

PAPA Supports

It is critically important that you spend quality time preparing for the PAPA test before you take it. Check the PDE website for preparation materials (http://www.pa.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_PreparationMaterials.html). The *Study Guide* provides you sample questions and resources for all three modules and test objectives. The *Practice Test* offers you a full-length practice test, where you can find the same type and number of questions as can be found on an actual test, as well as any applicable reference materials (e.g., math formulas page) that will be available on the test. Also there are videos on general review of test preparation and test-taking strategies, which was designed to help you prepare for your PAPA and other teacher certification test by describing how to use the study resources on your testing program website. Also on the PDE website listed above you can find tutorial for *computer-based test (CBT)*. The *CBT Tutorial* previews the on-screen tutorial you will see before you begin your test such as information about how to navigate through a test, select your answers, and end the test. In addition, the PDE website contains information on *Pearson Professional Center* and *Score Report Evaluation*. The *Pearson Professional Center Tour* introduces the general information about Pearson test centers and helps you to become familiar with the test taking environment. Through the *Score Report Evaluation* you will learn the scoring of constructed responses for the PAPA, including performance characteristics and score scale.

There are also other resources that you may want to use before taking the PAPA test or when you don't pass the first time.

Math Skills:

- *Kahn Academy (Math)*

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

- *Practice Math at all grade levels*
<http://www.ixl.com/>

Course that prepare you for PAPA test

- *ESU Strive for Success*

East Stroudsburg University is offering one week, 1 credit, PAPA preparation course for each of the test areas at the new Bethlehem site. You can take a course in any or all of the three basic skill areas: Reading, Writing, and Math. For more information please contact the Office of Extended Learning at 570.422.2859.

- *Butler County Community College Online Course Work*

<http://www.passpraxis.com/>

The Butler County Community College online instructors are Pennsylvania certified teachers and experts in their content area. They will help you assess your skills and identify your strengths and weaknesses.

Pearson Tutorial materials

- *Pearson Materials*

My Foundations Lab for PAPA: www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com

(This 15 week customized version of MyFoundationsLab is aligned to the PAPA test. It includes SMARTHINKING on-line tutoring for math, reading, and writing. It is a preparatory or remediation tool for the PAPA test.)

Study skills and test taking skills

If you don't pass the first time, also evaluate your study and test taking skills and what didn't work for you. The link below provides you tips on how to become a successful college student by learning to studying smart.

- *College Atlas*

<http://www.collegeatlas.org/college-study-guides.html>

(Study skills you need to succeed in college.)