

To: Future Teachers, Leaders, Educator Preparation Faculty, Deans/Program Leaders
 Topic: Recent Changes and Important Information – Praxis II Assessments for 2013-2014
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Educational Testing Service (ETS) will continue to provide the Praxis II Content Assessments for 2013-2014. The Praxis II Series will conclude at the end of their testing year in July 2014. We will be transitioning and will begin using Content Assessments provided by the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson in September 2014. Our office will periodically provide updates throughout this transition including the availability of preparation materials for the new assessments.

Important Reminder Regarding Your Score Reports: Praxis II Score Reports will be emailed directly to you in a PDF file. Candidates should ***IMMEDIATELY*** download and save the score report. ***The reports are available for 1 year only.*** After that time, an additional fee will be charged per report. ETS maintains test records for a period of 10 years. It is important for each educator to take care of his/her test report(s) and other professional certification documentation! When registering for each test, please be sure to include your college/university code so that the institution receives a copy of your score report.

School Superintendent Assessment – Test Code #1020: Missouri will continue to use the paper-delivered School Superintendent Licensure #1020 for the 2013-2014 school year. ***We will not accept the computer-delivered test for certification.*** There are only two test administration dates. The first is set for Saturday, November 2 and the second is on Saturday, March 8, 2014. The SSA will be offered at 16 sites in November and 17 in March. Please check the Missouri School Leadership Series Page <http://www.ets.org/sls/states/mo> for further information regarding registration, locations, and test dates.

ETS Announces Expansion of Additional Computer-Based Tests for 2013-2014: ETS is expanding the number of tests that will be available throughout the 2013-2014 test year. Please note the following details.

ETS Praxis II Assessments Moving to a Computer-Based Format – Test Year 2013-2014				
Test Title	Test Format		Missouri Qualifying Score	Available Beginning When
	Computer Based	Paper Based		
Health Education	#5551	NA	153	September 2013
Speech Communication (For Speech/Theatre)	#5221	#0221	142	December 2013
Music: Content and Instruction	#5114	#114	162	February 2014 Computer Based Format Only
Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	#5272	#272	167	April 2014
Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	#5282	#0282	170	
Technology Education (For Industrial Technology)	#5051	#051	166	July 2014
Special Education: Pre-School/Early Childhood	#5691	#0691	166	

Computer Based Test Dates: There are several advantages to the computer based format for the Praxis II Assessments. Candidates can register on-line, search for a center by zip code or state, and view real time seat availability for the date and time of their choice. With the exception of the School Leaders Licensure Assessment and the World Language Tests, you may retake an individual computer based assessment every 31 days if necessary. By the end of the 2013-2014 school year, over 90% of teacher candidates will be able to take a computer-delivered test.

Prometric Test Centers & The Strategic Testing Network: To register for the computer-based Praxis II assessments, please go to: http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates/computer. A debit or credit card will be needed to pay the registration fees. There are multiple Prometric Test Centers and/or Strategic Testing Network sites in Missouri. It is also possible for candidates to take the computer-based Praxis II assessments at Prometric Centers and/or Strategic Testing Network sites in our neighboring states. Please be sure to register and take the assessment that is required by Missouri.

Preparation and Support Materials: The Tests At A Glance (TAAGs) are free and available for each Praxis II assessment. Please go and click on the underlined test title: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/mo/requirements>. You will be able to see the test specifications and specific content to be tested. There are other fee-based preparation materials developed by ETS. These will vary by individual test code and number. Please go to <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/>, type in the name of the test to be taken, and you will see the available materials. Materials may also be available in local bookstores and/or online. Our office does not recommend any specific preparation materials other than the Tests At A Glance.

The Big Question Always Remains – How is the best way to prepare for the Praxis II Assessments? Missouri has twelve community colleges and thirty-nine colleges and universities who are approved to offer educator preparation courses and/or programs. Approval means that each certification program is aligned with state and national standards both in content and professional education. Approval also means that the coursework and assessments are aligned to the CollegeBASE/MoGEA and Praxis II assessments for each certification area. Here are suggestions on the best way to prepare for the Praxis II assessment:

- Understand what it means to become a professional educator who makes a difference in the lives of students academically and socially;
- Attend class and actively participate in the activities/assignments with the mindset and understanding that you are working toward professional licensure;
- Complete your coursework and consider the ways in which you would differentiate instruction to meet the various instructional needs of your students;
- Organize your artifacts so that you can reference them in preparation for course level as well as entry and exit assessments;
- Participate to the fullest extent in all of your clinical experiences by observing, working along side of, and having professional conversations with your cooperating teacher(s) about your work;
- Earning your degree and/or educator certification means that you have been successful in three ways – all of your coursework, clinical experiences, and the required certification assessments.

A Special Thanks: Any change requires the cooperation and support of a variety of people. I would like to thank everyone at Educational Testing Service and most importantly our support staff who on a monthly basis handle approximately 9,000 emails and/or telephone calls inquiring about certification requirements and/or these assessments.

Questions & Comments: If you have any questions and/or need any additional information, please contact our office at 573-751-1668 or contact:

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