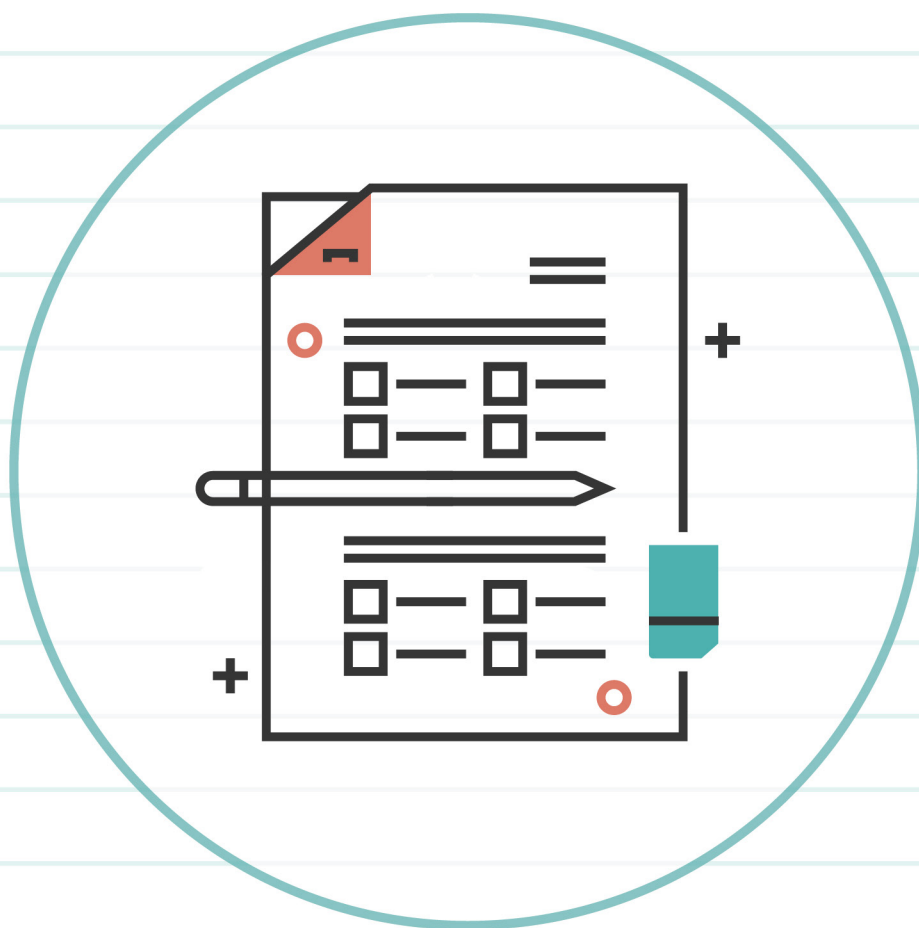


Supporting Aspiring Teachers: Praxis



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Passing Praxis examinations that gauge content and pedagogical knowledge is a requirement for enrollment in and completion of teacher preparation programs in Louisiana. If prospective educators face challenges in successfully passing these examinations, school systems can play a supportive role.

While there are many ways to support individuals who are preparing to take Praxis exams, creating a personalized Praxis study plan should be the starting point. A study plan helps to pinpoint the specific content that a test taker needs to spend more time reviewing or studying. In addition, test takers benefit from support implementing the study plan. A follow-up plan can clarify what resources the test taker might need, such as preparation books or even tutoring. In addition, it can help provide motivation for the test taker to stick to their study plan.

This guide contains sample study and follow-up plans and additional resources for school systems seeking to support prospective teachers in this area.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

For certification in Louisiana, all candidates must:

- Earn a baccalaureate degree.
- Complete a state-approved educator preparation program.
- Pass the Praxis® [tests for their certification area](#). Participants should discuss with their preparation provider the specific timelines required for Praxis passage, which vary based on the preparation pathway.
- Submit appropriate application forms and fees.

