PRAXIS I FAQ

What tests will I have to take and why?

You will need to have successfully completed the PRAXIS I PPST exams to become certified in the State of Maine. The PRAXIS I PPST consists of three one-hour tests, Reading, Mathematics and Writing. Four-year education students must pass the PRAXIS I before being allowed to do their student teaching. This policy does not apply to post-baccalaureate education students. All students must pass these exams to become Maine State Certified.

How do I register for the tests?

For complete registration information visit http://www.ets.org/praxis/.

For the Praxis I, you may choose to take either the Pencil and Paper tests or the Computer Based tests. Pencil and Paper testing is available on specified dates on campus. Computer based testing is available by appointment on campus in the Prometric Test Center located in the basement of South Hall. Other Prometric centers are located in Halifax, NS and Bangor and South Portland ME.

To register for a pencil and paper exam visit the ETS web site at http://www.ets.org/praxis/ to set up an account and to register online for one of the PRAXIS I dates. You will need to create an User ID and Password. Be sure to write down your account information for later use. Also, please remember to print out your admission ticket following successful registration. You will need this to access your account, schedule additional exams, and to view your score reports.

To register for a computer based PRAXIS I exam call the PRAXIS CSCC at 1-800-853-6773 to schedule your appointment at a Prometric test center.

Here are some important codes you will need:
UMPI's test center number for pencil and paper testing on campus – 00453
UMPI's Prometric Test Center number - 3402
UMPI's score recipient code - 3008
Maine Department of Education's recipient code – 7368

The test day will be divided into two two-hour sessions. You will register to take Reading and Mathematics in session one; both are one-hour tests and will appear together in session one. Writing, also a one-hour test is given in the first hour of session two.

How much are the fees?

There is a \$50 registration fee that will only need to be paid once per testing calendar year, September through July. Each paper based PPST test will cost \$40. For computer tests the fee is \$80 for one test, \$120 for two, and \$160 for three, or \$130 combined if you take all tests in a single session.

Please visit the ETS web site for details concerning policies on cancelling or rescheduling your exam(s) and fees if any for doing so.

How do I select my tests when registering?

After you login to register for the paper tests you will be asked to select or search for the tests for which you want to register. It is easiest to click the search button and enter the code. You will see the test in the search results box at the bottom of the screen (you may have to scroll down to see this). If you are registering for the paper tests you will select these tests and codes: Reading (0710), Mathematics (0730) and Writing (0720). If you are registering for a computer test you will ask for these tests and codes: Reading (5710), Mathematics (5730) and Writing (5720). The last three digits are the appropriate test code.

Where will the on-campus test be administered?

Testing will be in the Campus Center, unless otherwise stated. For large administrations testing may be in more than one building. Signs and instructions will be posted. Please subscribe to the 'edustudents' mailing list to receive updates and/or visit the Education Majors Organization on Blackboard for updates and additional information.

Are accommodations available for testing?

Yes, ETS may grant accommodations for disabilities that have been diagnosed by a qualified provider. You must submit recent documentation to request an accommodation. Any accommodation for testing must be coordinated with ETS in advance. Please read the section on disabilities in the registration booklet available online for application procedures, deadlines, documentation requirements and the necessary forms.

What is the PLNE?

PLNE stands for Primary Language Not English. If you began your formal education in a language other than English you may be approved for an accommodation of 50% more time. Any accommodation for testing must be approved by ETS in advance when you register. Please read the section on PLNE in the registration booklet available online for application procedures, deadlines, documentation requirements and the necessary forms.

When do I come? Where do I go? What do I bring?

You should be at the Campus Center before 7:30am for check-in. It is important that you bring your admission ticket that was mailed to you or printed following online registration, and your ID. Acceptable ID for US citizens includes driver's license, current Passport, or military ID. If you are testing outside your county of citizenship you must have a Passport to be admitted.

If you registered online you may reprint your ticket when you log in. For additional help or instructions you may contact ETS at 800.772.9476. Also, be sure to bring extra pencils. Note that there is no drinking, eating, or cell phones allowed at testing. Do not bring these items, as there will be no storage available.

Is it possible to take the tests separately or on different dates?

You may take one or more tests on any given test date. You must take the test in the assigned session.

What are the passing marks?

The passing marks for both the Paper and Computer Praxis I tests are the same. You will find all the Maine State passing marks for the Praxis on ETS web site at this link: http://www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements/

What about my scores?

A copy of your scores will be sent to up to three other recipients you coded when you registered. Important: you must include UMPI as a score recipient in order for us to have a record of you having taken and completed the testing.

When will I receive my scores?

You must login into to your account to view your scores when released if you took a paper test. Scores will be released after about three weeks or later after testing. No paper score report will be mailed to you. Computer exams will receive a score report within about three weeks and you would have had the opportunity to view your Reading and Math scores after you completed the CBT test.

Where can I find study guides or other help?

Copies of the ETS Praxis Study Guides are available at the library. Free tutoring is also available for students for the Praxis I only. To request a tutor, go to the South Hall reception desk and complete the Praxis I tutoring request form.

Test at a Glance study guides are available for download at the ETS web site for each exam. Additional printed study guides may be ordered directly from the ETS website. For more information about the Praxis Series Tests Visit the Praxis Web site at www.ets.org/PRAXIS/.

For more information you can call ETS at 1.800.772.9476 or you may contact John Harrington at 207.768.9589 or by email at john.harrington@umpi.edu