ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Examination Guide

Prior to beginning major sequence courses students must show evidence of either passing the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP), obtaining a composite score of 22 for the ACT Plus Writing, or a composite score of 1030 for the SAT. Students may choose 1 exam.		
Test Type	**Description**	**How to Prepare**
Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)	The TAP consists of four independently scored and passed subtests. • Reading Comprehension: 60 multiple-choice questions. • Language Arts (grammar and writing): 60 multiple-choice questions. • Mathematics: 50 multiple-choice questions. • Writing: 1 constructed-response assignment. A passing score on each subtest is required to pass the TAP. Passing subtest scores will be saved. Candidates will only need to complete subtests they have not yet passed.	Study Guides are available for FREE via the ILTS website. You may also purchase interactive practice tests and expanded study guides. http://www.il.nesinc.com/IL_studyguide_opener.asp Interactive practice test: • $17.95 for individual practice tests. • $29.95 for the bundle of all four practice tests (Reading Comprehension, Language Arts/Writing, and Mathematics). http://starttest.com/7.0.0.2/cart.aspx?program=NES&loc=ES&rgn=ICTS/ Expanded study guides: • $19.95 for expanded study guide and it features instructional content and review exercises. • http://www.il.nesinc.com/IL_expandedstudy_opener.asp
ACT Plus Writing	The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: • English • Mathematics • Reading • Science The ACT Plus Writing includes the four subject area tests plus a 30-minute Writing Test. The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions. A composite score of 22 is required to for certification.	Study Guides are available for purchase on the ACT website. http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/ ACT Prep Online: • Practice tests with real ACT test questions available for purchase for $19.95. • Practice essays for the ACT Writing Test, with real-time scoring. • Comprehensive content review for each of the ACT's four required tests—English, Math, Reading, and Science. • Diagnostic test and personalized Study Path.

SAT	The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test. It tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math. The examination consists of the following areas: • **Critical reading** section includes reading passages and sentence completions. • **Writing** section includes a short essay and multiple-choice questions on identifying errors and improving grammar and usage. • **Mathematics** section includes questions on arithmetic operations, algebra, geometry, statistics and probability. The SAT includes 170 multiple choice questions and 1 essay. A composite score of 1030 is required for certification.	SAT Study Guides are available for free and for purchase via the online website. http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/ Free of Purchase: • Sample SAT questions • SAT practice test Available for Purchase: • The official SAT Study Guide with a CD which provides a step by step test tutorial, $31.99. • The official SAT Online Course, $69.95.
Exam to be taken prior to Student Teaching		
Content-Area Test	The Content Area Tests measure how well students know the subject matter they will teach. • Each content-area test consists of 125 multiple-choice questions, • Scores for the content-area tests are reported on a scale from 100 to 300. • A total test scaled score of 240 or above is required to pass these tests. Special Education students are required to take the following content area tests • Learning Behavioral Specialist Test (LBS1) • The Special Education General Curriculum Test which consists of 65 multiple-choice questions.	The Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) website provides you with content – area test specific study guides. Please follow the link below for more information on your specific content-area test study guide: http://www.il.nesinc.com/IL_studyguide_opener.asp LBS1 Test Study Guide: http://www.il.nesinc.com/PDFs/IL_field161_SG.pdf
Exam to be taken before or during Student Teaching		
Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT)	The APT assesses candidates on professional, academic knowledge and skills. Each APT test consists of 120 multiple-choice questions and 2 constructed-response assignments. There are four levels of the APT: • Birth to Grade 3 • Grades K–9 • Grades 6–12 • Grades K–12	APT test Study Guide: http://www.il.nesinc.com/PDFs/IL_field101-104_SG.pdf