MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING

MINNESOTA TEACHER LICENSURE TESTING INFORMATION

Click to go to the MTLE Website (http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/)

What tests are required in Minnesota?

Beginning September 1, 2010, Minnesota's testing program is called MTLE: Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations. As of September 1, 2010, only MTLE tests can be taken for Minnesota licensure.

Notes:

1. *Passing scores from Praxis I tests taken prior to September 1, 2010, will be accepted for a period of time, if they met Minnesota's former passing score requirements:*

   Mathematics – 171
   Reading – 173
   Writing - 172
2. *For specific information for individuals who completed an approved Minnesota licensure program, see "Minnesota Graduates" on page 3.*
3. *For specific information for individuals who completed a licensure program other than an approved Minnesota program, see "Applicants prepared outside Minnesota" on page 3.*

What are the Basic Skills requirements?

As of February 23, 2012, Minnesota law prohibits the issuance of a teaching license until all three Basic Skills subtests have been passed. This requirement applies uniformly to Minnesota completers and applicants from outside Minnesota. This requirement does not apply to substitute teaching licenses.

> *Note: Other testing requirements for pedagogy and content have not changed; applicants must also eventually complete these tests, but unlike the Basic Skills subtests, a one-year license can be issued to allow time to pass the pedagogy and content tests if the applicant meets other teacher licensure requirements and has passed all three of the Basic Skills subtests.*

Who must take the tests?

An applicant for a first-time Minnesota classroom teaching license must pass:

- Basic skills, which consists of three subtests: Reading, Writing, Mathematics
- Test of general pedagogy, which consists of two subtests
- Test of content knowledge for the specific licensure field, which consists of two subtests with the exception of Elementary content knowledge, which consists of three subtests

An applicant adding a licensure field to an existing Minnesota classroom teaching license must pass:

- Test of content knowledge for the new licensure field, which consists of two subtests with the exception of Elementary content knowledge, which consists of three subtests

A teacher whose one-year license has testing as a renewal condition should make arrangements to take the required tests as soon as possible; if the testing requirement has not been met, the license will not be renewed.

The following licensure fields are not subject to teacher testing requirements:

School Administrators, School Counselors, School Social Workers, School Nurses, School Psychologists, Educational Speech-Language Pathologists

How should the MTLE score reports be submitted?

- Official Praxis score reports for tests taken and passed prior to September 1, 2010, should be sent to Educator Licensing.

- Official MTLE score reports do not need to be sent; Educator Licensing staff have secure, read-only access to the scores. Applicants will be notified if additional information is needed.

MTLE score reports should be sent to the Educator Licensing office at the Minnesota Department of Education **only after** completing an online application.

Electronic score reports

All score reports are electronic; all candidates have access to their score reports for 45 days in their MTLE account. (The MTLE registration system also allows candidates to have the score reports sent to an email address.) Candidates must save the score report(s) so that they can be sent as an email attachment to mde.scorereports@state.mn.us The subject line of the email must include “MTLE Scores” and your file folder or processing number (from the online application system); only PDF versions of the official score reports will be accepted as verification of scores.

Minnesota graduates

Score reports for applicants who have completed a Minnesota-approved teacher licensure program are not needed and should not be sent unless requested by Educator Licensing.

- For individuals who completed an approved Minnesota licensure program before September 1, 2010, Praxis I scores will be accepted until December 31, 2015 and Praxis II scores will be accepted until August 31, 2012.
- For individuals who completed an approved Minnesota licensure program between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2012, passing Praxis I and II scores will be accepted until December 31, 2015.
- For individuals who completed an approved Minnesota licensure program after September 1, 2012, Praxis I scores will be honored until December 31, 2015.

Note: Only scores from Praxis tests taken prior to September 1, 2010, will be honored.

Applicants prepared outside Minnesota

Beginning September 1, 2010, all teachers must take the MTLE tests. This includes the Basic Skills tests in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, a pedagogy test consisting of two subtests, and the content knowledge subtests specific to the licensure field. However, if a licensed teacher from another state has a passing score on the Praxis I (basic skills) tests taken prior to September 1, 2010, the score will be accepted until August 31, 2013. If a licensed teacher from another state has a passing score on the Praxis II (content or pedagogy) tests taken prior to September 1, 2010, the scores will be accepted until August 31, 2012.

See page 1 for required passing scores on the Basic Skills tests; contact the Educator Licensing division at the Minnesota Department of Education for required passing scores on pedagogy or content tests at mde.educator-licensing@state.mn.us or 651.582.8691.

