

# PRAXIS I Information for UAF School of Education Students

## What is Praxis I and Why is it Important for UAF Students?

Praxis I (also known as Pre-Professional Skills Tests/PPST or the Computer-Based Academic Skills Assessments/CBT) is a national exam with subtests in Reading, Math and Writing. It is designed by Educational Testing Services (ETS) for people who intend to enter the profession of teaching.

The Alaska State Legislature mandated that all people wishing to receive a license to teach in Alaska must receive passing scores on a basic skills exam in order to be licensed. The Alaska State Board of Education selected the Praxis I exam. After December 1, 1998, ALL people seeking to receive a teaching license in Alaska must have passing scores on each of the three Praxis I subtests in reading, writing and mathematics. Passing scores in Alaska are as follows: reading 175, writing 174, mathematics 173. Registration codes for: PPST Reading (10710), Writing (20720), Mathematics (10730), CBT (computer based) Reading (5710), Writing (5720), Math (5730).

Beginning January 1, 1999, ALL students applying for admission to UAF Teacher Education Programs (elementary and secondary) must take the Praxis I test, and they must receive passing scores before they can be accepted into our program.

\*All education students who have completed their basic English and mathematics courses are encouraged to register to take the test as soon as possible.

## Where and When Can I Take the Praxis I Test—and How Do I Register?

### 1. The Praxis I/PPST Paper and Pencil Exam:

- The Praxis I PPST exam will be offered at 19 different test sites in Alaska (see chart for more detailed information). Students residing outside the State of Alaska should contact the Education Testing Service (ETS) or their local university Testing Office for location and test times in their area.
- It is necessary to register approximately one month before the date of the test (see chart on back for test dates and application deadline information).
- On-line registration at the ETS/Praxis Website is available at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) (using a credit card for payment). You need to register for the three **one-hour** tests in reading, writing and math. You will receive confirmation as soon as you have completed the process.
- Registration forms are available from the Testing Services Office in the Gruening Building on the Fairbanks Campus (907-474-5277) and at all rural campus sites. Forms can NOT be faxed to ETS. (Additional information about Praxis I is available from the UAF Testing Services office.)
- You can register for only one test date on each registration form.

### 2. The Praxis I Computer-Based/CBT Exam:

- UAF Testing Services offers Praxis I by computer based testing, Monday through Friday. Students may set up an appointment by calling 474-2737, going to 207B Gruening or by calling ETS at 800-853-6773. You MUST call to register to take a computer-based test and you must pay at the time of registration. Walk-in registration is permitted only if space allows. Due to Testing Services hours, you may not be able to take all three tests in one day.
- The other option for taking the Praxis I test is to take it on a computer at the Sylvan Center in Anchorage. The phone number for the Anchorage Sylvan Technology Center is 907-561-2229. The ETS number is 800-853-6773, and you can call either number to register. You can take one, two, or all three of the tests (reading, math and writing) at one time.

## How Much Does it Cost to Take the Praxis I Test?

- The fee is \$130 for registering for the reading, math and writing tests (in a paper/pencil form).
- The fee for taking Praxis I as a computer-based exam (in Anchorage and Fairbanks) is \$85 (1 test), \$110 (2 tests), \$135 (3 tests) or \$120 if taking all 3 tests in one day. The results of your reading and math tests are available to you immediately. For a \$25 fee, you can call to request your writing score 15 working days after your test date.
- The fee for late registration is \$40.00.
- Fee Waiver – If you are receiving financial aid and are an enrolled undergraduate or graduate student and meet the income guidelines, you may be eligible for a fee waiver. (See chart on page 7 of the Praxis Registration booklet.) If you qualify, your \$40 registration fee and one test fee may be waived. You are ineligible if you have a master's or doctoral degree.

## How Can I Prepare for the Test?

- The School of Education offers an online practice Praxis I program. It is a simulated test which scores then provides a tutorial program based on your practice test. Contact the School of Education for an access account and information.
- A short overview of Praxis I with sample reading, writing and math questions is available in the "Test at a Glance" booklet on the ETS website. The School of Education's Office of Student Services also has a copy.
- Several commercial test preparation books can be ordered directly from on-line bookstores such as Amazon.com. Some are available in Fairbanks and Anchorage stores. It is a good idea to complete several practice questions to familiarize yourself with the testing format.

