

About Your Study Plan

This Study Plan comprises the full spectrum of materials and resources available to a candidate. We encourage you to use the recommended resources to target preparation to your needs and goals. There will be hyperlinks throughout this document. Please make sure that you visit the relevant pages to access all of the resources. Your commitment to great teaching begins here.

Preparing to Pass

American Board is committed to making sure you are the best possible teacher. We will provide you with study tips to get ready for the exam and the content and resources to review the material.

Think of the Snapshot below as an overview for what you need to know. For more detail in each topic, review the exam [standards](#). The ABCTE exams are based on this blueprint, so consider the syllabus for what you want to study.

The American Board Community:

Become a part of the American Board community by participating in our Facebook community!

You can discuss the program, ask questions, and learn what other candidates have done to succeed in their classrooms.

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Multiple Subject Exam Snapshot

Time Allowed	240 minutes	On-Screen Exhibits	None
Format	Multiple Choice	Passing Score	Proficient: 271/500 Distinguished: 325/500
# of Questions	150		
Exam Summary	Areas of Study		Percentage of Exam
	Reading and English Language Arts		32%
	History and Social Science		20%
	Mathematics		28%
	Science		20%

About This Exam

The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence believes that highly skilled teachers should possess a comprehensive body of knowledge that is research-based and promotes student achievement.

The Multiple Subject Exam is designed for prospective teachers of students in grades K-6. The topics assessed are Reading and English Language Arts, History and Social Science, Mathematics, and Science. Use of a calculator is not permitted.

How to Use American Board Practice Tests

If you have chosen to use our practice tests, you may have already used the quizzes to get a better idea of where your strengths and weaknesses are. There are two full-length exams that we suggest you use in testing mode as a mid-term and final to work on your timing and endurance. You can use them again in explore mode to identify distractors.

The Study Plan:

Your study plan includes direction on how to use ABCTE’s resources. We also include recommended resources to aid in your mastery. This plan was designed for a 9 month period (4 months for Professional Teaching Knowledge (PTK); 4 months for the subject matter; 2 weeks to take each test) in which most people are able to complete the program. Many have completed the program in a shorter amount of time.

Area of Study	Required Resources	Recommended Resources
Domains 1 and 2 (Standards 1.1.01-2.1.11) ☐ Alphabet Basics and Phonemic Awareness ☐ Phonics Instruction ☐ Fluency	Complete the following readings and watch the following videos in the Multiple Subject Area Refresher Course (PDF or Online version): Alphabetics & Fluency ☐ Alphabetics ☐ Phonics Instruction I ☐ Phonics Instruction II ☐ Fluency	Web Resources ☐ Read Right From the Start ☐ Improving the Reading Achievement of America’s Children ☐ Dynamics Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills ☐ Free Reading ☐ Science of Reading Books ☐ Direct Instruction Reading ☐ Phonics from A to Z ☐ Phonics They Use: Words for Reading and Writing

Your Notes:

Study Tip:

One effective way of using the practice quizzes is to look at the incorrect answer choice before looking at the correct explanation to see if you can understand why those options are wrong. If you can understand how a test maker uses distractors, you will be able to eliminate wrong answer choices faster on test day.

Area of Study	Required Resources	Recommended Resources
Domain 3 (Standards 3.1.01-3.3.14) ☐ Vocabulary Development ☐ Interpretation and Evaluation of Informational Texts ☐ Interpretation and Evaluation of Literacy Texts	Complete the following readings and watch the following videos in the Multiple Subject Area Refresher Course (PDF or Online version): Comprehension of Text ☐ Word Comprehension ☐ Comprehension Strategies ☐ Putting It Together ☐ Comprehension of Texts	Web Resources ☐ Reading Rockets ☐ Read Write Think ☐ Questioning That Deepens Comprehension Books ☐ Reading Instruction that Works ☐ Best Practices in Literacy Instruction ☐ Bringing Words to Life

Your Notes:

"I can give children the inspiration and encouragement to confront their own challenges, surpass negativity and persevere... Without this program, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to pursue teaching."

- Traci Brown, ABCTE Teacher, FL