

Elementary Level PreK-4 Certification Tests Swarthmore College Information Sheet

Students seeking elementary certification must complete the following tests:

	Test	Grade Band	Where to find more information
1	PAPA Test Or approved SAT/ACT Scores	All	PAPA/ACT/SAT information sheet
2	Pre K-4 Assessment	Pre K - 4	See below

Pre K-4 Assessment

General Information

- All students applying for Pre K-4 certification at the undergraduate level must take these tests.
- You will find registration and information at WWW.PA.NESINC.COM.

The Test

The Pre K-4 test is administered on the computer. Total test time: 210 minutes. For more information visit https://www.pa.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/PA006_TestPage.html.

Students must complete three modules:

Mod.#	Test Name	Format	Time	Passing Score
1	Child Development, Learning and Assessment; Collaboration and Professionalism	36 selected-response items	45 minutes	197
		Break	15 minutes	
2	Language and Literacy Development; Social Studies, Arts and Humanities	45 selected-response items	75 minutes	193
		Break	15 minutes	
3	Mathematics, Science, and Health	45 selected-response items	90 minutes	193

Registration

- You must create an account and pay for the exam before registering for a date and location.
- The nearest testing sites to Swarthmore College are located in Philadelphia. These sites are accessible by the Media/Elwyn SEPTA train.

Test Fees and Payment Information

COST: \$150 for all modules.

Financial Assistance Vouchers

Fee waivers may be available for college students who meet the eligibility criteria indicated below. You may receive only one fee waiver per year. Requests are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To be eligible for a fee waiver, you must meet the following conditions:

- You must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program;

- You must be currently receiving financial aid;
- You must meet certain eligibility income guidelines.
- To apply for a waiver, submit a completed Fee Waiver Request Form **before** registering to test.
http://www.pa.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/PECT_FeeWaiverRequestForm.pdf

Qualification

The Pre K-4 test provides a score for each module on a scale of 100-300. To pass the Pre K- 4 assessment, you must score at least the minimum on each module in the chart (see page 1).

If unsuccessful reaching the qualifying score of a module, you may retake the test in only that module.

More Information

For a practice test visit: https://www.pa.nesinc.com/Content/docs/PECT_PT_06_07_08_PreK_4.pdf

Adding on Additional Instructional Areas

Educational Studies strongly recommends that students also seek Grade 5-6 or Grades 4-8 certification through the add-on testing option offered by the State. Please note that Eastern certifies students in Pre-K4; additional testing is the route to add-on certifications. Visit [PDE Instructional Add-ons Link](#). Middle school add on praxis tests are between \$120-146.