

<p>Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) Information</p>
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Why do I have to take the Praxis I? When should I take the Praxis I?

The Praxis I is required by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for admission to teacher preparation programs. All Education students must have passing scores on all three tests **prior to applying** for program entry.

Elementary and Secondary Education students apply for program entry the semester before they take the course “Individual, School, and Society.” Special and Dual Education students apply for program entry during their Sophomore Practicum semester. **Remember: All Students must have passing scores on the Praxis I prior to applying for program entry. Please make sure that you have your scores sent to UW Oshkosh – score recipient code 1916. We must have an original on file for application to the College of Education and Human Services.**

It is recommended that the Praxis I be taken **no later than the second semester of your freshman year.** Failure to take this test in a timely manner will delay your eligibility to apply to the College of Education & Human Services (COEHS). When scheduling, allow enough time to receive official scores prior to the Program Entry Application Date (September 15 fall and February 15 for spring).

Which tests are required in Wisconsin?

Session	Test Code	Test Name	Passing Score
1	0710	PPST Reading	175
2	0720	PPST Writing	174
1	0730	PPST Math (calculators prohibited)	173

How do I schedule to take the Praxis I? How much does the Praxis I cost?

Testing is available through Testing Services, Polk Library, Room 3, (920) 424-1433. You may either register at Testing Services or online at www.ets.org/praxis for the computer-based test. You must register online at www.ets.org/praxis for the paper and pencil test.

OPTION #1--COMPUTER BASED VERSION

Reading	46 Questions	75 Minutes		
Math	46 Questions	75 Minutes		
Writing	44 Questions & 1 Essay	38 Minutes/ 30 Minutes		
Cost	One test: \$80	Two tests: \$120	Three tests: \$160	Combined test \$130 (all three exams taken the same day)
Test Dates	No set dates for tests. Student schedules testing sessions at Polk Library, Room 3, or at www.ets.org/praxis			
Test Results	Unofficial Math & Reading results immediately. Written results in approximately 2-3 weeks for all 3 tests.			

OPTION #2--PAPER AND PENCIL VERSION – limited offerings, Saturdays only

Reading	40 Questions	60 Minutes
Math	40 Questions	60 Minutes
Writing	38 Questions & 1 Essay	30 Minutes/ 30 Minutes
Cost	All 3 Tests = \$170 (\$50 registration fee + \$40/test fee)	
Test Dates	Visit www.ets.org/praxis for registration & specific test dates	
Test Results	Written results in approximately 6 weeks for all 3 tests.	

How do I study for the Praxis I?

There are several ways to study for the Praxis I, and it is highly recommended that you study for this important examination.

- Praxis I Study Guides—At Polk Library or any bookstore
- Sample questions online at www.ets.org/praxis
- Online course at www.testprepreview.com/praxis_practice.htm

FREE PRAXIS I WORKSHOPS, N/E 201

FALL 2009

Reading Test Workshop
• Sept. 22, 3:00-4:00
• Oct. 21, 4:10-5:10
• Nov. 9, 3:00-4:00

Writing Test Workshop
• Sept. 21, 4:10-5:10
• Oct. 20, 3:00-4:00
• Nov. 11, 3:00-4:00

Winter Interim Workshop
• Jan. 6, 1:00-3:00
Writing 1:00-2:00 Reading 2:00-3:00

SPRING 2010

Reading Test Workshop
• Feb. 10, 3:00-4:00
• March 10, 4:10-5:10
• April 6, 3:00-4:00

Writing Test Workshop
• Feb. 8, 4:10-5:10
• March 9, 3:00-4:00
• April 5, 3:00-4:00

Spring Interim Workshop
• May 18, 1:00-3:00
Reading 1:00-2:00 Writing 2:00-3:00

In addition, Praxis I practice tests and other self-help materials are available at the Reading Study Center throughout the year for student use as well as individual assistance. Call 424-1031 or stop by N/E 201 for an appointment or go to http://www.uwosh.edu/programs/readingstudycenter/ppst_praxis.php.

What if I cannot pass all 3 sections of the Praxis I?

You may qualify for the Exceptions Policy if you meet a certain list of specific requirements.

- **Exceptions Policy** – according to Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Chapter PI 34 Teacher Education Program Approval and Licenses, exceptions for Praxis I may be granted to **no more than 10%** of the total number of students admitted each semester. Documentation that students have met all requirements **must be presented to Jean Inda, Professional Education Program Director, N/E 115,** for official verification **prior to the COEHS Admission Application Deadline.**

Exception One:

To be considered, a student must meet **ALL** four requirements listed below:

1. Pass two parts of the test
2. Miss the third part by no more than three points
3. Take the part of the test not passed **at least two times**
4. Earn a 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average

OR

Exception Two:

To be considered, a student must meet **ALL** five requirements listed below:

1. Documentation of status as a student with a disability, an educational disadvantage, or primary language not English
2. Take all parts of the test not passed **at least two times**
3. Earn a 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average
4. Provide evidence of a good faith effort to prepare for the tests each time
5. Provide comparable evidence of competency in math, writing and/or reading through appropriate course grades, life experiences, or additional test results

ALL evidence must be presented to and **approved by** the Culture and Diversity Committee **prior to the Admission I Application Deadline.** Make an appointment to see Jean Inda in N/E 115 for details.

If Your Primary Language is not English (PLNE)

Nonstandard test accommodations (extended testing time) may be available for test takers whose primary language is not English. Go to the ETS website www.ets.org/praxis for forms and directions.

Test Takers with Disabilities

ETS is committed to serving test takers with disabilities by providing services and reasonable accommodations that are appropriate given the purpose of the test. Nonstandard testing accommodations are available for test takers with disabilities who meet ETS requirements. Go to www.ets.org/disability.

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