Specific testing requirements are listed in [Appendix A](#) of this document. Applicants can also visit [Teach Louisiana](#) for specific certification requirements. All teacher candidates applying for initial licensure are required to:

1. **Pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) tests** in reading, writing and mathematics or meet the requirements of one of the State Board-approved options listed below
2. **Pass Praxis content exams**, Principles of Learning and Teaching or specific pedagogy exam(s)

Candidates pursuing undergraduate or post baccalaureate programs for licensure must satisfy the same testing requirements.

INDIVIDUALIZED PRAXIS STUDY PLAN

Past educational and professional experiences, as well as previous testing attempts should serve as the starting point for the study plan. Below are guidelines for creating an individualized Praxis Study Plan.

1. **Determine which test(s)** need to be passed by using the [tests for their certification area](#) section on the ETS webpage.
2. **Identify the content** that is covered on the test by utilizing the test [study guide](#) that is available for free for every Praxis exam on the ETS website.
3. **Analyze results** to determine where support is needed. If the test taker has not yet taken this test, the first step should be to complete the sample test questions in the study guide. If the test taker has previously taken this test, review the [test score report](#) to look for specific content areas where they did not score well.
4. **Create a study plan.** The [study plan](#) should include the topics of study, a timeline for completing the study, and resources to support content development. A template that can be used to create your own study plan is provided at the end of this document.

PRAXIS FOLLOW UP PLAN

Many test takers benefit from a follow-up plan with built-in checkpoints and supports, including a primary point of contact. A follow up plan should include how and when the test taker and follow-up partner will communicate. A follow-up partner could be a district-based staff member, like a Talent Pipeline Lead, or a school-based staff member, like a Mentor Teacher. It might also be someone who has content specific knowledge who could provide direct tutoring in the test taker's content area. A sample follow up plan is included in this document.

RESOURCES

There are numerous resources available to support test takers in preparing for Praxis exams. Below is a list of some available resources. This list is not comprehensive, and this is not an endorsement of any of these resources. Resources that are free are marked with an *.

Online Support

- The Praxis® Program has identified videos and exercises available at www.khanacademy.org to support test preparation for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (5732) assessment. Each topic included in the test is mapped to a video or exercise that may help you prepare to answer questions related to that topic.* https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/khan_academy.pdf
- Interactive practice tests created by ETS test developers. With these you'll get hands-on experience with different question types that you might encounter on test day. In addition, you can view your results after you complete the practice test and get detailed explanations of correct answers to the practice questions. http://store.ets.org/store/ets/en_US/pd/ThemeID.12805600/productID.309972200
- Learning Express Library offers online tests and test prep resources. Most public libraries subscribe to this site, so you can access it at no charge with your library card.* <https://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LELIndex.html#/learningexpresslibrary/libraryhome>
- EZ PRAXIS Prep Tutors offers online tutoring, diagnostic assessments, sample tests, study guide planning http://praxistutoring.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAus_QBRDgARIsAIRGNGioYpgNBY-puz9Pwy_T_9I4fzaczkGYIwEQc_NQXdQ-wRndFc5PpjQaAnhYEALw_wcB
- Teachers Test prep offers free Praxis Study Guides, full-length Praxis Practice Tests with diagnostics. For a fee Teachers Test prep offers Prep Classes, One-on-One Tutoring, and on-demand Online Prep programs featuring instructional videos, virtual tutoring, and more. https://www.teacherstestprep.com/praxis-test-prep?gclid=Cj0KCQiAus_QBRDgARIsAIRGNGhVlhrDpBhAVllvdIjJLxqwN4Rjhgzczec25811OqEGHY4rmWS7OnkaArovEALw_wcB
- Exam Edge offers full-length practice exams. <https://www.examedge.com/praxis/>

In-Person Trainings

- LAE Teaching and Learning Center, PRAXIS PREP SESSIONS Day-long study sessions geared toward helping teachers learn about the key concepts and strategies needed to pass the Praxis.*Contact [Dr. Suzanne Harris](#) for more information.

