

Press Release

Pearson's NES (National Evaluation Series) Teacher Certification Tests Now Available at 1,000 Secure Test Centers Worldwide

Arizona and New Mexico Add NES Tests to State Teacher Licensure Testing Programs

HADLEY, Mass. – Oct. 29, 2012 – Momentum continues to build for Pearson's contemporary teacher certification testing program as additional states choose the [NES® \(National Evaluation Series™\)](#) as one measurement tool for credentialing knowledgeable teachers. Pearson's secure test center network, now featuring more than 1,000 test centers worldwide, offers wider geographic coverage and increased access and flexibility to potential educators.

The NES offers states a new choice in educator certification tests based on professionally reviewed and accepted academic standards. The NES tests are comprehensive exams covering areas ranging from essential academic skills in reading, writing, mathematics and technology literacy to emerging needs in elementary reading instruction and teaching English to speakers of other languages.

"As our national focus on preparing all students for success in college and careers continues to intensify, there is also increased attention being paid to preparing new teachers to face today's educational challenges," said William Gorth, Ph.D., president of the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson. "The NES and our custom teacher certification testing programs are designed to help states address today's critical need for knowledgeable teachers."

Candidates seeking certification in Arizona will now take the NES Assessment of Professional Knowledge tests. These tests assess the candidates' knowledge of essential areas such as student development and learning; assessment, instruction and the learning environment; and the professional environment in both elementary and secondary education.

All candidates seeking an elementary education license in New Mexico will now be required to take the NES Essential Components of Elementary Reading Instruction test. Grounded in Scientifically-Based Reading Research, this test assesses the candidates' knowledge of areas of reading instruction such as foundations of reading an alphabetic language; word analysis and fluency development; vocabulary and comprehension development; reading different types of text; and the literate environment and the classroom reading professional.

Candidates take the NES at Pearson test centers across the country and receive immediate results. To increase the candidate's access to the NES exams and continue to grow the number of qualified teaching candidates, the NES is now available through Pearson's entire U.S. academic testing network.

Teacher licensure candidates have access to a full complement of NES preparation resources and tools, available for all NES test fields, including:

- **NES Practice:** full-length, online practice tests designed to simulate the experience of taking a NES test.
- **NES Profile:** free, online study guides that include the essential information a candidate needs about a NES test, such as the format and content covered, as well as sample test questions.

- **NES Prep:** interactive, online study guides that feature a diagnostic test, review exercises, a review of test competencies and, for 13 fields, instructional content for additional study.

For more information about the NES, visit www.NEStest.com. For more information about the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, go to <http://www.teacher.pearsonassessments.com>.

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