

TIPS FOR PASSING THE BASIC SKILLS TEST

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Begin by accessing the Illinois certification website.

<http://www.icts.nesinc.com/>

The schedule for paper-based testing dates appears here.

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/IL15_testdates.asp

The schedule for computer-based testing dates appears here.

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/IL15_testdates.asp?pagetype=CBT

Is computer-based testing right for you? (Note that there is an additional fee for computer based testing.)

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/IL_cbt4me.asp?shownav=no

Frequently asked questions about the Basic Skills Test.

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/IL15_whatsnew.asp#newbasicskills

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/IL15_faq.asp

http://www.isbe.state.il.us/certification/pdf/basic_skills_changes_2010.pdf

<http://www.teachrite.com/blog/index.php/illinois-basic-skills-test-changes/>

What will the Basic Skills Test cover?

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/PDFs/IL_fld300_FW.pdf

Begin preparing for the Basic Skills Test.

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/IL15_prepare.asp

http://www.ehow.com/list_7462764_strategies-illinois-basic-skills-test.html

<http://www.wiu.edu/users/mfjro1/wiu/stu/advising/prep-basic-skills.htm>

http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/basicskills/BasicSkillsTestPreparingRevised_02172011.pdf

<http://ebanzai.blogspot.com/2006/04/illinois-basic-skills-test-results-in.html>

The Basic Skills test consists of 125 multiple-choice questions in reading comprehension, language arts (grammar and writing), and mathematics; and a constructed-response writing assignment. Look over a study guide for the test.

http://www.icts.nesinc.com/PDFs/IL_field300_SG.pdf

<http://www.wiu.edu/CPEP/PDF/ICTS%20Preparing%20for%20a%20mc%20exam.pdf>

Take a Basic Skills Practice Test. This is a free diagnostic practice exam and is a helpful starting point to identify your strengths and weaknesses, as well as your preparation needs for the test.