

**College of Education and Human Services  
Seton Hall University**

**Pre-Education Major FAQ**

**What is the “Pre-Education” major?**

If you are accepted to the Pre-Education major this means:

- You are a member of the College of Education and Human Services.
- You may take education courses in your freshmen year as you work on the entrance criteria.
- You must meet the New Jersey Department of Education entrance criteria to formally enter your goal education program.

**What education course can I take as a freshman if I am a Pre-Education major?**

If you are pursuing an elementary/special education program (including the dual degree programs), 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 the secondary or secondary/special education program, you may take:

**Fall semester:**

- EDST 1501 Education in the U.S.
- CPSY 1001 Diverse Learners and Their Families, Part I (special education)

**Spring semester:**

- EDST 3510 Culture, Community and Schools
- CPSY 1002 Diverse Learners and Their Families, Part II (special education)

## **What is the entrance criteria needed to be a education major in a program?**

The New Jersey Department of Education has mandated that anyone entering a teacher education program must meet the following criteria. **This is true for the education program at all teacher education programs in New Jersey.**

- A minimum GPA of 3.0\*
- 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 (ERW)	610	English	23	Reading	156
<i>or</i> Reading	30			Writing	162
Math	570	Math	23	Math	150

\*The minimum GPA to enter the dual degree programs is higher: (i) education/speech is 3.2 and (ii) education/ABA is 3.3.

## **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 Pre-Education major and understand which test (or portions of a test) you need to complete, you may register for it.
- 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 Pre-Education to your goal major in education.

## **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/about/core/> Test overview

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 being offered during the COVID situation?**

Please review the most recent updates regarding at-home virtual test options at this link: <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/praxis/the-americas/>

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

Yes, please refer to this link: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities>

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

There are numerous resources, including an extensive FREE Khan Academy review, at this link: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Daniel.katz@shu.edu)