

Required Tests for Teacher Licensure

Baccalaureate programs (art/music)

Recommended time	Test	Explanation of requirement
Freshman or sophomore year	Praxis VCLA	Required by VDOE for approved programs. Must pass for admission to teacher preparation at VCU. VCLA may be substituted for reading and writing portions of Praxis. If Praxis is used for admission, VCLA must be passed prior to student teaching.
Senior year	Praxis II	Required by VDOE for licensure. Must be passed prior to student teaching.

Five-year extended M.T. programs

Recommended time	Test	Explanation of requirement
Freshman or sophomore year	Praxis VCLA	Required by VDOE for approved programs. Must pass for admission to teacher preparation at VCU. VCLA may be substituted for reading and writing portions of Praxis. If Praxis is used for admission, VCLA must be passed prior to student teaching.
Late junior or early senior year	GRE or MAT	Required for admission to M.T. program
Senior year	Praxis II	Required by VDOE for licensure. Must be passed prior to student teaching.
During student teaching	VRA	Required by VDOE for licensure in early and elementary education, special education and reading specialist

M.Ed. in reading and post-master's reading specialist

Recommended time	Test	Explanation of requirement
Submit with application	GRE or MAT	Required for admission to M.T. program
During externship	VRA II	Required by VDOE for licensure in early and elementary education, special education and reading specialist



M.Ed. and post-baccalaureate (initial licensure)

Recommended time	Test	Explanation of requirement
Submit with application Sophomore year	Praxis VCLA	Required by VDOE for approved programs. Must pass for admission to teacher preparation at VCU. VCLA may be substituted for reading and writing portions of Praxis. If Praxis is used for admission, VCLA must be passed prior to student teaching.
Submit with application	GRE or MAT	Required for admission to M.T. program
Semester prior to student teaching	Praxis II	Required by VDOE for licensure. Must be passed prior to student teaching.
During student teaching	VRA	Required by VDOE for licensure in early and elementary education, special education and reading specialist

