

**PRAXIS Test Requirements Dr. Leonard G. Soroka  
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Praxis tests have been scheduled by ETS for the following test sessions: **9/17/11, 11/12/11, 1/14/12, 3/10/12, 4/28/12, 6/9/12, and 7/21/12.** Please see the Educational Testing Service (ETS) web site at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) to register on-line and confirm scheduling and availability at our two test centers 1) Newtown, Holy Family Univ., Newtown Campus, Code 17844 and 2) Philadelphia, Holy Family Univ., Code 09357. Contact ETS at 1-800-772-9476 for test availability at both of our campus test centers. All tests may not be available at Holy Family University. Please make sure to request that your final scores are sent to Holy Family University. The Recipient Code for Holy Family University is RA2297.

- **A one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$50 covers all paper-based tests taken in the same testing year. (Please note: the registration fee applies only to paper-based tests.) Standby testing is no longer available.**
- **Expected changes in Praxis II Test Requirements**  
**Praxis II requirements for new certificates in PK-4, Special Education PK-8, and all middle level 4-8 programs are expected to be available in April, 2012.**

**All tests must be completed prior to state certification.**

Summary of Praxis tests:

Test Name	Test Code	Recommended Completion Date	Qualifying Score	Length and Cost
PPST: Reading *Computerized Reading	0710 or 5710	All Education Students-End of 1st year or prior to formal acceptance into the School of Education	172	1 hr., \$40 *1 hr \$80
PPST: Writing *Computerized Writing	0720 or 5720	All Education Students- End of 1st year or prior to formal acceptance into the School of Education	173	1 hr., \$40 *1 hr \$80
PPST: Mathematics *Computerized Math	0730 or 5730	All Education Students- End of 1st year or prior to formal acceptance into the School of Education	173	1 hr., \$40 *1 hr \$80
Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge or <b>Computer version Beginning May 2012</b>	0511 or <b>5511</b>	All K-6 and K-12 cert. areas including: Elementary, Early Childhood, Special Education, Language Students (not 7-12)- End of 2nd year.	150	2 hrs., \$80 <b>2 hrs., \$110</b>

Certification Area	Test Code	Test Title	Qualifying Score-PA	Length and Cost
ART Education (K-12)	0133	Art Content Knowledge	161	2 hrs. \$80
Biology (7-12)	0235	Biology: Content Knowledge	147	2 hrs., \$80
Chemistry (7-12)	0245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	154	2 hrs., \$80
Early Childhood Education	0020	Early Childhood Education	530	2 hrs., \$80
Educational Leadership	0411	Ed. Leadership: Admin. & Supervision	143	2 hrs., \$80
Elementary Education or Computer version	0011 or 5011	Elementary Education: Curriculum Instruction, & Assessment	168	2 hrs., \$80 2 hrs., 110
English (7-12)	0041	English Language, Literature, & Composition: Content Knowledge	160	2 hrs., \$80
French (K-12) *Computer Test Only	5174	World Languages: French	162	2.5 hrs., \$140
Mathematics (7-12)	0061	Mathematics : Content Knowledge (graphing calculator required)	136	2 hrs., \$80
Middle Level (7-9) English Language Arts	0049	MS English Language Arts	163	2 hrs., \$90

Middle Level (7-9) Math	0069	MS Math (graphic, scientific, and four-function calculator allowed)	151	2 hrs., \$90
Middle Level (7-9) Science	0439	MS Science	144	2 hrs., \$90
Middle Level (7-9) Social Studies	0089	MS Social Studies	152	2 hrs., \$90
Reading Specialist (K-12)	<b>0300</b>	Reading Specialist	570	2 hrs., \$80
Social Studies	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157	2 hrs., \$80
Spanish (K-12) *Computer Test Only	5195	World Languages: Spanish	168	2.5 hrs., \$140
Special Education	0354	Core Knowledge and Applications	151	2 hrs., \$80
Principal Certification	0411	Ed. Leadership: Admin & Supervision	143	2 hours., \$80

**The Praxis Series Information and Registration Bulletin** is available online or for download at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis). This bulletin contains a wide variety of useful information for test takers including information for students with disabilities, how to register, types of assessments, fees, payment and refund policies, special registration options including Monday testing for religious reasons and special test accommodations, fee waiver requests, information and requests for students whose primary language is not English, and what to expect on the test day. It is recommended that you obtain and read this document thoroughly.

#### **\*Computerized Praxis PPST Tests**

Computer-delivered Praxis tests are offered by appointment. Please see [http://ets.org/praxis/register/computer/#testing\\_windows](http://ets.org/praxis/register/computer/#testing_windows) for more information. The testing sessions for the computer-delivered *Praxis* tests are longer than the actual durations of the tests themselves. In general, you should plan to be at the test center for an hour longer than your test duration to allow time for check-in, the collection of background information and tutorials. Please arrive at the test center 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment. One site is at the Prometric Testing Center at the Center City Office 601 Walnut Street Curtis Publishing Building Suite 150W, in center city Philadelphia.

\*Cost for one test is \$80, two tests \$120, 3 tests (taken separately but paid at one time) \$160, and for a combined test (3 tests taken at one time) is \$130.

A computer-delivered Praxis test cannot be retaken within the following 30 days. If you wish to retest, you must choose a test date that is more than 30 days after your previous test date. NOTE: If you take the combined PPST test, you cannot take an individual PPST test until after the 30 day period. This applies even if you cancelled your scores on a test taken previously. If you violate this restriction, the scores from your retest will not be reported and your test fees will not be refunded.

