

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
PRAXIS FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the Praxis exams?

What is the difference between Praxis I (PPST) & Praxis II?

What material do the tests cover?

How do I sign up to take a Praxis exam?

The Praxis exams are professional teacher education tests that are required for teachers in Pennsylvania and by many other states. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all students to take both Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test) and one or more Praxis II exams. Praxis I is a three-part set of exams over the following areas: PPST Reading, PPST Writing, and PPST Math. These exams assess the basic skills in these three areas that are required for education majors; they do not include educational course material.

For more detailed information on Praxis I (PPST), II, and III, go to the following website: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/index.html>

ETS strongly recommends on-line registration unless you are applying for a fee waiver.

2. Can I register on-line for Praxis exams?

Can I register on-line for paper or computer versions?

ETS is strongly recommends on-line registration. For a complete step-by-step instruction guide to online registration, please see question #21. To register on-line, please visit the following website:

<https://test-registration.ets.org/cbsr/cbsrServlet>.

To register for a computer-based test, you must contact the computer-based testing center directly. Go to the following website to find a complete list of the computer-based testing centers and their contact information or see Question #10 for an abridged list of the closest testing centers:

<http://www.ets.org>

3. What tests do I need to take?

PRAXIS I- All Education Majors

- 0710 PPST: Reading
- 0720 PPST: Writing
- 0730 PPST: Mathematics

OR

- 5710 PPST: Computerized Reading
- 5720 PPST: Computerized Writing
- 5730 PPST: Computerized Mathematics

*It is recommended that you take all 3 PPST exams on the same test day.

Two PPST exams can be taken in the same session.

PRAXIS II- DEPENDENT UPON YOUR AREA OF STUDY

- Art Education (K-12)
 - 0133 Art: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Chemistry Education (7-12)
 - 0245 Chemistry Content Knowledge
- Early Childhood Education (N-3)
 - 0020 Early Childhood Education
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge

*The Early Childhood certification program at MU is an add-on program, therefore, you must also take the Praxis II exams required for your primary certification program (Example: Elementary Education).
- Earth and Space Science Education (7-12)
 - 0571 Earth Science: Content Knowledge
- Elementary Education (K-6)
 - 0011 Elem Educ: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- English Education (7-12)
 - 0041 Engl Lang, Literature, Composition: Content Knowledge
- French Education (K-12)
 - 0173 French: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- General Science (7-12)
 - 0435 General Science: Content Knowledge

*The General Science certification program at MU is an add-on program, therefore, you must also take the Praxis II exams required for your primary certification program (Example: Earth and Space Science Education).
- German Education (K-12)
 - 0181 German: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- History (Social Studies) Education (7-12)
 - 0081 Social Studies Content Knowledge
- Library Science (K-12)
 - 0310 Library Media Specialist
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Mathematics Education (7-12)
 - 0061 Mathematics: Content Knowledge
- Music Education (K-12)
 - 0113 Music: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Physics Education (7-12)
 - 0265 Physics: Content Knowledge
- Reading Specialist (K-12)
 - 0300 Reading Specialist
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge

- Spanish Education (K-12)
 - 0191 Spanish: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Special Education (N-12)
 - 0353 Edu of Exceptional Students: Core Content Know
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Supervisor I
 - 0410 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision

****Dual majors must take the Praxis exams required for both certification programs (Example: Special Education and Elementary Education).**

Additional information regarding what tests you are required to take for the different licensure areas is available on the following website. This site is maintained by Ms. Lori Cass, Certification Officer— please see it for information about required exams, cut scores, etc.:

<http://www.mnsfld.edu/~teacher/exam1.html>

(go to hypertext link on bottom right)

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxpa.html>

4. Can I take more than one test in the same testing session?

Students can take two PPST (Praxis I) exams during the same session.

In fact, if you are taking all three exams on the same testing date, two of the exams will be scheduled for the same session.

*Please note that Praxis I and Praxis II tests are one, two, or three hours in length. You may take any combination of tests that fits the schedule shown below. Tests of different types (for example, multiple-choice and constructed-response) cannot be taken during the same session.

| | | |
|--|----|-------------------------|
| Test Schedule | | |
| Session 1 | | |
| One 2-hour test Or One 4-hour test | or | One or Two 1-hour tests |
| Session 2 | | |
| One 2-hour test Or One 3-hour test | or | One or Two 1 hour tests |
| Session 3 | | |
| One 2-hour test | or | One or two 1-hour tests |

Each test is offered during only one of the three sessions. If you are registering for more than one test, be sure the test times do not conflict. If you need to take two tests that are scheduled for the same session, you must take the tests on different dates and use a separate registration form to register for each one. Under no circumstances will your test be scored if you take a test in a session during which it is not offered.