MTLE computer-based tests are also offered at test centers nationwide and in many countries around the world. You may locate an MTLE testing center.
(http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_TestDatesAndSites.html)

How can someone prepare for an MTLE test?

The MTLE website has a series of designated pages for each test field. On these pages you will find a breakdown of content by subtest, a link to specific objectives and descriptive statements about the content on each subtest, and a set of sample questions and answers.

Additional preparation materials are available on the MTLE website
(http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_PreparationMaterials.html)

How can someone register for an MTLE test?

Once a candidate has registered for a test from the MTLE website (http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/) s/he is able to immediately schedule a test date and test site.

When are the computer-based MTLE tests offered in Minnesota?

Effective September 4, 2012, computer-based tests are available by appointment, year round, Monday through Saturday (excluding holidays) at test centers across the state and nationwide. Test appointments may be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Click here for test dates and sites (http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_TestDatesAndSites.html).

When are the paper-based MTLE tests offered in Minnesota?

MTLE paper-based tests for world languages are offered on the dates below:

Spanish:

Test Date	Registration Deadline*	Score Report Date
October 6, 2012	September 21, 2012	October 26, 2012
January 26, 2013	January 11, 2013	February 15, 2013
March 16, 2013	March 1, 2013	April 5, 2013
May 11, 2013	April 26, 2013	May 31, 2013
June 22, 2013	June 7, 2013	July 12, 2013
August 3, 2013	July 19, 2013	August 23, 2013
* Registrations must be completed by 5:00 p.m. central time on the registration deadline.		

French, German, and Chinese:

Test Date	Registration Deadline*	Score Report Date
October 6, 2012	September 21, 2012	October 26, 2012
March 16, 2013	March 1, 2013	April 5, 2013
June 22, 2013	June 7, 2013	July 12, 2013
* Registrations must be completed by 5:00 p.m. central time on the registration deadline.		

Contact Information

Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE)
Contact the MTLE program for information about registration, testing, and scoring.

Homepage: Minnesota Teacher Licensing Examination (http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/)
Contact information: MTLE contact (http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Contacts.aspx)
Phone: (413) 256-2887
(800) 557-3759
Available 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central time, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays
TTY: (413) 256-8032
Available 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central time, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays

Educator Licensing, Minnesota Department of Education
Score reports should be submitted to mde.scorereports@state.mn.us

Phone: (651) 582-8691
Available 8:00 a.m. – 4:20 p.m. Central time, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays
Mailing address: 1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113-4266

Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations						
Note: All subtests require a passing score of 240.						
Testing Requirements	**Test Name**	**Sub-test**	**Test Code**	**Test Length**	*** Test Fee**	**** Test Format**
	Basic Skills Tests					
All initial licenses	Reading	1	001	60 minutes	$25	MC
All initial licenses	Writing	2	002	105 minutes	$25	MC / CR
All initial licenses	Mathematics	3	003	75 minutes	$25	MC
	Pedagogy Tests					
All initial licenses require passing a pedagogy test, aligned to the license field sought. Note: Each pedagogy test consists of two subtests. See cell below for additional notes.	Early Childhood	1	010	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Early Childhood	2	011	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Elementary	1	012	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Elementary	2	013	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Secondary	1	014	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Secondary	2	015	60 minutes	$35	MC
Note: The following fields do not require a pedagogy test; however, individuals with these licenses must pass a pedagogy test to add another license field: Adult Basic Education; American Indian Language, History, & Culture; Parent & Family Education						
	Content Area Tests					
Licensure Field	**Test Name**	**Sub-test**	**Test Code**	**Test Length**	*** Test Fee**	**** Test Format**
Adult Basic Education	N/A					
Agricultural Education (5-12)	Agricultural Education	1	086	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Agricultural Education	2	087	60 minutes	$35	MC
American Indian Language, History, & Culture	N/A					
Business (5-12)	Business	1	082	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Business	2	083	60 minutes	$35	MC
Career & Technical Education	N/A					
Chemistry (9-12)	Chemistry	1	058	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Chemistry	2	059	60 minutes	$35	MC

