

FE Exam General Information:

Purpose: The FE Exam is usually taken during the last year of your undergraduate education while class material is still fresh in your mind. The FE Exam is the first step towards getting your PE (Professional Engineering) License and classifies you as an EIT (Engineer-in-Training) once passed. A PE License most importantly gives you credibility in the work force. In order to legally accomplish projects for many clients and other organizations such as the government, it is necessary to be licensed. Numerous other benefits are acquired once you have received your PE License too (<http://ncees.org/audience-landing-pages/students/>).

How: Register for the FE Exam by going to NCEES (<https://account.ncees.org/login>) and setting up an account.

Note that if you plan on eventually becoming licensed in Florida you have to fill out an application and complete a study guide on ethics either before or after taking the FE Exam. If you choose to fill out the application before the exam, you will need to allow 1 month prior to getting approved...applying beforehand is the cheaper option. Please refer to the following link for more details:

<http://www.fbpe.org/licensure/application-process/fundamentals-examination-fe>

When: Examination periods occur anytime from October-November this semester. Other testing windows include January-February, April-May, and July-August. Once you register for the exam through NCEES you can choose the time that works best for you.

Where: Pearson Professional Centers
2815 NW 13 St.
Suite 101
Gainesville, Florida 32609

Other testing centers are located throughout main cities in Florida:

<http://ncees.org/exams/cbt/testing-center-locations/>

Format: The FE Exam is now a computer-based test. It covers general engineering topics and degree specific topics captured in 110 questions for a duration of 5 hours and 20 minutes with a 25 minute break in between.

What to bring: Please view the following link to view acceptable items to bring:

<http://ncees.org/exams/exam-day-policies/>

Acceptable calculators:

<http://ncees.org/exams/calculator-policy/>

Recommended calculator is a TI-36X that goes for about \$18.

Downloadable reference handbook used during exam:

<http://ncees.org/exams/study-materials/download-fe-supplied-reference-handbook/>

Preparation: Supplement the FE Reviews which cover general engineering topics with degree specific FE review manuals that can be purchased online. Additionally, you can do practice exams through the NCEES website.