

## PA Educator Certification Tests (PECT):

In April 2012, the Pa Department of Education (PDE) changed the required Teacher Examinations from the Praxis Series to the **PA Educator Certification Tests (PECT)** for **Grades PreK-4 certification**. These new tests will be administered by Pearson Evaluation Systems, and will be available as computer-based tests taken **only** at testing centers located throughout the **United States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Canada**.

**Please note:** The Praxis Series has been phased out for PreK-4 certification. All PreK-4 Teacher Candidates must complete and pass the appropriate PECT exams (based on their program and or provisional admission status) listed in the grids below.

- For more information about the PECT examinations and registration please go to: <http://www.pa.nesinc.com/>
- For PECT exam Preparation Materials: (Study Guides, Practices Test, Videos, and Tutorials) go to [http://www.pa.nesinc.com/prep\\_materials.asp](http://www.pa.nesinc.com/prep_materials.asp)
- Please have your PECT scores sent directly to Drexel and PDE by including Drexel's school recipient code, **2194**, and the Pa Department of Education's code # **8033** on your score sheet at the time of exam.

### PreK-4: PA Educator Certification Tests (PECT) (beginning April 2012)

Pre-service Academic Performance Assessments ( <b>PAPA</b> ) Modules: (PAPA is <b>not</b> required for <b>Post-bac</b> or <b>MS</b> students unless admitted provisionally due to UG GPA being below 3.0.)	Computer-based Test Code	Qualifying Score
Module 1: Reading	8001	220
Module 2: Mathematics	8002	220
Module 3: Writing	8003	220
PreK-4 Core & Professional Knowledge Modules: Required for all PreK-4 Certification ( <b>BS, BS/MS, Post-bac, &amp; MS</b> programs)	Computer-based Test Code	Qualifying Score
Module 1: Child Development, Learning & Assessments; Collaboration & Professionalism	8006	220
Module 2: Language & Literacy Development	8007	220
Module 3: Mathematics, Science & Health	8008	220

#### Timelines and type of students required to take the **PECT** and **PAPA** Modules:

Students who <b>MUST</b> take <b>PAPA</b> exams:	Pre-service Academic Performance Assessments ( <b>PAPA</b> ) Modules (Test Code):	When should students take the PAPA exams?
*All <b>undergraduate (PreK-4 and Secondary)</b> certification students	<b>Module 1: Reading (8001)</b> <b>Module 2: Mathematics (8002)</b> <b>Module 3: Writing (8003)</b>	*Must take and pass the PAPA exams before applying for admission into the certification program (approx. 5 <sup>th</sup> term) and before applying for student teaching field placement.
**All <b>BS/MS dual degree (PreK-4 and Secondary)</b> certification students	<b>Module 1: Reading (8001)</b> <b>Module 2: Mathematics (8002)</b> <b>Module 3: Writing (8003)</b>	**BS/MS students need to take the PAPA within the first term they start taking graduate level core pedagogy courses EDUC 520 and EDUC 542
*** <b>ONLY Post-bac or MS (PreK-4 and Secondary)</b> certification students <b>admitted provisionally</b> due to UG cum GPA below 3.0	<b>Module 1: Reading (8001)</b> <b>Module 2: Mathematics (8002)</b> <b>Module 3: Writing (8003)</b>	***Before the end of the first term. Must be passed prior to applying for student teaching.

Students who <b>MUST</b> take the <b>PECT: PreK-4 Core &amp; Professional Knowledge</b> exams:	PreK-4 Core & Professional Knowledge Modules: (required for all PreK-4 <b>BS, Post-bac, &amp; MS</b> programs)	When should the <b>BS/MS, Post-bac, &amp; MS</b> students take the <b>PECT: PreK-4 Core &amp; Professional Knowledge</b> Exam Modules?
<b>All PreK-4 Students:</b> (UG, BS/MS, Post-Bac, and MS students seeking PreK-4 certification)	<b>Module 1 (8006):</b> Child Development, Learning & Assessments; Collaboration & Professionalism	<b>UG, BS/MS, Post-Bac and MS:</b> Take this exam as soon as you feel prepared, or mid-way through student teaching or <b>BS/MS, Post-Bac, and MS</b> students should take this module after taking the following courses: EDUC 506, 521, 529 and 539.
<b>All PreK-4 Students:</b> (UG, BS/MS, Post-Bac, and MS students seeking PreK-4 certification)	<b>Module 2 (8007):</b> Language & Literacy Development, Social Studies	<b>UG, BS/MS, Post-Bac and MS:</b> Take this exam as soon as you are prepared or mid-way through student teaching, or <b>BS/MS, Post-Bac, and MS</b> students should take this module after taking the following courses: English Literature, English Composition, EDUC 529, 546, 555, and 565.
<b>All PreK-4 Students:</b> (UG, BS/MS, Post-Bac, and MS students seeking PreK-4 certification)	<b>Module 3 (8008):</b> Mathematics, Science & Health	<b>BS/MS, Post-Bac and MS:</b> Take this exam as soon as you are prepared. For some this will be mid-way through student teaching, or <b>BS/MS, Post-Bac, and MS</b> students should take this module after taking the following courses: UG Math courses, Biology, Physical Science, Environmental Issues, Health/Nutrition, EDUC 513, EDUC 517 and 539.