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To: Rhode Island Preparation Program Deans and Directors  
 From: Lisa M. Foehr  
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 Date: August 15, 2014  
 RE: Assessment of Pre-Professional Skills Update

Effective September 1, 2014, the Core Academic Skills for Educators Exams will replace the Praxis I PPST exams. The chart below outlines this implementation plan:

Test Name	Passing Score Fall 2014
Core Academic Skills for Educators	150 Math 156 Reading 162 Writing Composite Score of 468 with no test score more than 3 points below the cut.
SAT	1150 Composite 530 Verbal; 530 Math
ACT	24 Reading 20 Math
GRE	1100 Composite (800 Scale Test) With no less than 465 verbal and 584 quantitative
	300 Composite (170 Scale Test) With no less than 151 verbal and 147 quantitative
<p>Candidates applying to a traditional undergraduate program are not required to retake the Core Academic Skills for Educators exam if they have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher by the end of their sophomore year and are within 3 points of the cut scores on each section of the Core Academic Skills for Educators exams.</p> <p>Candidates applying to post-baccalaureate degree or non-degree programs are not required to take the Core Academic Skills for Educators exams if they have achieved a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 as an undergraduate. Additionally, if a candidate has already completed a Master's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, Pre-Professional Skills tests are not required.</p>	
Waiver	In rare instances, programs may offer a conditional acceptance for a candidate not meeting all entrance requirements. These candidates must be provided with appropriate support to successfully remediate the area of need prior to program completion, including successfully completing all admission requirements. Programs may determine waiver protocols to meet this exception. The number of waivers granted and other relevant data will be reported to RIDE annually.