



# 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](http://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](http://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, 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	FEE
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: <a href="http://www.ed.psu.edu/edservices/testing/altPPST.asp">www.ed.psu.edu/edservices/testing/altPPST.asp</a> ]				
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]				
<b>Instructional I Specialty Area Tests:</b>				
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 ( <a href="http://www.actfl.org">www.actfl.org</a> )	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

The **first digit** of the "Test Code" indicates the session during which the test is offered. Most tests are two hours unless otherwise noted.

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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.