prepare, Register, Scores, Policies, Faculty Resources, Find Info), and a list of resources such as 'Study Guide', 'Practice Test', 'Test Preparation Video', 'CBT Tutorials', and 'Score Report Explanation'. A 'Tour the Center' section is highlighted, featuring a gallery of photos from a Pearson Professional Center tour, with the first photo showing a 'Lobby' area.



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Tutorial - Candidate Name

Time Remaining: 70:10

[Exit the Tutorial]

Multiple-Choice Questions

A multiple-choice question with a single answer appears like this on your screen.

Question:

A microwave oven is advertised at a 20% discount. If the original price was \$60, what is the new, discounted price?

O A. \$50
O B. \$30
O C. \$40
O D. \$70

Select the one best answer by:

- pressing the letter on the keyboard,
- clicking the radio button next to the letter with the mouse, or
- using the Tab key to move through the options and then clicking the radio button.

The next screen is a multiple-choice question with a single answer test.

Select the **Next** button to continue.

CBT Tutorial

- Web-based
- Navigate through a test
- Select your answers
- End the test


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Computer-Based Testing Tutorials

These tutorials can give you a sense of what you will see when you begin your test at a Pearson Professional Center.

CBT Tutorial

Preview the on-screen tutorial you'll see before you begin your test. Includes information about how to navigate through a test, select your answers, and end the test.

- CBT Tutorial #

Downloadable Interactive CBT Tutorial

This tutorial demonstrates how to navigate through the test, how to indicate answers, and how to use the features of a computer-based test. You will have opportunities to try out typing in an essay box, using the on-screen calculator, and entering special characters.

Note: This tutorial must be downloaded to a PC-compatible computer.

Downloading the Interactive Tutorial

1. Click the following link and select "Save" in the pop-up dialog box:
 - Download the CBT Tutorial
2. Choose a location to save the file. This is the installation file that will enable you to download and save the tutorial.
3. When the download is complete, navigate to the location where you've chosen to save the file, and double-click on the zip file to open it.
4. Inside the zip file, you will see "Evaluation Systems Tutorial.msi". Double-click to open, and select "Run" in the pop-up dialog box to run the installer.
5. You will now see a "wizard" that will walk you through the process of installing the tutorial.
6. When the wizard is complete, you will see the following icon on your desktop, which you can double-click to access the tutorial.



Evaluation Systems

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Interactive CBT Tutorial

- Select your answers
- Type response in an essay box
- Use features of a computer-based test
 - Navigator tool
 - On-screen calculator
 - Entering special characters


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How Can I Do My Best?

Questions to Ask Yourself Before the Test



- Have you obtained and reviewed the **framework** for the test?
 - » If you identified any objectives that represent areas of weakness for you?
- Have you completed all or most of the applicable **coursework**?
 - » Have you mapped the test objectives to the courses you have taken in your educator preparation program?
- Have you developed a **study plan** and schedule?
 - » Have you identified and gathered additional study materials?
 - » Have you answered the sample questions in the **study guide**, checked the correct responses, and reviewed the rationale provided?
 - » Have you taken the **practice test** (if available) and assessed your performance?
- Have you completed the **virtual tour** of a test center and the **computer-based testing tutorial**?



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Taking the Test



Don't forget:

- Read and follow all directions carefully.
- Read each question carefully.
- Determine the **best** answer to each question.
- **Pace** your work.
- For constructed-response assignments:
 - » Read carefully and respond fully to **ALL** portions of the assignment.
 - » Make sure that your response meets the **performance characteristics** described in the test directions and in the preparation materials on the PECT website.



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How to Read Your Score Report

Individual Score Report

Candidate's information

SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX

FIRSTNAME N LASTNAME
123 STREET ST
ANYTOWN PA 11111

Test and module name

001 Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) – Module 1: Reading

Module status

For privacy/confidentiality reasons, only the last five digits of your social security number are reported on individual score reports and all other printed score reports.

