

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR THE TEST?

- Know the type of test you are going to take. (Multiple-Choice, Constructed Response, Essay, etc.)
- Be well rested!!
- Work through sample questions found online at www.ets.org/praxis
- Purchase Barron's *How to Prepare for Praxis* books from the MSM bookstore, or other bookstores.
- Public Libraries often have online resources for preparing for any number of assessment tests including Praxis.
- PLATO...an internet-delivered test formatted to simulate the pre-professional skills test (Praxis I.) See Kim McGlaughlin, Archbishop Borders Hall.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO THE TEST?

- If you take the PPST you need to bring photo ID, your admission ticket, and #2 pencils.
- If you take the computerized PPST you will only need your photo ID. Scrap paper and pencils are provided.

WHERE DO I SEND MY SCORES?

On the registration form you may list 3 institutions or agencies to receive your scores. You **must** include Mount St. Mary's (code: RA5421) AND the Maryland State Department of Education (code: R7403).

A code list for all additional agencies can be found on the Praxis Web site www.ets.org/praxis

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

- Allow plenty of time to get to the testing center.
- Read directions on each test completely.
- Pace yourself! Consider the time allotted for each test.
- You may write in your test booklet for the PPST and transfer your answers to the scantron afterward so not to miss a question by mistake.
- Proofread your essay and make corrections. Essay scores want to see you can do this!
- Dress in layers! You never know what the temperature will be in the testing center.



GATEWAY I ASSESSMENT OPTIONS

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You want to become a teacher. There is no more rewarding or important a career! As a future teacher of doctors, scientists, teachers and day laborers, it is important that you possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to teach and inspire all students to achieve their dreams. To that end, MSMU has established a Gateway Assessment System (GAS). The GAS includes certification regulations of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) since MSMU is a Maryland institution of higher learning. This brochure introduces you to Gateway I.

WHAT IS GATEWAY I?

Gateway I is admission to teacher education and is the first time that the department examines your knowledge, skills and dispositions. For undergraduate programs, this occurs prior to registration in 300-level education courses. MAT candidates are admitted up to nine credits beyond matriculation. The department uses multiple measures to aid us in our decision making. You will be asked to submit an admission portfolio that includes a statement of your philosophy of education; participate in a group admission interview; hold a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher; provide a self-assessment of dispositions aligned to the department's conceptual framework; and submit passing scores on standardized measures of basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. MAT candidates must also submit qualifying Maryland Praxis II scores for content knowledge.

WHAT ARE ACCEPTABLE MEASURES OF BASIC SKILLS?

- SAT taken after 2005, math and critical reading composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken between 4/95 and 2005, math and verbal composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken prior to 4/95, math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- ACT composite score of 24;
- GRE math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- Praxis I, composite score of 527.

Reading score of 177.

Writing score of 173.

Mathematics score of 177.

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A photocopy of your qualifying SAT/ACT/GRE official report should be given to Kim McGlaughlin in the School of Education and Human Services, as well as sent to MSDE; Division of Certification & Accreditation; 200 West Baltimore Street; Baltimore, MD 21201-2595.

WHICH PRAXIS I TESTS DO I TAKE?

Praxis I can be taken in either traditional form or by computer.

Traditional form All answers are multiple choice and are filled in on scantron sheets, with the exception of the writing test where you will need to provide a handwritten essay. Each test is 60 minutes in length.

Reading Test Code: PPST 10710

Writing Test Code: PPST 20720

Mathematics Test Code: PPST 10730

Computerized form All answers are multiple choice with the exception of the writing test where you will have 30 minutes to select a topic and type the essay.

Reading Test Code: CPPST 5710

Writing Test Code: CPPST 5720

Mathematics Test Code: PPST 5730

WHEN DO I NEED TO TAKE THE TESTS?

Undergraduates need to take the Praxis I tests as an entrance requirement, before enrolling in any 300 level courses

Graduate Students need to complete Praxis I and the Praxis II (content only) before they complete 9 graduate credits of coursework.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A TEST DATE?

For the written PPST you can register online or by mail. Although online registration is easier for most people, it is not required. To register for the CPPST (Computerized Pre-professional Skills Test) you can simply call the test center and schedule a date that is convenient.

WHERE DO I TAKE THE TESTS?

All testing centers in Maryland are listed on the Praxis Website (www.ets.org/praxis). A comprehensive list of convenient, computer-based testing centers is available. This list, which is updated continually, contains locations and contact information for Prometric Testing Centers (many Prometric Testing Centers are located inside Sylvan Learning Centers), some colleges and universities and ETS Field Offices.

WHAT IF I WANT TO TEACH IN A DIFFERENT STATE?

You will need to fulfill Maryland's requirements plus the requirements for any other state in which you hope to teach. Some states require additional tests. For example, Pennsylvania requires a Principle of Learning and Teaching test for your grade interest. Additional information can be found on the ETS Praxis website.