Additional Resources

- Caddo Parish provides PRAXIS Preparation for PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II Content areas. Caddo Parish also provides independent study materials for check out for Caddo Parish Public Schools employees pursuing certification. Caddo Teachers that specialize in the areas of focus work one-on-one or with small study groups on scheduled days. We also provide flashcards for check-out and practice tests (either paper-based or online).

MY PRAXIS™ STUDY PLAN

Use this worksheet to:

1. **Define Content Areas:** List the most important content areas for your test as defined in the Test at a Glance (TAAG).
2. **Determine Strengths & Weaknesses:** Identify your strengths and weaknesses in each content area using the TAAG.
3. **Identify Resources:** Identify the books, courses, and other resources you plan to use for each content area.
4. **Study:** Create and commit to a schedule that provides for regular study periods.

Content Covered	Description of Content	How well do I know the content? (scale 1-5)	What resources do I have/ need for this content?	Where can I find the resources I need?	Dates I will study this content	Date Completed

This resource is pulled from the ETS website, https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/sample_study_plan.pdf. A sample of a completed study plan can be found [here](#).

PRAXIS FOLLOW UP PLAN

Test Taker's Name: _____

Follow-Up Partner: _____

Date Plan Created: _____

Topic	Format/Structure	Due Date	Notes
Creation of study plan	In person meeting	4.21.18	
Register for Praxis exam	Test taker sends registration confirmation to partner via email	4.30.18	
Study Plan check in	Test Taker sends partner email noting all study plan components completed	5.4.18	
Study Plan check in	Test Taker sends partner email noting all study plan components completed	5.18.18	
Resource Share	Follow up partner has in an person meeting with test taker to check in about additional resources needed for continued study	5.25.18	
Study Plan check in	Test Taker sends partner email noting all study plan components completed	6.1.18	
Study Plan check in	Test Taker sends partner email noting all study plan components completed	6.8.18	
Test Day	Follow up partner sends a good luck email or phone call	6.15.18	

APPENDIX A

Praxis Core

Test Name	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	5712	156
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	5722	162
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (On-screen four-function calculator provided.)	5732	150

If you wish to take all three computer-delivered Core Academic Skills for Educators tests (5712, 5722, 5732) at the same time, select Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test (5751) when registering. Scores will be reported by individual test (5712, 5722, 5732).

State Board Approved Options:

- An ACT composite score of 22 or a SAT combined verbal/critical reading and math score of 1030 may be used in lieu of Praxis 1 PPST Exams or Core Academic Skills for Educators in reading, writing and math by prospective teachers in Louisiana.
- Alternate-route candidates admitted to a Louisiana alternative teacher education program with an earned master's degree from a regionally accredited institution may be exempt from the Praxis I PPST Exams or Core Academic Skills for Educators admission requirement.

Praxis II Content and Pedagogy Exams

Certification Area	Name of Praxis Test	Content Exam Score	Pedagogy: Principles of Learning & Teaching
Birth to Kindergarten (General Education)	Early Childhood Education (5025) OR Education of Young Children (5024) OR Prekindergarten Education (5531)	156 160 155	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood 0621 or 5621 (Score 157)
Early Childhood Grades PK-3	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Language Arts (5002) • Mathematics (5003) • Social Studies (5004) • Science (5005) <p>*NOTE: Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) consists of four separately timed subtests. Candidates will not receive a composite score for 5001.</p>	157 157 155 159	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood 0621 or 5621 (Score 157)
Elementary Grades 1-5	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Language Arts (5002) • Mathematics (5003) • Social Studies (5004) • Science (5005) <p>*NOTE: Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) consists of four separately timed subtests. Candidates will not receive a composite score for 5001.</p>	157 157 155 159	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 0622 or 5622 (Score 160)
Grades 4-8 Mathematics	Middle School Mathematics (5169)	165	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 5-9 0623 or 5623 (Score 160)

