

Required Teacher Certification Testing

All teacher candidates are required to take and pass multiple standardized tests as required by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Required tests are specific to teacher certification earned. Students should allow eight (8) weeks for the documentation of the official test scores to be sent from the testing organization to UW-L and to be recorded. UW-L will only count official score reports sent to UW-L as verification of passing test scores.

Basic Skills Test Requirement

Entry into teacher education programs requires passing scores on one of the basic skills tests approved by the State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction. This requirement should be completed within the first semester on campus. Students should check their Advisement Report in Wings for Basic Skills Test documentation to ensure they meet the requirements ([see Basic Skills Test options memo](#)).

Praxis II--Content Test:

All degree-seeking and add-on candidates earning teacher certification must pass a Praxis II-- Content Test **and** have their official scores sent to UW-La Crosse prior to the student teaching semester. Scheduling information for this test can be found by visiting the [ETS webpage](#) or by contacting [UW-L's Counseling and Testing Office](#). (See Praxis II Test Number document)

Foundations of Reading Test (FoRT):

All degree-seeking and add-on candidates earning EC-MC, MC-EA, or SPE teacher certification must pass the Foundations of Reading Test **and** have their official scores sent to UW-La Crosse prior to the student teaching semester. Scheduling information for this test can be found by visiting the [Wisconsin--Foundations of Reading National Evaluation Series](#) website or by contacting [UW-L's Counseling and Testing Office](#).