

PRAXIS II FAQ

What is the PRAXIS II?

The PRAXIS II ASSESSMENTS measure your general and subject-specific knowledge in the subject you will teach.

The PRAXIS II: Subject Assessments include:

Subject Assessments: These assessments measure general and subject-specific teaching skills and knowledge. They include both multiple-choice and constructed-response test items.

Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Tests. These assessments measure your general pedagogical knowledge at four grade levels: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, and 7-12. These tests use a case study approach and feature constructed-response and multiple-choice items.

How does PRAXIS II differ from Praxis I?

PRAXIS I is an entry-level test of basic academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics while PRAXIS II is more advanced content in the subjects taught in K-12 education. Both assessments are required for certification in Maine.

Who MUST take the PRAXIS II?

Students who will complete any of the Teacher Education Programs at the University of Maine at Presque Isle will have to pass the PRAXIS II in their content area in order to become certified in Maine. All students MUST take the PRAXIS II before they go student teaching; not passing will not prevent a student from completing the student teaching placement. Students must PASS the exam before becoming certified.

Who MUST take the PLT test?

Students who are not enrolled in an approved education program will be required to take the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) test. If you will receive the BLS degree you will need to take the PLT. Students should consult with their advisor to determine whether they are required to take the PLT test.

Which test do I have to take for PRAXIS II?

Students in Elementary Education

- + General Elementary #0014
- + Special Education #0353

Secondary/k-12 majors

- + Art #0133
- + English/la #041
- + French TBA
- + Life Science (Biology) #0235
- + Physical Education #0091
- + Physical Science #0481
- + Secondary Math #0061
- + Social Studies #0081

Students receiving the BLS degree will need to take the PRAXIS II Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) assessments:

- + Elementary students #0522
- + Secondary students
- + K-12 #0522 or #0524

What are the passing scores for the PRAXIS II assessments?

Visit this link from the ETS web site to get passing marks for Maine: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements/>

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.

Where can I find out more information about PRAXIS II?

You can pick up a Praxis Information handout in South Hall or from the web site:

<http://www.umpi.edu/current-students/testing-services>.

Detailed information is available on the ETS website at: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/>

Where can I take the test?

You may take the exam right here on campus, or at another approved test center offering the tests. Please note that not all tests are given on every test date and not all testing centers administer all tests on any given date. You will have to check the ETS web site to confirm testing dates and tests for the center where you intend to test.

How do I register?

For complete registration information visit the ETS web site at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/>. Praxis II exams are paper tests only and must be taken at an approved testing center. All necessary tests are given on campus on the regularly scheduled test dates. To register visit the ETS web site to register online using a credit card. Online registration is preferred. You will need to create a 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. Paper score reports will not be mailed to you. As an alternative you may download a paper Registration Form from the ETS web site that may be mailed in with payment.

What information will I need to register?

You will need your User ID and Password to log onto the site. During registration you will pick your test center, your tests, and score recipients. It is important to enter UMPI and the Maine Department of Education as score recipients otherwise there will be no record of you having taken the test for certification.

Here are the important codes you will need:

UMPI's test center number to take the exam on campus - 00453

UMPI's score recipient code - 3008

Maine Department of Education recipient code – 7368

* Also Primary Language Not English (PLNE) dates. Please visit the ETS website for eligibility and application procedures.

Please note: Low volume tests are only offered on specified dates. Please visit the ETS website to confirm on which test dates specific tests will be given.

What is PLNE?

PLNE stands for Primary Language Not English. If you began your formal education in a language other than English, you must be approved for an accommodation of 50% more time. Any accommodation for testing must be coordinated with 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.

How much will the PRAXIS II cost?

The fee varies depending on which test you will take, but here are some guidelines:

\$50 registration fee that will only need to be paid once per calendar testing year, September through July

\$80 for most PRAXIS II content knowledge tests

\$90 for the PRAXIS II PLT tests

Where can I get help with PRAXIS II preparation?

Some study guides may be available at the library. Additionally, you may go to the ETS website to download the free PDF file *Tests at a Glance* study guides. You may also purchase full-length paper study guides from the ETS web site.

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 includes driver's license for US citizens, current Passport, and military ID. If you are testing outside your county of citizenship you must have your Passport to be admitted.

If you registered online you may reprint your ticket when you log in. You may also visit John Harrington the week before testing to confirm you are on the roster. If you appear on the roster you will be given the necessary information to test without the admission ticket. 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 them as there will be no storage available.

When will I receive my scores?

You will not receive a paper score report. You must visit the ETS web site when scores are released to view you scores online after you login into your account. Scores should be available three weeks or later after the test date.

Who can help me with questions?

The ETS web site at <http://www.ets.org> and the Testing Services web site at <http://www.umpi.edu/current-student/counseling-center> are the first places to check. Additionally, you can call ETS at 800.772.9476 or you may contact John Harrington at 207.768.9589 or by email at john.harrington@umpi.edu.