Understanding your score

A score of 520 or above is a passing score on the ALST exam. The total test score is based on the number of selected-response questions answered correctly and the score(s) on the constructed-response questions on the test. The total test scores are converted to a common scale. These scaled scores range from 400 to 600, with a scaled score of 520 representing the minimum passing score. If your test status is reported as "Pass," your total scaled score is 520 or higher. If your test status is reported as "Did Not Pass," your total scaled score is below 520. For information regarding retesting and practice tests visit http://www.nystce.nesinc.com

Sample Score Report

| TEST: 202 Academic Literacy Skills Test | TOTAL SCORE: 492 |
| STATUS: DID NOT PASS | MINIMUM PASSING SCORE: 520 |

Selected-Response
0001: Reading +++

Constructed-Response
001: Writing to Sources ++

Results will be available 3-4 weeks after the test date. You may access your score report online beginning at 10:00 p.m. eastern time on the score report dates listed in "Test Dates" on the NYSTCE website. Score reports will be available for 45 days as PDF documents.

For More Information

Further information about the exam and its components can be found in the ALST frameworks located at: http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_testinfo.asp?t=202

You should also check on the LTRC website for test preparation workshops for this test. Check this link: www.ccny.cuny.edu/education/ltrc

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ALST: General Information

What is the ALST?
ALST stands for Academic Literacy & Skills Test and is one of the required tests for New York State Teacher certification.

Who takes the ALST
All prospective teachers seeking initial certification are required to take the ALST test.

Test Components
The exam is a 210 minute self-paced exam. It consists of the following components:

1. Reading
2. Writing to sources

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Additional information about the exam and its components can be found in the ALST framework. The ALST framework can be retrieved online from the NYSTCE website or picked up from the LTRC in NAC 3/226.

When to Take the Test
The ALST is the first certification test you should take. After you have passed this exam you should begin preparing for your CST.

How to Prepare for the Test

a) Review the test framework.
   Carefully review the test frameworks to understand what specific performance indicators are expected on this test.

b) Access online materials
   Access ALST review materials online at the LTRC website.

c) Take a practice test.
   Practice tests are available to help students prepare for the exam. They can be taken on the NYSTCE website for $29.95 each.

d) Attend a workshop.
   The education department holds workshops throughout each semester to help students prepare for the exam and get an idea of what to expect. Go to www.ccny.cuny.edu for more information.

Registering for the Test
Computer-based testing is available at more than 225 Pearson authorized test centers. Before registering, you may check real-time seat availability and review test center locations.

- Check seat availability at www.pearsonvue.com/es/sa/.

You should register as early as possible before your desired test date, as test centers schedule appointments on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited. If you need to change your registered date you can do so at least 24 hours prior to the test date.

To register for the test go to http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/ then click Register Now. Log-in with your username & password, if you do not have one, create an account. Next, click - Register to Test, then follow the instructions.

Note: You must pay for the exam and wait for the confirmation before selecting the date or place of the exam.

Test Fees
Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST) Cost = $131