

Basic Competency Exam Test Score Requirement Information

State requirements:

As part of an application for an initial Alaska teaching license, the State of Alaska requires passing reading, writing, and math scores to be submitted from the Praxis Core or another [state-approved Basic Competency Exam](#) (BCE). In addition, a state-approved teacher preparation program (such as the initial teacher preparation programs available at UAS) must be completed and verified before a teaching license application can be processed. More information about the requirements to apply for an initial Alaska teaching license is available at the Dept. of Education and Early Development's website on [Applications, Checklists, & Forms](#). See the "Initial Teacher Two/Three-Year Checklist" under the Teaching Certificates menu for these requirements.

UAS requirements:

As part of an application to an initial teacher preparation graduate program at UAS, verification that an applicant has passing scores from one or more of the state-approved BCEs is required. UAS must receive an official score report with passing reading, writing, and math scores from one or more of the state-approved exams. Separate test scores from the approved exams **may be combined** to form a set of passing scores.

The Praxis Core is the standard BCE requested at UAS. We have prepared information for students preparing for that exam on our [Praxis Core Instructions document](#) (including test codes & minimum cut scores, how to designate exam score recipients, methods of testing, and free exam preparation materials). The Praxis Core may be taken either at a Praxis testing center (recommended) or through the "at home" method of testing using an online proctor. However, this second method is new and still undergoing improvements. We strongly urge students to test at a testing center if possible.

If you are not located near a Praxis testing center and you prefer not to travel to access a testing center, then you should consider registering for one of the other BCEs. The CBEST is another exam our students frequently utilize. In particular, students that have struggled with the Praxis Core math exam have had better success with the CBEST math exam.

- If you do not have passing scores from one of the [state-approved BCEs](#), then please look into registering for one of the exams.
- If you have passing scores from one of the approved BCE tests, please order an official score report to come to the [Office of Admissions at UAS](#).
 - If you are not sure if your scores from one of the approved exams meets the required minimum cut scores, please send an unofficial copy of your score report to the School of Education at UAS (uas.education@alaska.edu) for evaluation.
 - If you have passing ACT, SAT, or GRE scores and you intend to submit them to UAS (or they are already submitted), then please reach out to the School of Education to notify us.

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Sending official score reports to UAS:

Information on how to designate score recipients for the Praxis Core can be found in the [Praxis Core instructions document](#). If you have questions about how to send an official CBEST, ACT, SAT, or GRE score report to UAS, reach out to the School of Education for assistance. If you choose to register for one of the other state-approved exams, then you will need to navigate this process on your own. *If there are any concerns, the Program Coordinator can address these on a case-by-case basis.*