

WHAT TESTS DO TEACHERS IN OREGON NEED TO TAKE?

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TESTS--Those individuals intending to work in early childhood or elementary school settings.

NES Elementary Education Subtests I and II

WHAT is it? The Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) approved the National Evaluation series™ (NES®) Elementary Education tests as the official tests of this content area, effective September 4, 2012. The NES educator licensure tests provide Oregon with comprehensive exams aligned to professionally accepted national learning standards.

WHO has to take it? This test is for those wanting to teach;

- Early Childhood
- Early Childhood/Elementary
- Elementary/Middle

(PETE Majors are exempt from taking this test)

WHEN should I take it? Beginning Fall 2015, candidates will need to have passed both Subtests 1 & 2, and have submitted a photocopy of their scores (even if these were sent to WOU electronically), before beginning Term 1.

- Applicants for Fall entry need to submit scores by 5pm on the Friday of the 7th week of the spring term.
- Applicants for Winter entry need to submit scores by 5pm on the Friday of the 1st week of the fall term.

WHERE can I get help? WOU offers study sessions in conjunction with NEA. See [WOU's test preparation page](#) for more information.

CONTENT AREA TESTS--Those individuals intending to work in middle and high school settings.

www.orela.nesinc.com/

WHAT is it? The NES (National Evaluation Series) tests are a series of content tests for teacher candidates choosing to specialize in a specific content area.

WHO has to take it? These tests are for;

- Elementary/Middle teacher candidates who want to be highly qualified in the areas of math, science, language arts or social studies.
- Middle/High teacher candidates (passing scores on High School Content Area tests will also stand for the Middle Level Content Area tests).
- High School Only teacher candidates. High School Content Area tests are required.

- PETE Majors

WHEN should I take it? It is recommended that you take the NES test after completing most of your content coursework, during **Phase Two** or early in **Phase Three**. You must have passing test scores before entering the program.

WHERE can I get help? Test preparation and resources are available for the various NES content tests, and can be found at this [website](#).

ESOL TEST--Those individuals intending to add an ESOL endorsement to a teaching license.

NES ESOL Test

WHAT is it? The English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) examination is a customized educator licensure test designed to measure knowledge and skills in relation to Oregon learning standards.

WHO has to take it? This test is ONLY for candidates enrolled in an ESOL endorsement program.

WHEN should I take it? Take it after you have finished some ESOL classes, but before the practicum. See your ESOL adviser for details: www.wou.edu/esol.

Please note: As of September 2012, this test is offered computer-based only.

WHERE can I get help? WOU offers free online study sessions through Moodle. Go to WOU's [test preparation page](#) for instructions to sign up.

CIVIL RIGHTS TEST—All individuals intending to work in an Oregon public school.

ORELA Protecting Student and Civil Rights in the Educational Environment

WHAT is it? The ORELA Protecting Student and Civil Rights in the Educational Environment test was added Sept. 1, 2009, and is designed to inform teacher candidates of protecting student rights in the educational environment.

WHO has to take it? Everyone entering a licensure program must take and pass the test *before entering* the program in order to be recommended for licensure.

WHEN should I take it? You must pass the ORELA Civil Rights test prior to being admitted.

WHERE can I get help? Oregon Education Association offers test prep sessions. Inquire at: <http://www.oregoned.org>

Another preparatory course of interest: <http://www.abconlineeducation.com/>