5. What tests do I need for Gate One?

You need to earn passing scores on the Praxis I (PPST Reading, PPST Writing, and PPST Math) as part of your Gate One requirements or meet the Composite Score requirement (see below). It is recommended that you take this exam early in your academic career. See the Education & Special Education website for further information on your particular program:

<http://edspeced.mansfield.edu/>

6. What scores do I need for Praxis I exams?

Method 1:

You must take all three exams and earn a minimum score in each exam.

The current minimum score requirements are as follows:

Mathematics #730, (173)

Reading #710, (172)

Writing #720, (173)

Current total required = 518

OR

Method 2:

You must meet a minimum score in each exam, but at least one of your scores must be high enough to bring your total score to 521.

Mathematics - Score of 171 minimum

Reading – Score of 171 minimum

Writing – Score of 170

Composite total required = 521

In other words, you could have a minimum score of 171 in reading and 171 in math. However, you could earn a score of 190 in writing—that would bring your total score to 532, meeting the minimum total score of 521.

7. Where can I find more on-line information about Praxis exams?

Go to the following website for Educational Field Experiences & Teacher Education in Academic Departments and click on "Examinations"

<http://www.mnsfld.edu/~teacher/>

8. Where can I find out about Praxis requirements for other states?

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxstate.html>

For Pennsylvania requirements, see the following:

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxpa.html>

9. What are the cut-off scores for subject/licensure areas?

<http://www.mnsfld.edu/~teacher/exam1.html>

(go to hypertext link on bottom right)

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxpa.html>

<http://www.mnsfld.edu/~careserv/Testing.htm>

10. Can I take any Praxis Exams on the computer?

Yes, please see the website below for links to computer-testing information:

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxpa.html>

Please see question # 10 for a listing of computer-based testing centers nearest to Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

11. Where are the nearest computer-based testing centers located?

The testing centers that are closest to Mansfield University are listed below:

Pennsylvania:

- 95 Miles
Clarks Summit- 1736
Prometric Testing Center
1148 Northern Blvd
Abington Shopping Center
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
(570) 586-2254
 - Tests are offered daily Monday through Saturday by appointment

- 137 Miles
Harrisburg- 5429
Prometric Center
1800 Linglestown Road
Suite 309
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717) 232-5846
 - Tests are offered whenever seating is available

- 137 Miles
Harrisburg- 1718
Prometric Testing Center
1100 N. Mountain Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112
(717) 652-0143
 - Tests are offered when seating is available

- 162 Miles
York- 1733
Prometric Testing Center
2544 Eastern Blvd
Kingston Square
York, PA 17402
(717) 755-7471
 - Tests are offered whenever the center is open:
 - Monday thru Saturday- 8 am-5 pm
 - Closed Thursday

- 175 Miles
Allentown- 1710
Prometric Testing Center
2211 Mack Blvd
Allentown, PA 18103
(610) 791-5320
 - Tests are offered Monday thru Friday- 8 am-5 pm
 - Saturday- 8 am-12 pm

- 177 Miles
Lancaster- 1731
Prometric Testing Center
1864 Fruitville Pike
Kmart Shopping Center
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 392-2193
 - Tests are offered whenever seating is available

New York:

- 92 Miles
Binghamton- 0063
Prometric Testing Center
4104 Old Vestal Road
Binghamton, NY 13850
(607) 797-5720
 - Tests are available Monday thru Saturday- start time 9 am-1 pm
 - Closed Tuesday

- 127 Miles
Rochester- 7738
Rochester Institute of Technology
31 Lomb Memorial Drive
George Eastman Bldg #1
Suite 2210
Rochester, NY 14623
(585) 475-5309
 - Tests are available Tuesday thru Saturday

- 127 Miles
Rochester- 4218
Prometric Testing Center
3300 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618
(585) 385-4810
 - Tests are available Monday thru Saturday- 9 am-6 pm

- 134 Miles
East Syracuse- 4204
Prometric Testing Center
212 E. Manlius Street
East Syracuse, NY 13057
(315) 433-9038
 - Tests are available Monday thru Saturday- 9 am-5 pm

- 155 Miles
Buffalo- 7579
University of Buffalo (North Campus)
Sweethome Road & Maple Road
259 Capen Hall
Career Services/Testing
Buffalo, NY 14260
(716) 645-2232
 - Testings take place twice a day Tuesday thru Saturday-
8 am and 12 pm

12. If I register on-line, will ETS send me an admission ticket?

No. Candidates who register online will no longer be mailed paper tickets. You should print your ticket at the end of the registration process. If you register by mail or re-register by phone, you should receive your admission ticket at least one week prior to the test.

