



# Frequently Asked Questions

University Testing Center  
**Computer-Based FTCE**

***Which FTCE tests are available on the computer?***

The English Language Skills, Reading, and Mathematics subtests of the **General Knowledge Test** are available on computer. **Essay is the only subtest not offered on the computer.** Other **Subject Area Examinations** available on computer are: Business Education 6-12, Educational Media Specialist PK-12, Exceptional Student Education K-12, Family and Consumer Science 6-12, Guidance and Counseling, Elementary Education K-6, Mathematics 6-12, Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum 5-9, Middle Grades Mathematics 5-9, Social Science 6-12 and Physical Education K-12. The **Professional Education Test** is also available.

***Will there be other FTCE exams offered on the computer?***

Please check the following website for updated information about the availability of these and other tests at [www.cefe.usf.edu](http://www.cefe.usf.edu).

***How many questions are in each FTCE test? What is the time limit?***

The time allowed for the FTCE computer-based tests is the same as that allowed for the paper and pencil tests. The chart below summarizes the total time allowed, in minutes, and the approximate number of items for each exam.

Examination Name	Total Time Allowed* (in minutes)	# of Items (approx.)
Business Education 6-12	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Educational Media Specialist PK-12	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Elementary Education K-6	135 min + 55 min + 125 min + 15 min	225
Exceptional Student Education K-12	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	118
Family and Consumer Science 6-12	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
General Knowledge English Language Skills	40 min + 15 min = 55 min	40
General Knowledge English Language Skills & Math	40 min + 100 min + 15 min = 155 min	85
General Knowledge English Language Skills & Reading	40 min + 40 min + 15 min = 95 min	80
General Knowledge English Language Skills, Reading & Math	40 min + 40 min + 100 min + 15 min = 195 min	125
General Knowledge Math	100 min + 15 min = 115 min	45
General Knowledge Reading	40 min + 15 min = 55 min	40
General Knowledge Reading & Math	40 min + 100 min + 15 min = 155 min	85
Guidance & Counseling	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Mathematics 6-12	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum 5-9	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Middle Grades Mathematics 5-9	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Physical Education K-12	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Professional Education	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120
Social Science 6-12	150 min + 15 min = 165 min	120

- Total Time allowed includes the time allowed for the actual test + a 15 minute tutorial and demographic questionnaire.

***How do I register to take the FTCE on computer?***

Registration is only available on-line and with payment by credit card or electronic check. To register, you must access the following website at [www.fl.nesinc.com](http://www.fl.nesinc.com).

***When is the FTCE offered on computer?***

The FTCE is offered on computer five (5) days a week (Monday through Friday). It is also offered one Saturday per month. The Computer-Based Test office is open 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Monday and Thursday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Friday, and 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM selected Saturdays for administering exams. There is no stand-by or walk-in testing available.

***Where is the FTCE offered on computer?***

Our office is located at the University of Central Florida in Howard Phillip's Hall, room 106.

***How much does the FTCE cost and can I reschedule my appointment?***

For information regarding the cost of exams and rescheduling policy check the following website at [www.fl.nesinc.com](http://www.fl.nesinc.com) for current information. The cost of examinations is subject to change.

***What must I bring on test day?***

FTCE candidates **must bring a government-issued form of identification for their primary form of ID**. There will be **no exceptions** to this rule. The primary ID must have a clear photo and signature, such as a driver's license, state-issued ID card, U.S. military ID (with visible signature), or passport. The second ID must have either a photo or a signature, such as a Social Security card or student ID. Both forms of ID must be valid, unexpired and printed in English.

***Can I bring calculators, dictionaries, or other test aids?***

You can **NOT** bring calculators (including calculator watches), reference books, rulers, compasses, etc. on the test day. A calculator, scratch paper, and pencils will be provided for those taking the General Knowledge Mathematics subtest, Middle Grades Mathematics 5-9, and Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum 5-9. Scratch paper and pencils will also be provided for those taking the Business Education 6 - 12 and Elementary Education K-6 Subject Area Exams.

***How soon will I get my pass / not pass status?***

The unofficial pass / not pass status will be provided at the end of each appointment. You will be mailed an original score report approximately two to three weeks after the date of testing.

***How often can I take the FTCE?***

A person may **NOT** re-take the same examinations sooner than the 31<sup>st</sup> day after a previous attempt of the same test. There will be a fee each time you take the test. Scores earned in a subsequent retake within thirty-one (31) days will be invalid.

***How can I study for the FTCE?***

Study guides are available to help candidates prepare for the FTCE tests. To purchase a test preparation guide you may download an order form at the website [http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL\\_testprep.asp](http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL_testprep.asp). The Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) at UCF, located in Howard Phillip's Hall, room 113, also has select FTCE study guides available for use on-site. SARC can be reached at (407) 823-5130. A General Knowledge Mathematics Workshop is held through out the year. For updated information regarding this workshop check the website at [www.sarc.sdes.ucf.edu](http://www.sarc.sdes.ucf.edu). Copies of FTCE study materials may also be found in many Florida university libraries and in a limited number of college bookstores.

***Who do I call if I have any additional questions?***

Call (407) 823-5109 or visit our web site at [www.testing.sdes.ucf.edu](http://www.testing.sdes.ucf.edu).

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