

Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA) Information

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASA:

Transition to Teaching candidates must **pass** the Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA) in order to be accepted into the Bethel College Teacher Education Program. This requirement must be completed by the conclusion of the first course – EDTR 501 Teaching in the 21st Century. Details on how to register for the CASA and to schedule a testing appointment at Bethel College is on the next page of this document.

CASA (Core Academic Skills Assessment):

The CASA consists of three general knowledge tests: reading, writing, and mathematics. Examinees who do not pass an individual test may retake it after a 30-day waiting period.

- Reading (Test Code 001): Consists of 40 multiple-choice questions, 75 minute timed test
- Mathematics (Test Code 002): Consists of 40 multiple-choice questions, 75 minute timed test
- Writing (Test Code 003): Consists of 42 multiple-choice questions and 1 constructed-response assignment, 105 minute timed test

CASA EXEMPTION:

An exemption to the CASA is granted by meeting one of the following requirements:

- ACT score of at least 24 (based on Math, Reading, Grammar, and Science)
- SAT score of at least 1100 (based on Critical Reading and Math)
- GRE with a score of at least 301 (based on Verbal and Quantitative after 8/1/11)
- GRE with a score of at least 1100 (based on Verbal and Quantitative prior to 8/1/11)
- Praxis I composite score of at least 527 (based on Reading, Writing, and Math prior to 9/1/13)
- Master's Degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution

ALTERNATIVE TESTING ARRANGEMENTS:

If you qualify for an accommodation, you may be able to receive alternative testing arrangements and must indicate so when registering for the CASA tests online. Since it will take additional time to receive approval for these special accommodations, we recommend you start the process early. For more information on alternative testing arrangements, click [here](#). Accommodations may include:

- a physical disability (visual impairments, hearing impairments, motor disabilities, illness, injury)
- a documented learning or cognitive disability

CASA STUDY MATERIALS:

The Indiana CORE Assessments website has detailed information about the design of the CASA tests, giving the breakdown and standards of each test as well as the option to purchase helpful online practice tests. To view the assessment blueprint, click [here](#). The link to purchase practice tests can be found [here](#). Study guides as well as review flash cards are available for check-out in the library and the Education Office.

To access online teaching tutorials, follow the links below:

- [CASA Reading Tutorial](#)
- [CASA Writing Tutorial](#)
- [CASA Math Tutorial](#)

CASA Registration & Scheduling Information

Bethel College Education Program Testing Policy: The Bethel College testing site is located on the first floor of the Miller-Moore Academic Building in the School of Education. This site is only available to Bethel College current and former students, Transition to Teaching candidates, alumni, faculty, staff, and their immediate families.

Step 1: Register and pay for the CASA online:

1. Navigate to www.in.nesinc.com.
2. Click on **Tests**.
3. Click on **Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA)**.
4. Review the test details as well as payment information. Click **Register Now**.
5. Sign into your account or create a new account. **Make note of your username & password. This information will be necessary to log into the test on test day.**
6. **Alternative Arrangements** – The need for testing accommodations, such as extended time or use of a screen reader, must be indicated here in order to be honored on the day of the test. Your request may take up to 3 weeks to be approved, so plan accordingly.
7. **Educator Preparation Training** – Select **Bethel College**.
8. **Licensure** – Select **Alternative route via an IDOE-approved transition to teaching program**.
9. **Release of Results** – If there are other schools you wish to receive your results, you may enter their names in this section.
10. Click **Submit**.
11. If you selected **Alternative Arrangements** on the previous screen, click on **Requesting Alternative Testing Arrangements** for information on how to submit required documentation.
12. Click on the **Purchase/Register** tab.
13. You will be given the option of purchasing the CASA combined test of reading, mathematics, and writing for \$114, or each of those tests individually for \$38. Please note that if you purchase the combined test, you will be **required** to take all three tests in one sitting, which is over 4 hours of testing and is not recommended. We suggest that you purchase the \$38 tests in order to have flexibility in scheduling your test appointments. Your purchases are good for one year.
14. Click **Buy** next to the test(s) you would like to purchase, then click **Checkout**.
15. Enter payment information. Only Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards are accepted for payment.
16. You will be prompted to schedule a time and location for your test(s). You may skip this step and contact us directly if you would like to test at Bethel College.

Step 2: Schedule an appointment to take your test at Bethel College:

1. Contact Shelley Flickinger in the Bethel College Education Department to schedule a testing time via email at shelley.flickinger@bethelcollege.edu or via phone at **574-807-7574**.
2. On the day of the test, you must have a government-issued photo ID bearing your signature. A **\$10 per test sitting fee** is due at check-in and can be paid by cash or a check made out to "Bethel College."

Please note: Backpacks, purses, cellphones, and calculators will not be accessible during testing. They will be stored in a locked drawer. Breaks are permissible during testing, however the test clock will keep running.