Content Area Tests						
Communication Arts and Lit. Endorsement(5-8)	Middle Level: Communication Arts & Literature	1	030	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Middle Level: Communication Arts & Literature	2	031	60 minutes	$35	MC
Communication Arts and Lit. (5-12)	Communication Arts & Literature	1	050	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Communication Arts & Literature	2	051	60 minutes	$35	MC
Computer/Keybdg/Related Tech. Endorsement ***	Computer, Keyboarding, and Related Technology	1	130	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Computer, Keyboarding, and Related Technology	2	131	60 minutes	$35	MC
Dance (K-12)	Dance	1	110	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Dance	2	111	60 minutes	$35	MC
Early Childhood (Birth - Grade 3)	Early Childhood Education	1	020	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Early Childhood Education	2	021	60 minutes	$35	MC
Earth & Space Science (9-12)	Earth & Space Science	1	060	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Earth & Space Science	2	061	60 minutes	$35	MC
Elementary Education (K-6)	Elementary Education	1	024	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Elementary Education	2	025	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Elementary Education	3	026	60 minutes	$35	MC
English as a Second Language (K-12)	English as a Second Language	1	114	60 minutes	$35	MC
	English as a Second Language	2	115	60 minutes	$35	MC
Family & Consumer Sciences (5-12)	Family & Consumer Sciences	1	084	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Family & Consumer Sciences	2	085	60 minutes	$35	MC
General Science (5-8)	Middle Level: Science	1	036	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Middle Level: Science	2	037	60 minutes	$35	MC
Health (5-12)	Health	1	056	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Health	2	057	60minutes	$35	MC

Content Area Tests						
Instrumental Music (K-12)	Instrumental & Vocal Classroom Music	1	106	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Instrumental Classroom Music	2	184	60 minutes	$35	MC
Library Media Specialist (K-12)	Library Media Specialist	1	102	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Library Media Specialist	2	103	60 minutes	$35	MC
Life Science (9-12)	Life Science	1	062	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Life Science	2	063	60 minutes	$35	MC
Mathematics Endorsement (5-8)	Middle Level: Mathematics	1	034	75 minutes	$35	MC
	Middle Level: Mathematics	2	035	75 minutes	$35	MC
Mathematics (5-12)	Mathematics	1	054	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Mathematics	2	055	60 minutes	$35	MC
Parent & Family Education	N/A					
Physical Education (K-12)	Physical Education	1	112	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Physical Education	2	113	60 minutes	$35	MC
Physics (9-12)	Physics	1	064	75 minutes	$35	MC
	Physics	2	065	75 minutes	$35	MC
Pre-Primary Endorsement (Age 3-PreK) ***	Preprimary	1	022	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Preprimary	2	023	60 minutes	$35	MC
Reading Teacher Endorsement (K-12)	Reading Teacher	1	100	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Reading Teacher	2	101	60 minutes	$35	MC
Social Studies Endorsement (5-8)	Middle Level: Social Studies	1	032	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Middle Level: Social Studies	2	033	60 minutes	$35	MC
Social Studies (5-12)	Social Studies	1	052	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Social Studies	2	053	60 minutes	$35	MC
Special Education: All Fields	Special Education Core Skills	1	180	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Special Education Core Skills	2	181	60 minutes	$35	MC

Content Area Tests						
Technology (5-12)	Technology	1	080	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Technology	2	081	60 minutes	$35	MC
Theater (K-12)	Theater	1	108	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Theater	2	109	60 minutes	$35	MC
Vocal Music (K-12)	Instrumental & Vocal Classroom Music	1	106	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Vocal Classroom Music	2	185	60 minutes	$35	MC
Visual Arts (K-12)	Visual Arts	1	104	60 minutes	$35	MC
	Visual Arts	2	105	60 minutes	$35	MC
World Language & Culture: Chinese (K-12) ***	World Language & Culture: Chinese	1	158	120 minutes	$28	CR
	World Language & Culture: Chinese	2	159	120 minutes	$28	CR
World Language & Culture: French (K-12)	World Language & Culture: French	1	160	120 minutes	$28	MC
	World Language & Culture: French	2	161	120 minutes	$28	CR
World Language & Culture: German (K-12)	World Language & Culture: German	1	162	120 minutes	$28	MC
	World Language & Culture: German	2	163	120 minutes	$28	CR
World Language & Culture: Spanish (K-12)	World Language & Culture: Spanish	1	164	120 minutes	$28	MC
	World Language & Culture: Spanish	2	165	120 minutes	$28	CR

**** Does not include annual registration fee of $50***

***** MC = multiple choice; CR = constructed response***

****** Beginning September 1, 2010, applicants for the following fields must pass the content knowledge test listed above:***

-Preprimary endorsement
-Computer, Keyboarding, & Related Technology Applications endorsement
-World Language & Culture: Chinese