

College of Education and Human Services
Seton Hall University

Tracking Education FAQ

What does it mean to be tracking an education major?

- ✓ You are accepted into the Department of Educational Studies in the College of Human Development, Culture, and Media.
- ✓ You may take education courses in your freshmen year.
- ✓ You must meet the full entrance criteria to formalize your status as an education major.

What is the entrance criteria for an education major?

The entrance criteria for education programs are set by the New Jersey Department of Education. The requirements listed below apply to any education program at any college in New Jersey.

- Minimum test scores which may be combined across tests. For example, if you earned a 610 on the Reading/Writing SAT, but a 550 on Math, you are only required to submit a passing Math score. You could choose to retake the SAT or take the Math portion of the ACT or Praxis Core exam.

SAT		ACT		Core Academic Skills Exam (Praxis CORE)	
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (EVRW)	610	English	23	Reading	156
or Reading Section	30			Writing	162
Math	570	Math	23	Math	150

When can I take the Praxis Core test? Do I have to wait until I start at Seton Hall?

- As soon as you are admitted to the university and have talked with an education advisor, you may register and start taking the test. (Advisor names are listed below.)
- Please request to send your test scores to Seton Hall. Our institutional test code is: RA2811
- When you pass the test, and have the minimum GPA, your admission status will be reviewed and converted from tracking education to the formal education major.

What if I have questions about the test process? Who can I contact?

- If your goal is to enter any of the elementary/special education programs (including the dual degree with speech or applied behavior analysis), you can reach out to Dr. Grace May at grace.may@shu.edu
- If your goal is to enter the secondary or secondary/special education programs, you can reach out to Dr. Daniel Katz at Daniel.katz@shu.edu

If I decide I don't want to (re)take the SAT or ACT, how can I find out more about the Praxis Core Exam?

The Praxis Core is offered by ETS and focuses on three areas: reading, writing, and math. You must reach the minimum score, set by the New Jersey Department of Education, in each area.

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/test-takers/plan-your-test/certification.html>

Test	Minimum Score	Number of Questions	Testing Time
Reading (5713)	156	56	85 mins.
Mathematics (5733)	150	56	90 mins.
Writing (2 sections) (5723)	162	40 2 essays	40 mins. 60 mins.

You may elect to take all three parts at the same time. If you choose this option, the test number is 5752 and the total testing time is 5 hours.

It is important to pay specific attention to the test numbers listed here. There are older versions of the test available or used by other states on the ETS website. Please make sure you register for the test numbers listed above.

How is the test offered?

Please review to learn about at-home and test center options: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/test-takers/where-to-test.html>

Does ETS offer accommodations related to a disability or health impairment?

Yes, click here: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/register/disability-accommodations.html>

Are there study resources available to prepare for the Praxis Core?

There are numerous resources, including an extensive FREE Khan Academy review: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/resources.html>

What education courses may I take in my first year as I track education?

If you are pursuing an elementary/special education program you may take:

Fall semester:

- EDST 1001 Introduction to Teaching
- CPSY 1001 Diverse Learners and Their Families, Part I

Spring semester:

- EDST 4000 Child Curriculum and Development
- CPSY 1002 Diverse Learners and Their Families, Part II

If you are pursuing a secondary education program, you make take:

Fall semester:

- EDST 1501 Education in the U.S.

Spring semester:

- EDST 3510 Culture, Community and Schools