VII. Waivers

Applicants may petition for waivers in: 1) Grade Point Average (GPA), and 2) Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST). All information regarding waivers must be on file with the ARC Office by the application deadline. Waivers are requested as part of the online application.

GPA Waiver

The minimum GPA requirement for ARC at the undergraduate level is a 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. If you do not meet the undergraduate GPA requirement but have successfully completed 24 semester hours or more of graduate study with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better, a waiver for the undergraduate GPA requirement is granted automatically. The graduate GPA must be verified with the submission of the official graduate transcript. Applicants who do not meet the GPA requirements either at the undergraduate or graduate levels must submit a request for a waiver of the GPA as part of their online application.

The waiver request must include a brief but detailed account of any limitations or extenuating circumstances, which interfered with the applicant’s academic performance at the undergraduate level. It also must describe any experience since obtaining a bachelor’s degree that demonstrates academic ability, content knowledge, and/or ability to meet the demands and challenges of the ARC Program.

Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) Waiver

This waiver is an alternative to taking and passing the essential skills test. The application for this waiver (ED192) may be accessed at: www.ct.gov/sde/certtests.

To verify your eligibility for the Praxis I waiver and initiate the waiver application, request an official score report from the appropriate agency and send the waiver application (ED 192) to the Connecticut State Department of Education (not to ARC).

- SAT score reports may be ordered from The College Board at http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/ or by calling 866/756-7346. Be certain to include the Connecticut State Department of Education’s program code #3132.
- ACT scores can be ordered at www.actstudent.org/scores. Be certain to include the Connecticut State Department of Education’s program code #0625.
- GRE score reports can be ordered at www.gre.org or by calling 888/473-7267. GRE scores cannot be sent directly to the Connecticut State Department of Education. You must request scores be sent to you, and then forward them in the sealed envelope to the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Minimum Scores for Waiver

- SAT Waiver: A combined verbal and mathematics score of 1,100 or more on the SAT from any test administration on or after April 1, 1995, with no less than a score of 450 on either the verbal or mathematics subtests OR a combined verbal and mathematics score of 1,000 or more on the SAT, with no less than a score of 400 on either the verbal or the mathematics subtests, from any test administration prior to March 31, 1995.
• **ACT Waiver**: No less than 22 on the English subtest and no less than 19 on the mathematics subtest on the American College Testing (ACT) program assessment from test administrations on or after October 1989, or the equivalent ACT scores of no less than 20 on the English and 17 on the mathematics, from test administrations prior to October 1989.

• **PAA Waiver**: A total score on the Prueba de Aptitud Academica (PAA) equivalent to a combined score of 1,000 on the SAT with neither the mathematics nor the verbal subtest score below the equivalent of 400 points. In addition, a minimum score of 510 on the English as a Second Language Achievement Test (ESLAT) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

A table to provide the SAT equivalency scores for PAA results is included with the waiver form on the Connecticut State Department of Education website (www.ct.gov/sde).

• **GRE Waiver**: A combined score of 1,000 or more on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) quantitative and verbal reasoning tests, with no less than a score of 500 in quantitative reasoning and 450 in verbal reasoning, if the GRE was taken prior to October 1, 2002.

If the GRE was taken after October 1, 2002, a combined score of 1,000 or more on the GRE quantitative and verbal reasoning tests, with no less than a score of 500 in quantitative reasoning and 450 in verbal reasoning, plus a minimum analytical writing score of 4.5.

On or after August 1, 2011, a combined score of 297 or more on the GRE quantitative and verbal reasoning tests, with no less than a score of 150 in verbal reasoning, and 144 in quantitative reasoning, plus a minimum analytical writing score of 4.5.

Note that ETS retains GRE test records only for five years. If you did not take the GRE within the past five years, you must submit an official college transcript that shows the GRE scores or an official copy of the GRE report you have in your possession. Send any evidence of your GRE scores to the Connecticut State Department of Education (not to ARC.)

Be certain to include on the form the Connecticut State Department of Education’s Program Code #3132, and send the waiver application to the Connecticut State Department of Education (not to ARC). If you are not qualified for the Praxis I waiver, see Section V for further information.