



TEACHER TESTING (PRAXIS)

FALL 2009

What is the PRAXIS?

The PRAXIS Series: Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers, is a battery of tests that measure various academic achievements and proficiencies.

Who must take the tests?

Candidates seeking PA Level I certificate(s). Candidates seeking initial or additional certification in more than one Instructional I area must complete all appropriate Specialty Area tests.

How many tests must I take?

See the back of this page for information on scheduling the pertinent tests.

How do I register?

Registration information is available on-line at <http://www.ets.org/praxis>

Where can I take the tests?

PRAXIS tests are offered via pencil and paper at colleges and universities throughout the country, including more than 30 centers in Pennsylvania. (PSU = 01677) PPST tests are also offered via computer.

When are the tests given?

September 12, 2009, November 14, 2009, January 9, 2010, March 13, 2010, April 24, 2010, June 12, 2010 and July 24, 2010.

[PPST not offered at any centers in September or June, but available daily at Computer-Based Testing Centers].

(PRAXIS testing will not be administered at University Park on March 13, 2010, June 12, 2010 and July 24, 2010).

Who should receive my scores?

Test scores must be reported to PSU (recipient code **R2660**). Tests administered in PA are **automatically** reported to PDE. If completed outside of PA, scores must be reported to PDE (recipient code **R8033**)

How long do the tests take?

One or two hours per test.

Can I complete all tests on the same day?

A maximum of two sessions are offered on the same day. The first digit of the test code indicates the session during which each test is offered.

When should I schedule the tests?

Registration deadlines are published in the PRAXIS Series Registration Bulletin. Penn State students must meet qualifying scores for the **PPST Reading,* Mathematics* and Writing*** tests prior to participating in the formal "entrance" process to Instructional I teacher certification programs. The remaining tests typically are completed prior to student teaching.

What if I miss the registration deadline?

"Stand By" testing no longer available, but late registration (\$45) and emergency registration (\$75) is offered.

How much does it cost?

There is an annual registration fee of \$50 for pencil & paper tests. Each of the three components of the **PPST** is \$40. The **Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge**** test is \$80. **Most Specialty Area** tests are \$80. A separate registration process is required for each test date. Computerized PPST tests cost an additional fee.

Are the tests accepted by other states?

Some states have similar test requirements. The Registration Bulletin lists specific requirements.

What if I don't meet the passing scores for one or more of the tests?

Qualifying scores for PA effective September 1, 2008 are listed on the back. You may retake any of the tests.

For information on the PPST Alternate Scoring Method: www.ed.psu.edu/educ/current-students/undergraduate

How can I study for the tests?

The best preparation for any test is the knowledge and experience you have gained from your teacher preparation program. Study Guides and "Tests at a Glance," providing brief content outlines and sample questions, as well as diagnostic aids are available on-line at: www.ets.org

What if I passed a previously required test?

Previously completed tests will be accepted by PDE for a period of ten years from the test date administration.

Can teachers add a certification area simply by taking a PRAXIS test?

PDE will issue additional Instructional I certificates (except Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education, Safety/Drivers, Health & Physical Education and Reading Specialist) if the Qualifying Scores for the pertinent PRAXIS II subject tests are met.

* The **PPST Reading, Mathematics, and Writing** tests are required for entrance into **all** Penn State teacher certification programs. Candidates typically must meet qualifying scores for the tests by the end of their third semester.

** Includes World Languages, but not required for SECED: ENGL/COMM, MATH, SCIENCE or CITIZENSHIP/SOCIAL STUDIES.

WHAT TESTS ARE REQUIRED IN PENNSYLVANIA?

