

Teacher Education Admissions Guidelines

ENTRY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Applicants should submit test scores on one of the following options.

The scores below are benchmarks but are not hard cutoffs. The Teacher Education faculty will consider applications from students with lower scores and applications without test scores. Applicants who do not provide test scores on their application or who fail to meet the guidelines below may be required to take additional tests as a condition of their admission to the program.

The Teacher Education program will review all scores regardless of how long ago a test was taken. Do not take additional exams because you are worried about your scores being too old.

For questions about teacher education admissions testing, reach out to:

- Jillian McGraw (jep4j@virginia.edu) for Charlottesville-based programs
- Courtney Sullivan (cb8tq@virginial.edu) for online programs

Option 1: SAT		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	545	If your version of the SAT had a Verbal section instead of Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, report the Verbal score.
Mathematics	533	
Essay – Writing Dimension	6	If you have an SAT Essay - Writing Dimension subscore (ranges from 2-8), please report it. If you do not have this score, leave it blank.
Option 2: ACT		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Reading	22	
Mathematics	22	
Writing	7	If you have an ACT Writing subscore (ranges from 2-12), please report it. If you do not have this score, leave it blank.

Option 3: GRE		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Verbal Reasoning	151	
Quantitative Reasoning	153	
Analytical Writing	4	
Option 4: Praxis Core		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Reading	168	
Mathematics (#5723)	163	You must only provide one mathematics score. ETS is phasing out 5723, and the only option will be 5733 going forward.
Mathematics (#5733)	175	
Writing	165	
Option 5: Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) + a qualifying mathematics score on another exam		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Reading	235	
Writing	235	
Mathematics	You must submit a score from the mathematics subtest of one of the exams above. Most students take the Praxis Core Mathematics (#5733).	

Applicants may self-report unofficial scores on the application. Official scores are required prior to matriculation. Send official scores to the University of Virginia. Institutional codes:

- SAT: 6911
- ACT: 8970
- GRE: 5820
- Praxis: 5820
- VCLA: 059

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ENTRY ASSESSMENTS FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

International students must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. Scores must not be more than two years old. Applicants who have or will have earned an undergraduate degree from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction do not need to provide TOEFL or IELTS scores.

Unlike for the admissions exams listed above, the scores for the TOELF and IELTS are hard cutoffs.

Option 1: iBT TOEFL (preferred)		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Writing	22	
Speaking	22	
Reading	23	
Listening	23	
Option 2: TOEFL Paper-Delivered Test		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Writing	22	
Reading	23	
Listening	23	
The TOEFL paper-delivered test is only offered in locations where internet testing is unavailable. There is no speaking section because of the technological requirements of capturing spoken responses.		
Option 3: IELTS		
Category	Benchmark Score	Notes
Overall Band Score	7	Scores from each component are averaged to produce an overall score.

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- TOEFL: B875
- IELTS: no institutional code required

All incoming (new) graduate students whose first language is one other than English are required to take the University of Virginia English Language Proficiency Exam unless they have been exempted from TOEFL or IELTS. Please direct questions about this requirement to the Center for American English Language and Culture, which oversees this requirement: <https://caelc.virginia.edu/assessment>