

Professional Readiness Examination (PRE) Supports

NMU candidates for Michigan teacher certification must pass the PRE (test number 096) prior to being admitted to the methods phase of the teacher education program. The PRE consists of three subtests: Mathematics, Reading, and Writing. Together, the Mathematics and Reading subtests comprise approximately 85 multiple-choice questions. The Writing subtest consists of approximately 42 multiple-choice questions and two written constructed-response assignments. To pass the PRE, you must pass each of the subtests. If you do not pass one or more subtest of the PRE, you may retake only those subtests.

Alternative to taking the PRE: The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has recently passed a proposal to allow students to use scores from the ACT or Michigan Merit Exam (MME) in lieu of passing scores on the PRE. Score equivalencies are listed below.

ACT Score Equivalencies

Mathematics: 22

Reading: 22

English + Writing: 24 or 22 if taken Oct 2013 or after

MME Score Equivalencies

Mathematics: 1116

Reading: 1108

Writing: 1129

The MDE will allow a combination of all three sub scores (PRE, ACT, and MME) to meet their requirement. Please see your advisor or Katie Berger-Racine, Director of Teacher Education Student Services, if you think you are eligible to use ACT or MME scores in lieu of the PRE for your admission to the School of Education, Leadership and Public Service.

PRE scores for any one subarea may be within one standard deviation of the 220 cut score if the two other areas are met by ACT and/or PRE or a combination of ACT and PRE. [See PRE Passing Score Alternatives.](#)

Timing: A passing score for all subtests of the PRE is required for admission to the methods phase of the teacher education program. Please consult with an advisor to determine the best time to take the exam.

For resources for your content area exams, please see the MTTC [website](#).

Subtest	Format	MTTC Resources	NMU Resources	Outside Resources	Timing
Mathematics	<p>Multiple-choice questions.</p> <p>A set of mathematical definitions and formulas is provided, along with a four-function calculator that may help you perform calculations on the test.</p>	<p>Study Guide</p> <p>Test Objectives</p> <p>Online Practice Test</p>	<p>Mathematics Tutor Lab</p>	<p>Math Practice Tests Courtesy of GVSU</p> <p>Video Tutorials Video Tutorials provided by GVSU Math Department</p> <p>Free online remedial courses</p> <p>Pre-college level math support. Click on courses available on the left. You must create a log-in to enroll.</p> <p>MTTC Flashcards</p>	<p>You must have a passing score on the PRE before being admitted to the methods phase of the teacher education program. To learn more about the scoring information, click here.</p>

<p>Reading</p>	<p>Multiple-choice questions, often based on reading passages.</p> <p>Questions should be answered based on the opinions and ideas expressed in the passage rather than your own opinions.</p>	<p>Study Guide</p> <p>Test Objectives</p> <p>Online Practice Test</p>		<p>Worksheets Courtesy of GVSU</p> <p>Free online remedial courses</p> <p>Pre-college level reading support. Click on courses available on the left. You must create a log-in to enroll.</p> <p>MTTC Flashcards</p>	<p>You must have a passing score on the PRE before being admitted to the methods phase of the teacher education program. To learn more about the scoring information, click here.</p>
<p>Writing</p>	<p>Multiple-choice questions and two written constructed response assignments, typically based on current events or issues facing education.</p>	<p>Study Guide</p> <p>Test Objectives</p> <p>Online Practice Test</p>	<p>Writing Center</p>	<p>Purdue OWL</p> <p>Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University for resources on the writing process, mechanics, grammar, punctuation, etc.</p> <p>Free online remedial courses</p> <p>Pre-college level writing support. Click on courses available on the left. You must create a log-in to enroll.</p> <p>MTTC Flashcards</p>	<p>You must have a passing score on the PRE before being admitted to the methods phase of the teacher education program. To learn more about the scoring information, click here.</p>