School of Education Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Policy

Policy: All students in the School of Education must pass all sections of the Basic Skills Test or take the Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) prior to admission to Level II courses.

All students must pass all sections of the PRE, before they may register for the 80-hour methods course(s).

Elementary and Secondary student teacher candidates must pass the professional Readiness Exam (PRE) prior to student teaching or have passed all sections of the Basic Skills Test.

Elementary education students must also pass the elementary education test prior to student teaching.

Secondary students must also pass the major subject area test prior to student teaching.

Professional Readiness Examination (PRE) Information

In October 2013, the Professional Readiness Examination (PRE) replaced the Basic Skills test. The new Professional Readiness Examination (PRE) consists of the following subtests: Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. The website for the MTTC – PRE is http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/.

See your advisor to determine when to take and prepare for the PRE. It is strongly suggested that you take the practice test first and then the official test. (Keep a copy of the test receipt, FSU may be able to reimburse the cost of the test.) Questions? Call 231.591.3642.

If you do not pass one or more subtest, you may retake only those subtests.

There are alternatives to taking the PRE. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) allows students to substitute scores from the ACT. The score equivalences are listed below. See your advisor, if you think you are eligible.

ACT Score Equivalencies
Mathematics: 22
Reading: 22
Writing: 24 (after 9-15-15)
English 24 + Writing 9 (prior to 9-15-15)

ACT scores must be on your FSU transcript and may be ordered from ACT at: http://www.actstudent.org/faq/whentested.html

Another alternative approved by the MDE states that PRE scores for any one subarea may be within one standard deviation of the 220 cut score if the two other areas are met by ACT and/or PRE or a combination of ACT and PRE. See your advisor, if you think you are eligible.

*Note this is a temporary alternative pass method approved by MDE, and may be taken away by MDE when the waiver expires 06/2017.*