**Foundations of Reading**

In accordance with Ohio's new educator licensure requirements, beginning July 1, 2017, new educator licenses issued in several licensing areas shall require the applicant to attain a passing score on an examination of the principles of scientifically research-based reading instruction that is aligned with the reading competencies adopted by the State Board of Education of Ohio. Educator candidates in Ohio will successfully complete the Foundations of Reading test to satisfy this new requirement.

The State Board of Education of Ohio has approved the Foundations of Reading test as a requirement for the following licensing areas, effective July 1, 2017:

- Early childhood
- Middle childhood
- Gifted
- Mild/moderate educational needs
- Moderate/intensive educational needs
- Visually impaired
- Hearing impaired
- Early childhood intervention specialist

Registration for the Foundations of Reading test is anticipated to open in fall 2016.

The following preparation materials are available for the Foundations of Reading test: test framework, study guide, practice test, and practice test appendix.