Early Childhood Certification Testing Requirements

**Basic Skills Test**

With the passage of Act 168, effective August 1, 2015, the Basic Skills Test requirements MUST be met before any candidate can be admitted to a teacher certification program. Admission is generally achieved in the spring semester of the sophomore year. Therefore, the basic skills tests must be passed by that time.

**Certification Tests**

The professional content test for Early Childhood (PK-4) certification is the 3-part PreK-4 test that is part of the Pennsylvania Educator Certification Test (PECT) series offered by Pearson Evaluation Systems. There are 3 modules included. They may be taken on the same test date or they may be taken individually. These certification tests MUST be passed before a candidate may participate in student teaching.

Additional information about the PreK-4 test and registration for the PreK-4 test is available at [http://www.pa.nesinc.com/](http://www.pa.nesinc.com/) The PreK-4 test is available only by appointment at designated computer centers. A list of all current centers is available at the PECT website listed above.

Remember that all test scores must be reported to Shippensburg University.