

# Minnesota National Evaluation Series Essential Academic Skills Test Information

Before registering for the Essential Academic Skills tests in Reading, Writing & Math tests:

- Did you take the SAT 2400? If so, did you receive a score of 510 or higher in Reading, 510 or higher in Writing, and 520 or higher in Math (all scores on the same test day)? If so, the MN NES Essential Academic Skills testing requirement can be waived for Math, Reading, & Writing.
- Did you take the SAT 1600? If so, did you receive a score of 550 or higher in Reading + Writing, and 570 or higher in Math (all scores on the same test day)? If so, the MN NES Essential Academic Skills testing requirement can be waived for Math, Reading, & Writing.
- Did you take the ACT test along with the Writing portion and receive a composite score of 22 or higher and a Combined English/Writing (ELA) score of 21 or higher (all scores on the same test day)? If so, the MTLE Basic Skills testing requirement can be waived for Math, Reading, & Writing.

If you still need to take the MN NES Essential Academic Skills tests, below are instructions that show step-by-step how to register for the EAS tests and how to choose a site and time to take the tests. ***PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!***

- There is a two-part registration process: Registering, then selecting a site and date
- The cost for each test is \$50. If you are planning on taking the Reading, Writing, and Math tests, it will cost you \$150. Students have the option of registering for all three subtests for \$100; however, you must take all three subtests on the same date. At this time, SMSU Testing Center cannot accommodate students taking all three subtests at once. The faculty in the School of Education at SMSU do not recommend taking all three subtests in one appointment. If you plan to take the subtests at a different testing center, you may be able to take all three subtests at one appointment.
- Time for tests: Reading is one hour and 15 minutes; Writing is one hour and 30 minutes; Math is one hour and 15 minutes.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

***Which MN NES Essential Academic Skills tests do I need to take before I apply for admission to the Teacher Ed Program?***

You need to take 3 tests: Math, Writing, and Reading

***If I fail a test, how soon before I can take it again?***

Examinees who do not pass a subtest may retake that subtest. If you wish to retake a subtest, you must complete the registration process again. **You must wait 45 days before retaking a computer-based subtest.**

### Retake Fee Vouchers

Examinees who have failed a subtest three or more times may be eligible for a fee voucher for subsequent attempts. To request a retake fee voucher, [contact Evaluation Systems](#) before registering to test.

***When should I take the MN NES Essential Academic Skills tests?***

You can take them anytime you feel comfortable, but it might be helpful to wait until after you have completed MATH 110 and ENG 151. These classes will help you pass your Essential Academic Skills tests. Note: You must receive a score of 500 or higher in the Reading, Writing, and Math tests before you can be admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

***Where can I take the MN NES Essential Academic Skills tests?***

You can take the Essential Academic Skills tests right here on campus at Counseling and Testing Services in BA 156. Otherwise you can register to take them at various other locations all over the State of Minnesota and also in Sioux Falls, SD.

***Are there practice tests or study help I can get?***

- The School of Education has books for \$12 each for help passing the Reading and Writing tests and \$18 for the Math book.
- You can also go to this link on the ED website: <http://www.smsu.edu/academics/departments/education/?id=5183> From there, click on Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills (EAS) Preparation Materials. Pearson Education has a free study app, **Teacher Prep**, which is available for iOS, Android & Amazon.
- For help on campus, use the Math Lab in the Academic Commons and the Writing Center in the library. In the Academic Commons, there is a program called Intelligent Tutor on a computer for help in Math.
- Go to [www.purplemath.com](http://www.purplemath.com) for practice in Math.
- Go to [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org). Khan Academy offers fun and engaging math activity dashboard for independent practice. The site is set up to allow you to practice only the areas you choose and track your progress in each individual skill.
- There is a free study app called **Gojimo** which was initially developed by a student for students that offers free practice tests in math & language arts, etc.. Gojimo is available as a free iPad, Android & web app. After every question students can see an explanation of the correct answer. Students can choose to review a specific set of questions or they can review a set of questions randomly selected from a topic of their choosing.

## MTLE Registration Instructions

*The first thing you need to do is register on the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examination Website.*

1. Go to <http://www.mtle.nesinc.com>
2. Click the tab titled Register
3. Click the link Create an account now
4. Fill out the account information using your SMSU e-mail address and click Next
5. Fill out the personal information and click Next
6. Review New Account and click Submit
7. Identity Confirmation check the box and click Next
8. Test Selection-Click on the drop down arrow and select the test you need (Recommend to take one test at a time)
9. Click on the test then click add
10. When all tests needed have been added click Next
11. Click the box according to any Testing Arrangements needed. Click Next
12. Test Date and Location will tell you the dates when the test is available
13. Score Reporting Options- select how you would receive your scores and which Institution will receive your score. Click Add
14. Fill in your Ethnicity. Click Next
15. Fill in your highest education level and language Proficiency. Click Next
16. Enter Educator Preparation Training and click add. Click no for Licensure via portfolio. Click Next
17. Click on the box that matches the reason for testing. Click Next
18. Review Registration Information. Click Add to Cart
19. View Cart. Click Check Out
20. Read the Agreement. Click on the box saying you agree. Click Next
21. Fill out your billing information to pay for the test. Click Next
22. Review your Order
23. You now have registered and paid for your test.

*Next, you need to schedule to take the test through a Pearson VUE test center*

1. Once you have registered for a test, click Schedule Test on the screen or from your account
2. Under Current Registrations, Click Schedule
3. This link will bring you to the Pearson VUE website to schedule your test
4. Check the box for the Basic Skills Exam, choose your language and click Next
5. Use the find a test center to choose the center you want and click Next
6. You should now be able to choose a date and time. Click Select Appointment. Read the agreement and print instructions. Then select the appointment and click Next, review and click Next, confirm order and click Next
7. This page now shows the test, time, and location and you should be ready to go
8. If you only scheduled one or two of the basic tests, you now need to go back to the MTLE website to register for another test and complete the scheduling process again
9. To do this, click the Sign Out button which will automatically take you back to the MTLE website

10. Click the Register tab and go through the process of registering for another subtest by following the instructions over again (steps 7-21 and 1-7); (for example, if you already registered for the Math test, now you will do it again for the Reading, then again for the Writing.)

**Note:** When you go back to the MTLE test, it will still say that your test is not scheduled, but if you click schedule, it will take you back to the Pearson site and you can click on Current Activity to see your current registrations. You can also reschedule tests from this tab.

11. You should receive a confirmation of the time and place in your email.

12. You should have now successfully registered, paid, and scheduled one or all of your basic tests. If you have any questions or problems, there is contact information on the website for people who can help you.

***Good luck!***

***How to view your MTLE test scores:***

Go to <http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Home.aspx>

Click on the "Scores" tab at the top of the page.

Click "View Your Test Results".

Enter your log in information.

Now you should be able to view the score report(s) and whether or not you passed. **PRINT your Score Report for each test** and keep it in case you need it in the future. As stated on the site, the more detailed score reports are only available for 45 days.

After the 45 days are up, you must request a copy and pay for it to be sent to you. **Note:** the scores should have also been sent to your email.

Again, **print the form with the bar code and scores** on it and keep in case you need it in the future.