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Connecticut Educator Certification News from The Connecticut State Department of Education

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PUBLIC ACT 16-41: PRAXIS CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS TESTS

According to the *State Competency Examination Guidance Document* (based on Public Act 16-41, effective July 1, 2016), the Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests is no longer required as a Connecticut certification requirement. However, Connecticut educator preparation programs must still ensure that candidates take one of the following for diagnostic purposes: the Praxis Core Mathematics, Reading, and Writing tests, the SAT or the ACT.

On or after February 1, 2017, prospective educator preparation program candidates should submit questions regarding basic skills test requirements and/or waivers directly to the specific educator preparation program. The State Department of Education will process waiver applications submitted prior to February 1, 2017, according to current waiver criteria. See current waiver criteria.

See <u>Guide to Educator Certification Assessments in Connecticut</u> for more information on testing requirements. Questions regarding assessment requirements for certification may be emailed to <u>teacher.cert@ct.gov</u>.

