

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LICENSURE TESTING CHANGES**

**Pearson Testing Requirements - Effective October 1, 2014**

The North Carolina State Board of Education approved new Pearson testing requirements for all Elementary and Special Education: General Curriculum licensure applicants effective October 1, 2014. This change does not apply to Special Education: Adapted Curriculum licensure applicants who will continue to meet currently approved Praxis II testing requirements.

- **Pearson NC Website** - <http://www.nc.nesinc.com/> for additional test information
- **New Test Requirements**
  - **All passing scores are projected to be available before the October 1, 2014 effective date**
  - **Elementary Education (K-6) License**
    1. Pearson Foundations of Reading Test

**And**

    2. Pearson General Curriculum Test for North Carolina
      - ETS Praxis II Test 5015 Elementary Education: Instructional Practice and Application will be discontinued as a licensure requirement when new Pearson exams become effective.
  - **Special Education: General Curriculum (K-12) License**
    1. Pearson Foundations of Reading Test

**And**

    2. Pearson General Curriculum Test for North Carolina

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    3. ETS Praxis II Test 0543/5543 - Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (the current SBE approved test score will remain in effect)
      - ETS Praxis II Test 0511/5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge will be discontinued as a Special Education: General Curriculum (K-12) licensure requirement when new Pearson exams become effective.
- Out-of-state licensed teachers with three or more years of successful teaching experience may teach for one year in North Carolina while meeting Pearson testing requirements.
- Out-of-state teachers with fewer than three years of successful teaching experience must pass the Pearson tests prior to being licensed.
- Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum Test for North Carolina required for licensure in Elementary and Special Education: General Curriculum are the same exams. However, the Licensure Section will not automatically add Elementary Education to a Special Education: General Curriculum license. At the request of the applicant and with the required processing fee, the area may be added to a clear non-restricted license.