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CERTIFICATION AREA	TEST CODE	TEST TITLE	CURRENT PENNSYLVANIA QUALIFYING SCORE	FEES
ALL Instructional I Areas * and	10710	PPST - Reading <u>or</u> 5710 (computerized)	[1 hour test] 172	\$40
ALL Educational Specialist I Areas+	10730	PPST - Math <u>or</u> 5730 (computerized)	[1 hour test] 173	\$40
	20720	PPST - Writing <u>or</u> 5720 (computerized)	[1 hour test] 173	\$40
[Information on PPST Alternate Scoring Method: www.ed.psu.edu/edservices/testing/altPPST.asp]				
ALL K-6, K-12 and N-12 Areas**	20511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150	\$80
[Elementary School: Content Knowledge <u>not</u> required in PA]				
Instructional I Specialty Area Tests:				
Agriculture	10780	Agriculture (PA)	520	\$80
Art	10133	Art: Content Knowledge	161	\$80
Biology	20235	Biology: Content Knowledge	147	\$80
Chemistry	20245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	154	\$80
Communication	20800	Communication (PA)	530	\$80
Cooperative Education	10810	Cooperative Education (PA)	770	\$80
Early Childhood Education	10020	Early Childhood Education	530	\$80
Earth/Space	20571	Earth Science: Content Knowledge	157	\$80
Elementary Education	10011	Elem. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	168	\$80
English	10041	English Lang, Lit & Comp: Content Knowledge	160	\$80
Environmental Education	10830	Environmental Education (PA)	600	\$80
French	20173	French: Content Knowledge	170	\$80
General Science	10435	General Science: Content Knowledge	146	\$80
German	20181	German: Content Knowledge	165	\$80
Health and Physical Education	20856	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge	146	\$80
Latin	10600	Latin: Content Knowledge	610	\$80
Mathematics	10061	Mathematics: Content and Knowledge	136	\$80
Middle School English	10049	Middle School English Language Arts	163	\$80
Middle School Mathematics	20069	Middle School Mathematics	151	\$80
Middle School Science	10439	Middle School Science	144	\$80
Middle School Social Studies	20089	Middle School Social Studies	152	\$80
Music	10113	Music: Content Knowledge	158	\$80
Physics	10265	Physics: Content Knowledge	140	\$80
Reading Specialist	20300	Reading Specialist	570	\$80
Russian	ACTFL	Russian oral & written tests (www.actfl.org)	ImHi	\$199
Social Studies/Citizenship	10081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157	\$80
	10087	Citizenship Education: Content Knowledge	148	\$80
	10051	Social Sciences: Content Knowledge	TBA	\$80
Spanish	10191	Spanish: Content Knowledge	166	\$80
Special Education	20353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core CK [1 hour test]	136	\$65
Speech/Language Impaired	10880	Teaching Speech to Students with Language Impairments <u>or</u>	590	\$80
	20330	Speech Language Pathology	600	\$80
School Counselor I+	20420	School Guidance Counseling	590	\$80
School Psychologist I+	10401	School Psychology	560	\$80
Supervisor I	10410	Ed Leadership: Admin and Supervision	580	\$80
Vocational I	10710	PPST - Reading <u>or</u> 5710 (computerized)	[1 hour test] 172	\$40
Vocational I	20720	PPST - Writing <u>or</u> 5720 (computerized)	[1 hour test] 173	\$40
Vocational Instructional II	10730	PPST - Math <u>or</u> 5730 (computerized)	[1 hour test] 173	\$40
Vocational Instructional II	20524	Principles of Learning and Teaching or (PDE 430)	167	\$90
Principal/Vocational Director	10410	Ed Leadership: Admin and Supervision	580	\$80

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Includes SPLED and World Languages, but **not required at this time for the SECED: ENGLISH/COMMUNICATIONS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES or CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION.

+PPST (R/M/W) required if Educational Specialist certificate is first PA credential.

Instructional I candidates seeking initial or additional certification in more than one area must complete **ALL** appropriate specialty area tests.

TBA: To Be ANNOUNCED.

CANDIDATES MUST MEET ANY QUALIFYING SCORES IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THEIR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (PDE).

Qualifying scores of approved tests will be accepted by PDE for a period of ten years from the date of administration.

NOTE: Principles of Learning and Teaching tests no longer required for student teachers completing PDE 430 evaluation.