**Test Preparation Materials** The Educational Testing Service has materials available on-line at:

[www.ets.org/praxis/taag](http://www.ets.org/praxis/taag) (tests at a glance) or at [www.ets.org/praxis/testprep](http://www.ets.org/praxis/testprep) or

[www.ets.org/praxis/studytips](http://www.ets.org/praxis/studytips)

[www.ets.org/praxis/studyplan](http://www.ets.org/praxis/studyplan)

[www.ets.org/praxis/anxiety](http://www.ets.org/praxis/anxiety)

The School of Education also has available to students a program called PLATO in the Center for Academic Enhancement-Second floor of the NE Library, Room L2B (215-637-7700 x 3326) or in the Learning Resource Room at Newtown (x 4010). This allows you to take the three simulated Praxis PPST tests with or without a tutorial. Written test materials are also available from these locations or at the Northeast campus library.

### **Special Test Accommodations**

Students with disabilities or those requiring special accommodations such as Monday testing or accommodations for takers whose primary language is not English can find information at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities>. Forms will require approval by the ADA officer, Ms. Zoe Gingold, Campus Center 220, 267-341-3231.

**Students whose primary language is not English** may be eligible for additional testing time. Documentation of certification forms for these students can be verified and signed at Holy Family by Dr. Roger Gee in ETC 435, 267-341- 3575, [rgee@holyfamily.edu](mailto:rgee@holyfamily.edu)

### **Special Test Option for Spanish and French Certification**

Foreign Language French and Spanish candidates have the option of taking either the PRAXIS or the ACTFL test. The Foreign Language Latin test is only available through PRAXIS. Candidates for all other Foreign Language areas should take the ACTFL test, which includes a written (when available) and oral exam that is graded on a proficiency scale rather than a point scale. Both the written and oral exams must be taken when available. The minimum proficiency to qualify is Intermediate High - Code 120. Candidates may contact the ACTFL Language Testing office at [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org) or at 914-963-7110.

### **Pennsylvania Department of Education**

Special questions regarding Pennsylvania State Certification, transfer from other states, etc. can be addressed to the Pennsylvania Department of Education at 717-787-3356 (evaluator is available M-F, 8:30-4:30). Additional information and a program designed to help you determine what Praxis tests you require can be found at:

[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing\\_requirements/8638/testing\\_requirements\\_in\\_pennsylvania/506841](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing_requirements/8638/testing_requirements_in_pennsylvania/506841)

### **Praxis testing guidelines revised to extend score validity for In-state candidates to 10 years**

Effective on May 1, 2008, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has revised the Praxis score validity from five to *ten years* for candidates educated within the Commonwealth. This pertains to candidates for certification and is applicable to all educators who are currently applying for Pennsylvania Certification. The score must meet the qualifying score in effect on the date the application was received. All candidates whose teacher preparation program was completed outside Pennsylvania must successfully complete the same tests as candidates prepared in the Commonwealth. All tests must be successfully completed within *five years* of the date of application for certification, even when the interstate agreement is in effect.

### **PPST Praxis scoring (January 1, 2009)**

The following two methods of computing the PPST: **Reading, Writing, and Math** score requirements were effective January 1, 2009. You may choose either method.

I. The individual PPST requirements are:

- Reading- Test #10710 written; computerized #5710: score of 172 or better
- Writing- Test #20720 written; computerized #5720: score of 173 or better
- Math- Test #10730 written; computerized #5730: score of 173 or better

Current total required = 518

II. A second method of accomplishing the testing requirements is available by achieving a composite test score total of 521, *provided that the following individual minimum PPST scores are met:*

- Reading- Test #10710 written; computerized #5710: minimum score of 169
- Writing- Test #20720 written; computerized #5720: minimum score of 170
- Math- Test #10730 written; computerized #5730: minimum score of 170

Composite total required = 521

**Clarification of testing requirements for individuals holding a PA certificate, and adding Early Childhood or Elementary Education.** Educators who currently hold a PA instructional certificate are required to complete an approved preparation program and take and pass the content area test for early childhood or elementary if they wish to add the area to their certificate. The Department has established that the Fundamental Subjects Content Knowledge test (0511) is the content area test for Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education certifications, as defined for the USDOE for HQT reporting.

**Changes in Praxis II Qualifying Scores Related to GPA (3/7/11)**

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has approved a new policy regarding the qualifying scores for Praxis II content area tests. This policy does not apply to the Praxis I (PPST) tests. This policy is based on the overall GPA defined as the GPA earned at the completion of an initial teacher preparation program. It does not apply to Instructional add-on certificates. It only applies to candidates who have completed an initial preparation program and have an overall GPA at the completion of that program.

Additional information is available through the Pennsylvania Department of Education web site at

[http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing\\_requirements/8638](http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing_requirements/8638)

**Testing Requirements in Pennsylvania can be found at the PDE web site at:**

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=506841&mode=2>

**Holy Family University School of Education web page resources**

To access web a variety of links to comprehensive information for education students including applications, program brochures, Praxis help, background checks, certification requirements in PA and other states, job vacancies, field placement requirements, lesson plans, assistance for new teachers (GRAD HAT) and more see:

<http://www.holyfamily.edu/sedu/implinks.shtml>