

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (PDE) BASIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT AND REQUIRED CLEARANCE INFORMATION FOR ALL EDUCATION MAJORS AT SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

Pennsylvania Department of Education Basic Skills Assessment

ATTENTION (EFFECTIVE 7/8/22-7/8/25)

Act 55 of 2022 Basic Skills Assessment Moratorium Act 55 of 2022 signed into law by Governor Wolf on July 8, 2022 requires the Secretary of Education to waive the requirement to satisfactorily complete the assessment of basic skills required under section 1207.3 and 22 Pa. Code § 49.18(c) (relating to assessment) for 3 years from July 8, 2022 through July 8, 2025. This applies to all students who enter preparation programs during this period as well as otherwise qualified candidates for licensure who make application during this period.

PDE accepts test scores from 4 different test providers to meet the PA General Assembly's basic academic skills requirement. All three basic skills (reading, writing, and math) tests must be passed at least once. **This requirement must be met before any candidate can be granted admission to their teacher preparation program of choice.** This can be met through the following tests: Pennsylvania Pre-Service Academic Assessment, Praxis Core Test Series, SAT, or the ACT: https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/basic_skills_requirements_explanation.pdf
For more information refer to the *Teacher Certification Test Requirements* at https://www.ship.edu/coehs/field-services/office_of_field_services/

Required Clearance Information

Pennsylvania state law mandates that students have copies of clearances on file in the Teacher Education Department at Shippensburg University. You must complete these clearances PRIOR to starting early childhood classes at SHIP. Even if you already have clearances, you need to apply for a new set at this point. You will be directed to submit this documentation at the beginning of the semester. Below are the six clearances you will need:

1. TB Results (PPD Mantoux test) – valid for two years from date of test. Available through Etter Health Center. This can also be done through a private physician. https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/physician-certification-form-for-tb-test.docx
2. Act 34 Criminal History Check – Act 34 is valid for one year from date on clearance. (Register at <https://epatch.state.pa.us>)
3. Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance – Act 151 is valid for one year from date on clearance. (Form available at <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>).
4. Act 114 FBI Clearance – Act 114 is valid as long as a student is continuously enrolled as a student at Shippensburg University. (Register at <https://uenroll.identogo.com/>).
5. Professional Liability Insurance – Student membership in PSEA (<http://www.PSEA.org>) or KEYTA (<http://keyta.org>) provides this insurance but membership is not mandatory. Insurance is mandatory.
6. Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report -must be signed each year. Form is available online at https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/act_24_and_act_82_arrest_and_conviction_report_form.pdf or in the Office of Field Experiences and Partnerships – Shippen Hall – Rm 354.
7. Further information, including all required clearances and a recommended timeline can be found at https://www.ship.edu/academics/colleges/coehs/office_of_field_services/

We recommend you apply or reapply for all clearances at the end of June, no later than the beginning of July in order to have adequate time for the clearance to be returned to you. All clearances must be valid through the last day of the field experience. Be aware of your renewal dates as you will need to keep these clearances current. Failure to complete and submit the clearances above will delay your field placement assignment, which may impact your ECH course grades

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