

2008-09 Reference to THE PRAXIS SERIES for Bloomsburg University Teacher Education Programs

NOTE: Bloomsburg University must be identified as score recipient code # 2646 when students register for PRAXIS tests.

The only change since last year is that scores expire after ten years.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY, AND DUAL

Administered and advised at both the bachelor's and master's levels

by the Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education within the College of Professional Studies

1. STUDENTS MUST TAKE THESE PRAXIS I TESTS before 48 credits, while in PTE major and/or before admission to teacher education program:

Qualifying Scores

- 10710 or Computerized 5710 Pre-Professional Skills Test: Reading **172** (Test effective 9/1/00)
 - 20720 or Computerized 5720 Pre-Professional Skills Test: Writing **173** (Test effective 9/1/00)
 - 10730 or Computerized 5730 Pre-Professional Skills Test: Mathematics **173** (Test effective 9/1/00)
- OR** beginning 9/15/05, a second method of accomplishing the PPST requirements is through achieving a composite/summary test score total of 521, provided that the following individual PPST I test scores are met:
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| Reading | Score of 171 minimum |
| Writing | Score of 170 minimum |
| Mathematics | Score of 171 minimum |
- Composite Total** required = **521**

Example: If a student scores 178 in PPST math, 172 in Reading, and 171 in Writing, this student would meet the Praxis I composite test requirement as the composite score of 521 was met and no individual score was under the required score minimum.

2. STUDENTS MUST TAKE PRAXIS II SUBJECT TESTS required for any K-6/K-12 grade levels:
 - **30511 Fundamental Subjects:** Content Knowledge (test effective 9/1/02) **150** (score effective since 9/1/03)
3. DURING THE STUDENT TEACHING COURSE, form PDE 430, Pennsylvania Statewide Evaluation Form for Student Professional Knowledge and Practice, will be completed twice by the BU Faculty Supervisor on each student teacher (effective 9/1/03). Two signed original PDE430 forms for each student teacher are due to Sharon Swank, Teacher Certification Coordinator, the Wednesday after Commencement.

EARLY CHILDHOOD N-3 CERTIFICATION

Leads to PA Certification #61-2840 Early Childhood N-3

4. STUDENTS MUST TAKE PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS/SPECIALTY AREA TEST:
 - **10020** Early Childhood Education (effective 11/1/90) **530**

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 CERTIFICATION

Leads to PA certification #61-2810 Elementary K-6

4. STUDENTS MUST TAKE PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS/SPECIALTY AREA TESTS:
 - **10011** Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment (effective 9/1/99) **168**

DUAL - EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Leads to PA certification #61-2840 Early Childhood N-3 **and** 61-2810 Elementary K-6

STUDENTS TAKE ALL 6 PRAXIS TESTS ABOVE THAT IS, INCLUDING BOTH SPECIALTY TESTS

NOTES:

Scores. The PA Department of Education recognizes scores for ten years from the date of the test administration. All candidates must meet the qualifying score for all applicable tests at the time their application for certification is received by PDE. If PA certification is not obtained within ten years after the test administration, the Praxis scores expire.

Student teaching completed before 9/1/2003: Those who finished student teaching before 9/1/2003 must take either Praxis 30522 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) K-6 (QS 167) OR Praxis 30524 PLT 7-12 (QS 167). The alternative to the PLT Praxis is to repeat the student teaching semester, because faculty now incorporate the PDE 430 evaluation throughout student teaching.

PDE reference: www.teaching.state.pa.us, PA Certification, Types of Certificates AND Testing Requirements, Tests for PA.
BU's PA certification application: www.departments.bloomu.edu/cps, Teacher Certification, "Obtain the Form."