13. Where can I find the Praxis Bulletin on-line?

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxpa.html>

14. When are the Praxis exams offered?

March 14, 2009 – registration due by February 12, 2009*

April 25, 2009 – registration due by March 26, 2009

June 13, 2009 – registration due by May 14, 2009**

July 25, 2009 – registration due by June 25, 2009

* The Praxis I exam will not be offered at Mansfield on this date

**This date is not offered at Mansfield University

<http://career.mansfield.edu/testing/>

15. Do I have to pay for the Praxis testing?

Yes, unless you qualify for a fee waiver based on your family's income.

ETS provides a limited number of fee waivers on a first-come/first-serve basis. For fee waiver consideration, you cannot register on-line but must send in your Registration form and fee waiver request (signed/stamped by the appropriate Mansfield University official). Please see the website below and click on "Fee Waivers."

<http://www.ets.org>

16. What kind of Praxis study support is available?

The Department of Education & Special Education offers Praxis prep sessions during each semester. Watch for fliers and posted announcements in Retan Center. Some academic departments offer their own subject-area Praxis sessions as well.

Other study guides and materials are available at North Hall library and the campus bookstore. Several of the North Hall Resources have been placed on reserve under Dr. Lynne Hammann's name. You will be permitted to check out the resources for 1 week.

Free Resources from ets.org

The ets.org website offers several free preparation materials. The free materials are called "Tests at a Glance" and can be found by clicking on Free Test Prep. To access these, click on the hyperlink below.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the appropriate Session/Test Code to access that test's free preparation materials.

[Free Test Preparation- Praxis Tests at a Glance](#)

The ets website offers two free test preparation booklets that deal specifically with General Information and Study Tips, as well as Reducing Test Anxiety. These can be accessed by clicking on the appropriate hyperlink below.

[General Information and Study Tips](#)

[Reducing Test Anxiety](#)

Priced Resources from ets.org

The ets.org website also offers some priced test preparation materials. To access these, go to the ETS homepage, click on Praxis, and then click on Test Preparation. You will now want to click on Priced Test Prep. You may access this webpage by clicking on the hyperlink below. The priced test preparation materials include study guides and practice tests.

[Priced Test Preparation through ETS.ORG](#)

If you have taken and failed any Praxis exam, ets offers a feature called Diagnostic Preparation Program (DPP). The DPP feature provides detailed, customized feedback about your performance so that you may better understand your strengths and weaknesses and focus your test preparation efforts accordingly. The service may be ordered any time within four months after you take the test and includes a feedback report based on your personal test results. This report is designed to help you:

- Understand and interpret information about your performance on the test
- Use this information to identify specific challenge areas on the test
- Create a personalized study plan that targets areas needing reinforcement

The feedback report includes:

- Expanded personal test results
- Comments on any responses to essay and/or constructed-response questions from the reviewers who scored the test
- Feedback about your performance in the context of specific state passing score requirements

Prices for the Diagnostic Preparation Program range from \$65.00-\$165.00 per test. Please click on the hyperlink below to view test DPP prices and retrieve the appropriate order form.

[Diagnostic Preparation Program](#)

***NOTE:** The Diagnostic Feedback Report will not contain any information that reveals the content of the test you took.

17. How do my scores get on record at Mansfield University?

You MUST list Mansfield University as an institution to receive your scores to have them sent to our Certification Office.

If you have taken Praxis I before 9/15/05 and did not meet the minimum scores (#17 above, Method 1), check to see if your scores meet the Method 2 passing scores. If so, contact Ms. Lori Cass, Certification Officer.

18. How long are my scores on record with ETS?

Test scores remain effective as long as they have been achieved within 5 years of the date of the receipt of the application for the Instructional I.

19. What study and preparation materials are available for students who are taking the Praxis II Reading Specialist Exam (0300)?

Dr. Craig Cleland, Department of Education & Special Education, has constructed a set of preparation materials for the Praxis II Reading Specialist Exam. Please email him at the following address for further information about this preparation material:

ccleland@mansfield.edu

20. How do I register on-line for a Praxis exam? See instructions below:

PRAXIS Online Registration Instructions for Paper-Based Tests

Note: The following instructions are for paper-based test registration. If you wish to take any of the computer-based Praxis exams, please refer to the ETS website for registration instructions. ETS's website is <http://www.ets.org>

Step 1: Go to <http://www.ets.org>

Step 2: Under the **TESTS** heading, click on **PRAXIS**

Step 3: If you are registering for PRAXIS I, click on **Register for a Test** under the heading **The PRAXIS I Test**. If you are registering for PRAXIS II, click on **Register for a Test** under the heading **The PRAXIS II Test**.

