

2025-2026 NSCAS Testing Windows *(updated 7/30/25)*

TEST	Training Dates Student/Test Mgmt Opens	TEST DATES	New/Exiting Student Cutoff
ELPA21 Alternate ELPA	Training modules available - 12/1/25	January 26 - March 13, 2026	Case by Case*
NSCAS General	Training Q&A - 2/12/26 Acacia Opens - 3/2/26 Test Tickets Available - 3/9/26	March 23 - May 1, 2026 <i>April 27 - May 1 for Make-Up Testing Only</i>	April 17, 2026
NSCAS Alternate	Training Q&A - 2/12/26 Acacia Opens - 3/2/26 Test Tickets Available - 3/9/26	March 23 - May 1, 2026 <i>April 27 - May 1 for Make-Up Testing Only</i>	April 17, 2026
ACT Initial Testing	Training Part One - 2/16/25 Training Part Two - 12/18/25 ACT Now opens - 11/17/25	Test Event 1 Paper/Pencil March 24, 2026 Online March 24-27, 2026; March 30-31, 2026; and April 1-3, 2026	April 10, 2026
ACT Initial Testing or Makeup Testing	Training Part One - 2/16/25 Training Part Two - 12/18/25 ACT Now opens - 11/17/25	Test Event 2 Paper/Pencil April 7, 2026 Online April 7-10, 2026 and April 13-17, 2026	April 10, 2026
ACT Makeup Testing Only	Training Part One - 2/16/25 Training Part Two - 12/18/25 ACT Now opens - 11/17/25	Test Event 3 Paper/Pencil April 21, 2026 Online April 21-24, 2026; April 27-30, 2026; and May 1, 2026	April 10, 2026
ACT with Accommodations Initial Testing	Training - 9/4/2025 ACT Now opens - 11/17/25	Test Event 1 Paper/Pencil and Online March 24-27, 2026; March 30-31, 2026; and April 1-3, 2026	April 10, 2026
ACT with Accommodations Initial Testing or Makeup Testing	Training - 9/4/2025 ACT Now opens - 11/17/25	Test Event 2 Paper/Pencil and Online April 7-10, 2026 and April 13-17, 2026	April 10, 2026
ACT with Accommodations Makeup Testing Only	Training - 9/4/2025 ACT Now opens - 11/17/25	Test Event 3 Paper/Pencil and Online April 21-24, 2026; April 27-30, 2026; and May 1, 2026	April 10, 2026

* Please reach out to the NDE's Title III/ELPA Office staff to help determine if a new or exiting student should participate in testing.