### **What Happens on the Day of the Test?**

- You must present a photo identification with your name, photograph and signature in order to take the test (e.g. photo driver's license, photo employment ID, current passport, military ID, photo student ID accompanied by an additional photo or signature ID). Photo credit cards are not acceptable. If you registered in your married name and your ID is in your maiden name, you must have your marriage license in addition to your photo ID.
- You will need to present your admission ticket, letter of authorization, mailgram, or telegram (On the day of the test you will be asked to verify that the test code and title on your test book match the information printed on your admission ticket.)
- You will need to bring several No. 2 pencils and an eraser and a blue or black pen for the essay section. You should also have a watch (watch alarms or cell phone clocks are not permitted). You are not allowed to use calculators for the Praxis I test. No food, gum, books, other personal items, or papers are allowed in the testing room. Dress so that you can adapt to the room temperature.
- It takes most people about one hour to complete each of the three sections of the test (i.e., the reading, writing and math sections), and there is a short break in the three hour time period.

### **How and When Will I Get the Results?**

- It can take up to six weeks for ETS to mail you your scores (unless you take the computer-based exam which allows you to receive your reading and math scores immediately).
- If you do not pass one or more of the tests, you can retake only the one(s) for which you did not receive a passing score. (Passing scores for Alaska are determined by the Alaska Board of Education.) You may take the Computer-Based Test (CBT) only once per calendar month, and no more than 6 times in a 12 month period. The paper-based test (PPST) can be taken each date that is listed on the calendar. If you take the CBT, you do not have to wait 60 days to take the paper-based test (PPST). If you have taken a Praxis Series test within the last five years, you can re-register by phone at 800-772-9476, but there is an additional \$30 re-registration fee for this service.
- When registering for the Praxis test, please request to have your official test scores sent to the UAF School of Education (code RA4866). If you are planning to teach in the State of Alaska, your official scores also need to be sent to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (code R 7027). After the initial official scores are sent, there is a \$35 fee per set to have additional copies sent.
- Students who have previously completed the Praxis I test (or Pre-Professional Skills Test) do not need to retake it if their scores meet the Alaska requirements.

***FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE REFER TO THE ETS REGISTRATION BULLETIN AVAILABLE EITHER ON-LINE, IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, OR 5<sup>TH</sup> AND/OR 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR GRUENING KIOSKS.***

## Test Schedule and Sites

Test Date:	Sept 11 2004	Nov 20 2004	Jan 8, 2005	Mar 5 2005	Apr 16 2005	June 11 2005
Deadline to enroll:	Aug 10	Oct 19	Dec 7	Feb 1	Mar 15	May 10
Anchorage, U of A	Blps	Blmps	Blmps	Blmps	Blps	Blmps
Barrow, Iiisagvik College		Bps	Bps	Bps	Bps	Bps
Bethel, UAF - Kuskokwim	Bps	Bps	Bps	Bps	Bps	Bps
Dillingham, U of A		Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps
Fairbanks, U of A	Blps	Blmps	Blmps	Blmps	Blps	Blmps
Galena, Interior-Aleutians Campus		Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps
Homer, Kenai Peninsula Coll - Kachemak	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps		
Hooper Bay H.S.	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	
Juneau, UAS	Alps	Almps	Almps	Almps	Alps	Almps
Ketchikan, UAS	Blps	Blmps	Blmps	Blmps	Blps	Blmps
Kivalina, McQueen School	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	
Kodiak, Kodiak College	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps
Kotzebue, UAF Chukchi Campus	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	
Mountain Village, Mt. Village School	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	
Naknek, Bristol Bay H.S.		Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	
Nome, U of A Northwest	Blps	Blps			Blps	
Petersburg, Petersburg Comm. Schools		Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	
Sitka, Sheldon Jackson College	Bps	Bps	Bps	Bps	Bps	
Soldotna, Kenai Peninsula College		Blps		Blps	Blps	
Unalakleet, Bering Strait School District	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps
Unalaska, UAF		Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	
Valdez, PWS Comm. Coll.		Blps		Blps	Blps	
Wales, Wales Kingikmiut School	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps
Wrangell, Wrangell School District		Blps	Blps	Blps	Blps	

**B** – Test Center will offer all or most of the Praxis tests which contain listening components

**L** – Test center will offer all Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) tests

**M** - Test center will offer Multiple Subjects Assessment for Teachers (MSAT) tests

**P** – Test center will offer Pre-Professional Skills test (PPST)

**S** – Test center will offer all or most specialty area subject assessment tests.