Minnesota Basic Skills Requirements for Tier 4 License

You must meet the Minnesota Basic Skills requirement, and teach in MN for 3 years before moving to a Tier 4 license from a Tier 3 license.

Basic Skills Testing Requirements and Options

1) **MN NES EAS (Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills)**
   
   **Cutoff score:** Reading ≥ 240, Writing ≥ 240, Mathematics ≥ 240
   
   - Register for MN NES EAS:
     
     http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Home.aspx
     
     
     Students take all three MN NES EAS: Reading, Writing, and Math

2) **ACT Plus Writing**
   
   **Cutoff score:** Composite Score ≥ 22 and Combined English/Writing ≥ 21
   
   - The ACT Plus Writing must be taken as a complete exam.
   - Those who have previously taken the standard version of the ACT must take the new ACT Plus Writing in its entirety, should they choose this option.
   - Register for the ACT Plus Writing: http://www.actstudent.org/regist/
   - To request scores be sent: http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/

3) **SAT**
   
   **Cutoff scores**
   
   - 1600 SAT (New) Reading + Writing ≥ 550, Mathematics ≥ 570
   - 2400 SAT (Old) Reading ≥ 510, Writing ≥ 510, Mathematics ≥ 520
   
   - Register for the SAT: http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-us-dates
   - To request SAT scores be sent: http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-old-sat-scores

4) **GRE**
   
   **Cutoff scores**
   
   - Taken prior to 8/1/2011
     
     Verbal Reasoning ≥ 450, Analytical Writing ≥ 3, Quantitative Reasoning ≥ 540
   - Taken after 8/1/2011
     
     Verbal Reasoning ≥ 150, Analytical Writing ≥ 3, Quantitative Reasoning ≥ 145
   
   - Register for the GRE: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register/
   - To request GRE scores be sent: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/send/

You will be required to submit your basic skills official scores to the PELSB at a later date. It will be your responsibility to obtain/retain a copy of your official scores, and present the score to the PELSB when applying for your tier 4 license.