

Professional Exams

All teachers in Oregon are required to take the following professional exams.

| Basic Skills Tests – All Students | | |
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| One of the following Basic Skills tests must be taken and passed for admission to the program | | |
| California Basic Skills Test (CBEST) www.cbest.nesinc.com | Code | Passing Score |
| CBEST: Reading | N/A | 37 |
| CBEST: Mathematics | N/A | 37 |
| CBEST: Writing | N/A | 37 |
| Minimum Total Score | | 123 |
| OR | | |
| Praxis I: Academic Skills Assessments www.ets.org | | |
| PPST: Mathematics | 10730 | 175 |
| PPST: Reading | 10710 | 174 |
| PPST: Writing | 20720 | 171 |
| OR | | |
| National Evaluation Series (NES) Essential Academic Skills | | |
| NES: Reading | Subtest I | 220 |
| NES: Writing | Subtest II | 220 |
| NES: Math | Subtest III | 220 |

| ORELA Multiple Subjects Examination – Elementary and Middle School www.orela.nesinc.com | | |
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| | Code | Passing Score |
| Subtest I: Language Arts, Social Science, the Arts | 001 | 240 |
| Subtest II: Mathematics, Science, Health and Physical Education | 002 | 240 |

You must pass the ORELA, or meet the alternative assessment requirement (if you take the test and do not pass), prior to your second student teaching (II) or Internship, generally in the second year of your program.

If you do not pass the ORELA exam after two attempts, TSPC has a process for an alternative assessment evaluation. This process includes a review of your transcript showing coursework aligned with the endorsement or licensure area. Contact Lynda Pullen if you want to consider this option.

The testing session is 4 hours, and you can choose to take either one subtest in the 4-hour session, or both.

NES Subject Special Area Assessments – High School and Middle School Content Areas www.orela.nesinc.com – link to Tests

A NES exam must be taken in your content area. For example, if your content area is Social Studies, you will need to take the NES exam specific to the content (See ORELA website)

See TSPC website under “Publications” for score requirements.

You must pass the NES Subject Special Area Assessment, or meet the criteria for the alternative assessment evaluation (if you take the test and do not pass), prior to your second student teaching (II) or Internship, generally in the second year of your program.

If you do not pass the NES Subject Area Assessment exam after two attempts, TSPC has a process for an alternative assessment evaluation. This process includes a review of your transcript showing coursework aligned with the endorsement or licensure area. Contact Lynda Pullen if you want to consider this option.

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) ORELA - All Students

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| ESOL ORELA | Code | Passing Score |
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| Subtest I: Foundations of ESOL | 004 | 240 |
| Subtest II: ESOL Assessment and Instruction | 005 | 240 |

You must pass the ESOL ORELA, or meet the alternative assessment requirement (if you take the test and do not pass), before you apply for your license. We recommend you complete your ESL classes before attempting the test.

If you do not pass the ESOL ORELA after two attempts, TSPC has a process for an alternative assessment evaluation. This process includes a review of your transcript showing coursework aligned with the endorsement or licensure area. Contact Lynda Pullen if you want to consider this option.

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| ORELA Civil Rights – All Students www.orela.nesinc.com | | |
| Protecting Student and Civil Rights in the Educational Environment Examination*** | Code 008 | Passing Score 240 |

You must take and pass this test before you apply for your license.

Bilingual Endorsement - Optional

To add the bilingual endorsement in addition to the ESOL endorsement you need to demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English in one of the following ways:

- NES exam in a foreign language
- Other assessment if there is no NES test available
- Bachelor's degree from a university in which the language of instruction is not English.