Step 4: Scroll down the page until you reach the heading **PRAXIS Paper-Based Test Registration**. Click on **register online using a credit card**. This can be done Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time and Saturday 7:00 a.m. thru Sunday 8:00 p.m.

Step 5: If you have already setup an account on ets.org, log in now by entering your **User name** and **Password**. If you do not have an ets.org account, click on **Sign Up**. Follow the instructions given on the screen and insert the needed information into the appropriate boxes. When entering your phone number and social security number, do not place hyphens between the digits. You will then be asked to create a **User name** and **Password**. Your User name must be 6 to 16 characters in length, it must be composed of any combination of letters and numbers, and it may not contain any spaces or special characters. For example: "_", "&", and "+" are not allowed. Your password must be a minimum of 8 characters in length and must also contain three of the following four character categories: Uppercase characters (A through Z); Lowercase characters (a through z); Numeric characters (0 through 9); and Special characters (for example, !, \$, #, %). Your password cannot contain your user name, first name, last name or commonly used words such as "password", "pass", "word", "red", "blue", "purple", "green", "yellow" or "orange".

Step 6: Once you have created an account, ets.org will direct you to your homepage, **My Home Page**. Under **My Account**, click on **Place new order**. Under **Select Product Type**, highlight **Praxis test** and click on **continue**.

Step 7: You will now be directed to **Policy Agreement**. Read the Policy Agreement carefully and click on **I Agree**. You must click on **I Agree** in order to continue.

Step 8: You are now directed to **Select Test Date**. Click on the circle of date that you wish to register for. Then click **continue**.

Step 9: You are now directed to **Select Paper-Based Tests: Part 1 of 2**. You are asked to either enter the **test code**, the **test name**, or **Licensure/Certification State/Association**. If you choose the **Licensure/Certification State Association** option, use **Pennsylvania Dept of Education**. Below is a list of test codes and names for Mansfield University's certification programs:

PRAXIS I

- 0710 PPST: Reading
- 0720 PPST: Writing
- 0730 PPST: Mathematics

PRAXIS II

- Art Education (K-12)
 - 0133 Art: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Chemistry Education (7-12)
 - 0245 Chemistry: Content Knowledge
- Early Childhood Education (N-3)
 - 0020 Early Childhood Education
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Earth and Space Science Education (7-12)
 - 0571 Earth Science: Content Knowledge
- Elementary Education (K-6)
 - 0011 Elem Educ: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- English Education (7-12)
 - 0041 Engl Lang, Literature, Composition: Content Knowledge
- French Education (K-12)
 - 0173 French: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- General Science (7-12)
 - 0435 General Science: Content Knowledge
- German Education (K-12)
 - 0181 German: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- History (Social Studies) Education (7-12)
 - 0081 Social Studies: Content Knowledge
- Library Science (K-12)
 - 0310 Library Media Specialist
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Mathematics Education (7-12)
 - 0061 Mathematics: Content Knowledge
- Music Education (K-12)
 - 0113 Music: Content Knowledge
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
- Physics Education (7-12)
 - 0265 Physics: Content Knowledge
- Reading Specialist (K-12)

- 0300 Reading Specialist
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
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 - 0191 Spanish: Content Knowledge
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 - 0353 Edu of Exceptional Students: Core Content Know
 - 0511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge
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Step 10: After you have entered with the **Test Code** or the **Test Name**, click on **Search**. Scroll down the page until you see the section entitled **Available Tests**. You should see the test code and name of the test you wish to take. If you do not, continue searching. If you do see the appropriate test, click on **Add**, located on the right side of the chart.

Step 11: After clicking **Add**, you will be directed to a page called **Select Paper-Based Tests: Part 2 of 2**. Here, you will see the test that you previously selected, if this is not the test that you need, click **Remove**, located on the right side of the table. If you need to register for more tests, click on **Select Another Test** and repeat Steps 9 and 10. If you do not need to register for more tests, click on **Continue**.

