

## Indiana University Bloomington School of Education

### Proposal to Eliminate Basic Skills (CASA) Exam Requirement for Educator Preparation Programs (Undergraduate and Graduate)

The basic skills standardized test will no longer be required for admissions to the undergraduate and graduate initial teacher education programs, effective immediately.

#### Background

Given that in April the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation eliminating the requirement that Educator Preparation Programs have a basic skills test (CASA) as an admissions criterion, the Committee on Teacher Education deliberated whether to retain some form of a basic skills admissions requirement. Issues discussed included:

- The impact on the requirement on potential candidates, particularly students from underrepresented populations;
- The lack of positive correlation between basic skills standardized testing and being a quality teacher;
- Consideration of an alternative standardized test of mathematics, writing and reading skills, specifically, the Education Testing Service (ETS) Praxis CORE; and
- The impact of the elimination of a basic skills standardized test on professional accreditation by CAEP.

After much discussion at two meetings, the Committee voted unanimously to eliminate any basic skills standardized test requirement for admissions to the undergraduate and graduate initial teacher education programs, effective immediately.

Approved by the Committee on Teacher Education, unanimously  
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