

THE PRAXIS SERIES: TEACHER LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION TESTS

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

- *Education Majors:* All PRAXIS tests must be taken and passed **prior to student teaching**. If you will be certified in more than one content area, the content area test of your major must be passed prior to student teaching.
- “*Certification only*”, *second degree or Masters level initial certification students*: All tests must be passed **prior to formal admission** to any teacher certification program.

PPST

- As soon as the majority of general education courses are completed **(48-60 credits)**, take the PPST one-hour assessments in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.
- These are basic skills tests. Therefore, schedule the required six credits of college level mathematics courses, and college writing prior to taking the PPSTs.
- These tests **must be passed before taking 300** or above level education courses.
- **Exceptions:** “*Certification only*”, *second degree or Masters level initial certification students* must pass these assessments **prior to formal admission** to any teacher certification program.
- Composite scores are accepted. They currently stand as:

Math	171 minimum
Reading	171 minimum
Writing	170 minimum
Composite score required	521
- An option for individual PPST scores is allowed. They currently stand as:

Math	173
Reading	172
Writing	173
Total score required	518

PRAXIS 30511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge

- The following programs require their students to take the test **prior to methods or professional semester courses**: elementary, early childhood and K-12 certification programs (art, business education, environmental education, modern languages, and special education).
- The following students must pass this test **prior to formal admission** to any teacher certification program: “certification only”, second degree or Masters level initial certification students.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

- All PRAXIS tests **must be scheduled on-line**.
- See <http://www.ets.org/praxis> for test dates and for registration information
- The following information may save you some time when completing the form:

Test Center Name: Shippensburg University

Test Center Code: 01712

Attending Institution: Shippensburg University Code A2657

Designated Score Recipient(s): Shippensburg University R2657
PA Department of Education R8033

- ***If you register online, your score report will be available by web on the evening that score reports are being mailed.***

FEES

Registration Fee	\$50.00 (ONE TIME PER YEAR)
Late Registration Fee	\$45.00
Emergency Registration Fee	\$75.00
1-hour PPST	\$40.00 per test
2-hour Subject Areas	\$80.00 per test
Middle Level Tests	\$90.00 per test

MAJOR AND CERTIFICATION FIELDS

102 Art	119 Reading Specialist	401 Biology
104 Business Ed	121 Social Studies	403 Chemistry
106 English	201 Early Childhood Ed	405 Earth/Space
107 Environmental Ed	202 Elementary Ed	408 Gen Science
113 Mathematics Ed	305 French	411 Physics
118 Reading Ed	314 Spanish	704 Special Ed

TEST SESSION/TEST SELECTIONS

Session 1: 1-hour test

10710 PPST Reading

10730 PPST Math

Session 1: 2-hour test

10133 Art: Content Knowledge

10100 Business Ed (calculator allowed)

10020 Early Childhood Education

10011 Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

10041 English

10830 Environmental Education

10435 General Science: Content Knowledge

10061 Mathematics: Content Knowledge (graphing calculator required)

10049 Middle School English/Language Arts

10439 Middle School Science (calculator prohibited)

10265 Physics: Content Knowledge (calculator prohibited)

10081 Social Studies: Content Knowledge

10410 Educational Leadership: Administration & Supervision

10191 Spanish: Content Knowledge

Session 2: 1-hour test

20720 PPST Writing

20353 Special Education (N – 12) (Educational of Exceptional Students: Core)

Session 2: 2-hour test

20235 Biology: Content Knowledge (calculator prohibited)

20245 Chemistry: Content Knowledge (calculator prohibited)

20571 Earth & Space Science: Content Knowledge (calculator prohibited)

20173 French: Content Knowledge

20069 Middle School Mathematics (calculator allowed)

20089 Middle School Social Studies

20300 Reading Specialist

20420 School Guidance and Counseling (Elementary)

20420 School Guidance and Counseling (Secondary)

30511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Required for K-6 and K-12
Instructional Areas)

PPST OPTION

- To take PPST Reading/Math and Writing assessments via computer, call Harrisburg Sylvan Learning Center at 717-652-0143.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Learning differences documented by a school psychologist: Student must apply for additional testing time for the PRAXIS. This must be done through the University's Office of Social Equity. Once paperwork is completed, you send the required information to ETS.
- If English is your second language, you can apply for special testing accommodations. This testing site is in Philadelphia.

CURRENCY OF PRAXIS SCORES

- Scores remain valid for **ten (10) years in Pennsylvania**. After that time limit, tests must be retaken.

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY'S STANDING

- PRAXIS passage rates for SU students have averaged between 95% to 97% passage over the past three years.

QUESTIONS

- Contact Dr. Peggy Hockersmith at pehock@ship.edu.