



C-BASE (College Basic Academic Subjects Examination)

All students seeking entrance to the Teacher Education Program at Northwestern College must take and pass the C-BASE test as part of their application to the Teacher Ed Program. The test assesses knowledge and skills in the following subject areas: English, mathematics, science, social studies and writing.

Elementary ed majors will complete Writing/Essay, Reading/English, Math, Science and Social Studies sections.

Secondary ed, K-12 Art, Music, and Phys Ed majors will complete Writing/Essay, Reading/English, Math.

Tests dates for the 2019-2020 academic year:

Thur., Sept. 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 7, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thur., Oct. 3 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 5, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thur., Nov. 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Thur., Jan. 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 11, 2020, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thur., Feb. 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 8, 2020, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thur., Mar. 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**** Dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted accordingly. ****

Registration

Register for the exam by submitting the application at this link or pick up a registration form in the education office.

https://nwc Iowa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_daQ0hJsUvI7ZprL

Payment, either check or cash, is required to complete the registration. You can bring the payment to the education office or mail it to:

**Northwestern College
Education Office
101 7th St SW
Orange City, IA 51041**

Fees

- \$60.00 for students taking the exam for the first time, or when retaking 3 sections.
- \$30.00 for students re-taking two sections only
- \$20.00 for students re-taking one section only

Testing Procedures

Only passing scores for Reading, Writing and Math are required for acceptance into the Teacher Education program. Those who retake the Reading, Writing or Math tests to achieve passing scores will not be required to take the Science and Social Studies tests a second time.

The complete test battery includes an ESSAY/Writing exercise and a multiple-choice component divided into Reading/English, Math, Science and Social Studies sections. Each subject area of C-BASE takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. You should arrive according to the schedule below. Late arrivals may not be admitted. At the test site, the proctor asks all students to sign in and to present a current picture identification for verification.

C-BASE does not penalize you for guessing. Every correct answer counts toward your scores, so you should try to answer every question. An informed guess is better than no answer. In each case, read the question and all of the options carefully before selecting your response, but try not to spend too much time on any one question. During the test, the examiner will periodically post the time remaining.

The required minimum passing score is 235 for each subject area. If a student takes a test section three times and does not pass, permission to take the test additional times must be granted by the Teacher Ed Committee. Email this request to edoffice@nwciova.edu.

Food and beverages are not allowed during the administration of the test.

Students are not allowed to share calculators or use any other material not provided with the exam. You may return to any section in the multiple-choice part of the exam during the testing period. However, try to proceed methodically so you decrease the possibility of recording an answer in the wrong place in the answer booklet.

TEST LOCATION: **Room 301, Van Peursem Hall**

8:30 a.m. (Saturday)

6:00 p.m. (Thursday)

Check in and begin the Writing section

9:30 a.m. (Saturday)

7:00 p.m. (Thursday)

Check in for those taking sections other than Writing

Short break for takers of Writing section

9:45 a.m. (Saturday)

7:15 p.m. (Thursday)

Testing begins for Reading/English, Math, Science & Social Studies

Testing Day Requirements

Bring with you:

Photo ID
Two pencils
Cell phones are NOT allowed at the testing site

Provided for you:

Calculator
Practice paper

Time to Complete

The exam will take 2 - 3 hours to complete including time for instructions, writing exercise, a break, and multiple choice questions. You should arrive at the test site 20 - 30 minutes prior to the testing time. Late arrivals will not be admitted.

After the Test

If you take the test at NWC, your test results will be sent to NWC from the scoring center. Your scores are recorded here at NWC. You will receive an email verifying that your scores were received and also confirming whether you passed or not. If you take the test at another institution, you need to make sure that NWC receives a copy of your scores.

Retakes

....taken from the C-BASE website:

“If you do not receive a passing score in either the English section or the writing cluster, you will need to retake both the essay and the English multiple-choice portion of the test. The writing cluster, including the essay, is a sub-set of English, so your performance on both the essay and on multiple-choice questions will affect your scores for each.”

Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to an individual who presents documentation of a physical or mental disability. Test takers must request accommodations at the time of registration. Test takers will meet with the proctor to be approved for accommodations.

Email questions to: edoffice@nwcsiowa.edu