Prospective Indiana educators are required to demonstrate basic skills competency prior to admission to Indiana educator preparation programs. As of September 1, 2013 the CASA subtests in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing will be used as a measure of a candidate’s basic skills competency. The CASA is a customized educator licensure assessment designed to measure a candidate’s knowledge and skills in relation to the REPA Indiana Educator Standards.

**CASA Facts**

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**How to Register:**

Go to [www.in.nesinc.com](http://www.in.nesinc.com) and click “Register now” in the middle of the page. You have to “Create an account”

**Format:**

CASA is only offered as an internet-based test

**Test Fees:**

$38 per CASA subtest. Purdue Fort Wayne’s test site fee is $10 per CASA subtest, which is payable on the day of the test by check or you can pay by credit card prior to arrival at [http://new.pfw.edu/offices/testing/index.html](http://new.pfw.edu/offices/testing/index.html). If paying by credit card online you must bring a copy of your Purdue Fort Wayne payment receipt with you to verify you have paid.

**Test Sites:**

Purdue University - Fort Wayne (KT 232) is a test site, but there are other test centers across Indiana.

**Test Dates:**

Purdue University - Fort Wayne offers CASA Monday – Saturday year round by appointment (except holidays when campus is not open). Test appointments can be made at [www.in.nesinc.com](http://www.in.nesinc.com) through the registration process, but appointments are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Preparation Materials:** SEE THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

**Passing Score:**

The minimum passing score of each CASA subtest is 220 (range 100-300). The passing scores were set by the Indiana State Board of Education. Candidates must pass all three CASA subtests (or alternative option) for entry into an Indiana educator preparation program.

**Official Score Report:**

Your official score report will be available in your account on the CASA website as follows:

- **Reading & Mathematics:** available within 10 business days after testing
- **Writing & if ALL subtests were taken at once:** available within 20 business days after testing

**Retaking a subtest:**

Please note you must allow 30 days between test dates

**Alternative measures of basic skills competency:**

1. ACT with a score of at least 24 based on Math, Reading, Grammar, and Science
2. SAT with a score of at least 1100 based on Critical Reading and Math
3. GRE with a score of at least 1100 based on Verbal and Quantitative prior to 8/1/11 **OR** GRE with a score of at least 301 based on Verbal and Quantitative on or after 8/1/11
4. Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution
Pearson CASA Study Resources

1. **Pearson CASA website** ([www.in.nesinc.com](http://www.in.nesinc.com))
   Click the “Prepare” tab and select the “Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA)” test. Provides test information, sample questions, practice tests and teacher prep mobile app.

   Provides review and 2 practice tests with answers.

3. **Khan Academy website** ([www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org))
   Provides a great math review with videos and step-by-step instructions.

4. **SAT website** ([http://sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org))
   Click the “Practice” tab. Provides a question of the day, sample practice questions, practice test and tutorials from Khan Academy, the official SAT study guide with DVD, and the official SAT online course.

5. **ACT website** ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))
   Click the “Test Prep” tab. Provides ACT online prep, the real ACT prep guide, ACT question of the day, preparing for the ACT, practice test questions, and test tips.

6. **SAT, ACT, or Praxis I Books**
   Search for these online or find them for free at any public library.

7. **Praxis I website** ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)) or ([www.teachertestprep.com](http://www.teachertestprep.com))
   These are good resources just **DO NOT** take the Praxis I exams!

8. **Purdue Fort Wayne’s Tutoring Center**
   Schedule a tutoring session by calling 260-481-5419 or visiting KT G21.

9. **Purdue Fort Wayne’s Writing Center**
   Take your practice essay to the Writing Center and they will review it with you. Located on the first floor of Helmke Library or call 260-481-5740 to schedule an appointment.

10. **Test Anxiety?**
    Use the Purdue Fort Wayne/Parkview Student Assistance Program in WU 113 or call at 260-266-8060 or 1-800-721-8809

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**Were your SAT or ACT scores close to the required score so you don’t have to take the Pearson CASA exams?**

If yes, consider retaking the SAT or ACT to raise the score high enough so you won’t have to take the Pearson CASA exams. It is cheaper to retake the SAT or ACT than it is to take the Pearson CASA exams. Visit [http://sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for further information.