PECT scores have been sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the following institutions:

- Anytown College

Test date

Test Date: January 12, 2013

Total Test Scaled Score: 186

Scaled Score Range: 100 – 300

Status: Not Passed

Minimum Qualifying Score: 220

Diagnostic Score Report		Approximate Number of Questions	Percentage of Items Answered Correctly
Subarea: Reading			
0001	Determine the meanings of words and phrases	7-9	88%
0002	Recognize purpose, main idea, and organization	7-9	38%
0003	Analyze and evaluate ideas and information	7-9	50%
0004	Make inferences from ideas and information	7-9	100%

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How to Read Your Score Report

Assessment Series Summary Report

Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment Series Summary Report

Test Module	Status	Highest Score Attained	Test Date of Highest Score	PAPA SERIES STATUS: Incomplete
001 Module 1: Reading	Not Passed	186	1/12/2013	
002 Module 2: Mathematics	Not Passed	176	1/12/2013	
003 Module 3: Writing	Pending	###	N/A	

Module status

Highest score achieved on each module

Date on which highest module scores were achieved



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Preparing to Retake a Test

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Diagnostic Score Report		Approximate Number of Questions	Percentage of Items Answered Correctly
Subarea: Reading			
0001	Determine the meaning of words and phrases	7-9	88%
0002	Recognize purpose, main idea, and organization	7-9	38%
0003	Analyze and evaluate ideas and information	7-9	50%
0004	Make inferences from ideas and information	7-9	100%

Review your performance as shown in the Diagnostic Score Report section to help identify areas for improvement.



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How to Read Your Score Report

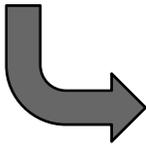
Preparing to Retake a Test

001 Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) – Module 1: Reading

Test Date: January 12, 2013 Status: Not Passed
 Total Test Scaled Score: 186 Minimum Qualifying Score: 220
 Scaled Score Range: 100 – 300

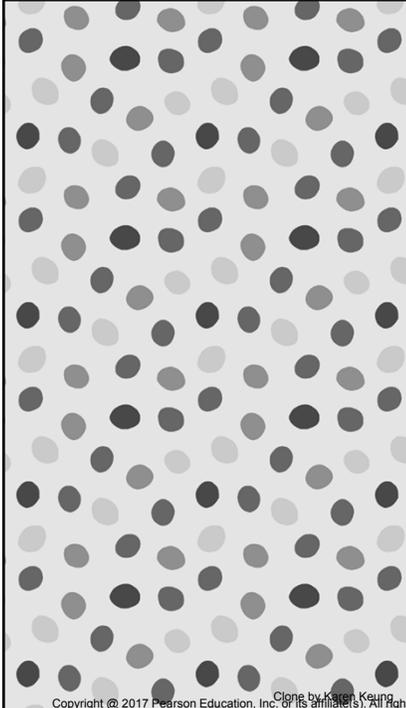
Diagnostic Score Report		Approximate Number of Questions	Percentage of Items Answered Correctly
Subarea: Reading			
0001	Determine the meanings of words and phrases	7-9	30%
0002	Identify purpose, main idea, and organization	7-9	30%
0003	Analyze and evaluate data and information	7-9	30%
0004	Make inferences about data and information	7-9	30%

Score Report
 Use your score report to help you identify areas for improvement



- » 0002 Recognize purpose, main idea, and organization in a variety of texts.
 For example:
 - » identifying the primary purpose of a paragraph or passage
 - » identifying the main idea of a paragraph or passage
 - » distinguishing between general statements and specific details
 - » recognizing organizational structures
 - » recognizing an accurate summary or outline of a paragraph or passage

Revisit the Test Objectives
 Revisit the test objectives to identify content for review



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i The Pennsylvania Department of Education has recently established a new qualifying score for PAPA Module 2: Mathematics. Official scores in the MyAccount system will be updated on July 25. Please see below for more information.



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The PAPA includes three modules: Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. You may take one or all three modules at one test appointment. The PAPA series may be passed by meeting or exceeding the established minimum qualifying score on all three modules (see below), or by the Composite Score Option.

Format	Selected-response items and constructed-response assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 36 selected-response items • Mathematics: 36 selected-response items • Writing: 36 selected-response items, 2 sentence correction assignments, and 1 extended-response assignment
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 45 minutes • Mathematics: 75 minutes • Writing: 75 minutes Examinees will also have 15 minutes for a computer-based testing tutorial. Examinees who take all three modules during a single test session will also have a 15-minute break between each module.
Test Dates	By appointment, year round. Test appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Check real-time seat availability.
Test Sites	CBT sites are located in Pennsylvania, nationwide, and in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Canada. Locate a test center here .
Qualifying Score	Performance criterion (cutscore): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 220 • Mathematics: 193 • Writing: 220



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Exam Code	Exam Name
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PA003	PECT Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) Writing Module
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PA007	PECT Pract. Module 2
PA008	PECT Pract. Module 3
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PA012	PECT Special Education Pract. Module 2
PA015	PECT Special Education 7-12 Module 1
PA016	PECT Special Education 7-12 Module 2
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PA703	PECT Special Education Pract. Modules 1 and 2
PA704	PECT Special Education 7-12 Modules 1 and 2
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	22	24	25			
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