Certification Area	Name of Praxis Test	Content Exam Score	Pedagogy: Principles of Learning & Teaching
Grades 4-8 Science	Middle School Science (5440)	150	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 5-9 0623 or 5623 (Score 160)
Grades 4-8 Social Studies	Middle School Social Studies (0089 or 5089)	149	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 5-9 0623 or 5623 (Score 160)
Grades 4-8 English/ Language Arts	Middle School English/Language Arts (5047)	164	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 5-9 0623 or 5623 (Score 160)
Grades 6-12 Agriculture	Agriculture (5701)	147	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Business	Business Education: Content Knowledge (0101 or 5101)	154	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 English	English Language Arts: Content & Analysis (5039)	168	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Family & Consumer Sciences	Family & Consumer Sciences (5122)	153	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Chinese	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665)	164	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 French	French: World Language (5174)	157	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 German	German: World Language (5183)	157	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Spanish	Spanish: World Language (5195)	157	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Mathematics	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) E	160	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Social Studies	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086 or 5086)	160	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Speech	Speech Communications (0221 or 5221)	146	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Technology	Technology Education (0051 or 5051)	159	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Biology	Biology: Content Knowledge (0235 or 5235)	150	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Chemistry	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (0245 or 5245)	151	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 General Science	General Science: Content Knowledge (0435 or 5435)	156	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades 6-12 Physics	Physics: Content Knowledge (0265 or 5265)	141	Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)

Certification Area	Name of Praxis Test	Content Exam Score	Pedagogy: Principles of Learning & Teaching
Grades K-12 Art	Art: Content Knowledge (0134 or 5134)	159	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 0622 or 5622 (Score 160) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: 5-9 0623 or 5623 (Score 160) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades K-12 Music	Music: Content Knowledge (0113 or 5113)	151	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 0622 or 5622 (Score 160) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: 5-9 0623 or 5623 (Score 160) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades K-12 Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education (5857)	160	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 0622 or 5622 (Score 160) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: 5-9 0623 or 5623 (Score 160) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: 7-12 0624 or 5624 (Score 157)
Grades K-12 Foreign Languages	Chinese: (Mandarin): World Language (5665) • French: World Language (5174) • German: World Language (5183) • Spanish: World Language (5195)	164 157 157 157	World Languages Pedagogy 0841 or 5841 (Score 158)
Early Interventionist Birth – 5yrs	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) • Reading Language Arts (5002) • Mathematics (5003) • Social Studies (5004) • Science (5005)	157 157 155 159	Special Education: Early Childhood 5691 (Score 159) and PLT: Early Childhood 0621/5621 (Score 157)
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Grades K-12	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) • Reading Language Arts (5002) • Mathematics (5003) • Social Studies (5004) • Science (5005)	157 157 155 159	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications 0354 or 5354 (Score 153) and Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing 0272/5272 (Score 160)
Mild to Moderate Disabilities Grades 1-5, 4-8 and 6-12	ALL Candidates must pass a content area exam appropriate to certification level 1-5, 4-8, 6-12 (e.g., Elementary, or core subject-specific exams for middle or secondary grades – ELA, math, science, social studies, etc.)		Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications 0543 or 5543 (Score 153) and PLT specific to grade level (K-6, or 5-9 or 7-12)
Significant Disabilities Grades 1-12	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) • Reading Language Arts (5002) • Mathematics (5003) • Social Studies (5004) • Science (5005)	157 157 155 159	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications 0545 or 5545 (Score 153)

Certification Area	Name of Praxis Test	Content Exam Score	Pedagogy: Principles of Learning & Teaching
Visual Impairments/ Blind Grades K-12	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Language Arts (5002) • Mathematics (5003) • Social Studies (5004) • Science (5005) 	157 157 155 159	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications 0354 or 5354 (Score 145) and Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments 0282/5282 (Score 163)

ALTERNATE CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES

Certification Areas	Name of Praxis Test	Area Test Score
Early Childhood PK-3, Elementary 1-5 & Special Education	(Reading Competency Assessment Option for Alternate Candidates) Teaching Reading 0204 or 5204	157