

Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality
Email Update
August 8, 2016

Post-Baccalaureate Transcripts.....1
PAPA Math and Composite Scores.....1
Save the Date: ETS Pennsylvania Educator Preparation Program Forum.....2
PECT Financial Assistance Vouchers.....2
PECT Re-Take Vouchers.....2
Keystone State Reading Association Annual Conference3

POST-BACCALAUREATE CANDIDATE TRANSCRIPTS

Effective immediately, candidates in post-baccalaureate certification programs do not need to provide their undergraduate transcripts when:

- The candidate has enrolled in a post-baccalaureate certification program with a provider other than where they received their undergraduate degree, or
- The candidate is enrolled in an advanced degree program leading to certification.

Candidates that have completed an undergraduate degree and have been enrolled in the same provider’s post-baccalaureate certification program must continue to send transcripts to PDE.

PAPA BASIC SKILLS MATH AND COMPOSITE SCORES

We have received many emails from the field about the PAPA math and composite scores. Unfortunately we were provided with an erroneous math score and it has since been corrected. The correct scores are in the tables below.

III. PAPA	<i>Test Registration Link:</i>	<u>ES Pearson</u>	
Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	8001	220	193
Mathematics	8002	193	176*
Writing	8003	220	192

Composite Score Method for PAPA Tests:

If the sum of your reading, mathematics and writing modules total 657 or higher AND each module’s score meets the minimum composite score above, you meet the basic skills requirement.

*We will accept 174 from candidates accepted into an educator certification program prior to 8/31/2016.

For the most current testing qualifying scores, please see [Certification Test and Score Requirements](#).

ETS PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM FORUM

In cooperation with PDE, ETS will be hosting three Pennsylvania Educator Preparation Program Forums across the state in late September. The purpose of the forums is to update program providers on the Praxis program and services, ongoing ETS research projects and new initiatives in ethical decision making.

The forums will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, September 27, PaTTAN Pittsburgh
- Wednesday, September 28, PaTTAN Harrisburg
- Thursday, September 29, Montgomery County IU Norristown.

Please share this opportunity with your faculty. An event flyer is attached to this email update. Contact Brenda Richardson with any questions, she can be reached at brichardson@ets.org.

PECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS

Through the PECT Financial Assistance Voucher, a fee waiver may be available to PECT candidates who are:

- 1) currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program, and
- 2) currently receiving financial aid.

If a candidate meets both of the above criteria, and wishes to be considered for a fee waiver, she/he must complete and submit the [PECT Fee Waiver Request Form](#) before registering to test.

Please contact the Evaluations Systems group of Pearson with any questions at ES-PECT@pearson.com, or call Kate Milliken at (413) 256-2812.

PECT RETAKE VOUCHERS

PECT retake vouchers allow candidates who meet certain eligibility requirements to retake a PECT test module at no additional cost. Vouchers are available for all tests in the PECT program. Retake vouchers must be requested on behalf of a candidate by the college or university at which the candidate is currently enrolled or from which the candidate graduated. For a candidate to be eligible for a retake voucher, she or he must:

- 1) have attempted to pass the test module at least once but no more than twice,
- 2) have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and
- 3) meet the score range requirement for the test in question (table attached).

Updated [PECT Retake Voucher Request Form](#).

Please contact the Evaluations Systems group of Pearson with any questions at ES-PECT@pearson.com, or call Kate Milliken at (413) 256-2812.

KEYSTONE STATE READING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 49th Annual KSRA Conference will be held at *Seven Springs Mountain Resort* from Saturday, October 22 to Tuesday, October 25, 2016. The theme for the 2016 Conference is “Literacy Changes Lives.”

For additional information, please see the [event flyer](#). Please contact Kathleen Daily with any questions. Kathleen can be contacted: 814.732.2714 or via email at kathleendailey.ksra@gmail.com. For email, write “KSRA” in the subject heading.