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| Test Schedule | | |
|-----------------|----|-------------------------|
| Session 1 | | |
| One 2-hour test | or | One or Two 1-hour tests |
| Or | | |
| One 4-hour test | | |
| Session 2 | | |
| One 2-hour test | or | One or Two 1 hour tests |
| Or | | |
| One 3-hour test | | |
| Session 3 | | |
| One 2-hour test | or | One or two 1-hour tests |

Each test is offered during only one of the three sessions (testing session, duration, and cost can be found in the table under Select Paper-Based Tests: Part 1 of 2). If you are registering for more than one test, be sure the test times do not conflict. If you need to take two tests that are scheduled for the same session, you must take the tests on different dates and use a separate registration form to register for each one. Under no circumstances will your test be scored if you take a test in a session during which it is not offered.

Step 11: After adding all of the tests that you require, you will be directed to a page called **Search Location**, if you wish to take the tests at Mansfield University, please select **United States, Pennsylvania, and Mansfield**. A box will appear with **Search Location Results** listed. **MANSFIELD UNIV PA- MANSFIELD, PA 16933** should appear in the box. Click on **MANSFIELD UNIV PA- MANSFIELD, PA 16933** once to highlight it, a click on **Select Test Center(s)**. Scroll down until you see a box titled, **List of Test Center(s) to Check for Availability**. If you click on **MANSFIELD UNIV PA**, a map will pop up to give you directions to the University. Click on **Check Availability**. This will bring you to a page titled, **Reserve Location**. There should be a table with **MANSFIELD UNIV PA** located on the left side. On the right side of the table is **Reserve**. Click once on **Reserve**, this will tentatively reserve a seat for you in the selected testing sessions. However, you are not guaranteed a seat at your chosen test center until you have completed the registration and payment process.

Step 12: After you have tentatively reserved a seat, you will be directed to a page titled, **Administration, Location and Code/Test Verification**. Make sure all of the information in the table is correct. If you need to make corrections, click on **Edit**. If all of the information is accurate, click on **Continue**.

Step 13: After clicking on **Continue**, you will be directed to a page called, **Select Attending Institution: Part 1 of 2**. Your Attending Institution is the college, university or institution where you received training that most closely relates to the test(s) you are taking. For most people using this guide, that institution will be Mansfield University. Scroll down the page until you reach the **Search By** table. You can either search for Mansfield University by **Name, Country, State/Province**, or **Attending Institution Code**. Mansfield University's **Attending Institution Code** is **2655**. After entering the pertinent information into the table, click on **Search**. Mansfield University should appear in the **Search Results** table. If not, try a different search. If it does appear in the table, click on **Select** on the right side of the table. You will then be directed to **Select Attending Institution: Part 2 of 2**. Make sure of the information in the **Attending Institution** table is correct. If all of the information is correct, click on **CONTINUE**.

Step 14: You are then directed to a page called **Select Score Recipients: Part 1 of 2**. You may send your scores to 3 recipients at no additional cost. You may send your scores to additional recipients for \$35.00 per report. A Score Recipient is an institution or organization that needs to receive a copy of your scores. Mansfield University is one of those institutions! Again, you can search for Mansfield University by entering the **Name, Country, State/Province**, or **Score Recipient Code**. Mansfield University's **Score Recipient Code** is **2655**. After entering the pertinent information into the table, click on **Search**. Mansfield University should appear in the **Search Results** table. If not, try a different search. If it does appear in the table, click on **Select** on the right side of the table. You will then be directed to **Select Score Recipients: Part 2 of 2**. Make sure that your scores are being sent to Mansfield University. If all of the information is accurate and **Mansfield University** appears in **Score Recipient** table, click **Continue**.

Step 15: You are now directed to **Select Certifying State/Agency: Part 1 of 2**. The Pennsylvania Department of Education must also receive a copy of your Praxis scores. You may search for the PDE by simply typing **Pennsylvania** into the name box or by using the PDE Score **Recipient Code- 8033**. After searching, click **Select**, on the right side of the table to add the PDE to your score recipients list. You are then directed to **Select Certifying State/Agency: Part 2 of 2**. If all of the information in the table is correct, remember, you must have your scores sent to the **Pennsylvania Department of Education**, click on **Continue**.

Step 16: You are now asked to complete a series of Demographic Questions. When you have completed these questions, click on **Continue**.

Step 17: After completing all of the Demographic Questions, you are given an **Order Summary**. Check to make sure that all of the information on your summary is correct. If there are any problems, simply click on **Edit** in the related field. If all of your information is accurate, click on **Complete Order**. You are then directed to a page titled, **Complete Order**. Click on **Checkout** at the bottom of the page to pay. You are then asked to enter your credit card information. When this has been completed, click on **Submit Payment**. You will need to print out a copy of your receipt; this will be needed on the test day.