

# PRAXIS TESTS

## Teacher Testing Requirements for Pennsylvania

### Commonly asked questions:

- 1. What is the PRAXIS?**  
The PRAXIS Series: Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers, is a battery of tests that measure various academic achievements and proficiencies.
- 2. Who must take the tests?**  
Candidates seeking PA level 1 certificate(s). Candidates seeking initial or additional certification in more than one Instructional I area must complete all appropriate Specialty Area tests.
- 3. Which PRAXIS tests must I take?**  
See the chart at the bottom of the page.
- 4. How do I register?**  
Registration information is available on-line at [www.ets.org/praxis/register](http://www.ets.org/praxis/register)
- 5. Where can I take the tests?**  
PRAXIS tests are offered via pencil and paper at colleges and universities through-out the country, including more than 30 centers in Pennsylvania. PPST tests are also offered via computer.
- 6. When are the test given?**  
For 2007-2008, paper based tests are offered on the following dates:  
9/8/07, 11/17/07, 1/12/08, 3/15/08, 4/26/08, 6/14/08, & 7/26/08
- 7. Who should receive my scores?**  
Students pursuing Level I certification through Albright College must indicate as "Score Recipient", R2004 on the Registration form. In addition to Albright College, scores may be sent to two additional agencies. Scores for test administered in Pennsylvania are automatically reported to the PDE (R8033).
- 8. How long to the tests take?**  
One or two hours per test.
- 9. Can I complete all tests on the same day?**  
A maximum of three sessions are offered on the same day. The first digit of the test code indicates the session during which each test is offered.
- 10. When should I schedule the tests?**  
Registration deadlines are published in the PRAXIS series bulletin. Albright College students must meet qualifying scores for the PPST Reading, Mathematics, and Writing tests prior to participating in the formal "entrance" process to Instructional I teacher certification programs. The remaining tests typically are completed just prior to or during student teaching. Students should be meeting regularly with their education advisors for guidance regarding the appropriate times and deadlines for taking and passing their tests.

**11. What if I miss the registration deadline?**

“Stand-by” testing is no longer available however, emergency registration is available for test takers who need to register but have missed the regular and late registration deadlines. This service guarantees test takers will have a seat at the test center. Please see the PRAXIS website ([www.ets.org/praxis/register](http://www.ets.org/praxis/register)) for more details.

**12. How much do the PRAXIS tests cost?**

Please refer to [www.ets.org/praxis/register](http://www.ets.org/praxis/register) for current fees.

**13. Are the tests accepted by other states?**

Some states have similar test requirements. The Registration Bulletin lists specific information.

**14. What if I don't meet the passing scores for one or more of the tests?**

You may retake any of the tests. Qualifying scores for Pennsylvania effective September 2007 are listed on the chart at the bottom of the page.

**15. How can I study for the tests?**

The best preparation for any test is the knowledge and experience you have gained from your teacher preparation program. Study Guides and “Tests at a Glance”, providing brief content outlines and sample questions, as well as diagnostic aids are available on-line at: [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) The pass rates for Albright students are posted below the qualifying scores.

**Candidates must meet qualifying scores that are in effect at the time their application is received by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.**

### Required Praxis Tests

Area of Certification	Required Praxis Tests	Qualifying Score
Art, K-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511)	150
	Art Content (10133)	161
Biology, 7-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Biology: Content Knowledge (20235)	147
Chemistry, 7-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (20245)	154
Early Childhood: N-3	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511)	150
	Early Childhood Education (10020)	530
Elementary Education, K-6	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511)	150
	Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (10011)	168
English, 7-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	English Language, Literature & Composition: Content Knowledge (10041)	160
French, K-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511)	150
	French: Content Knowledge (20173)	170
Latin, K-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511)	150
	Latin: Content Knowledge (20173)	610
Mathematics, 7-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (10061)	136
Physics, 7-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Physics: Content Knowledge (10265)	140
Social Studies, 7-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (10081)	157
Spanish, K-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511)	150
	Spanish: Content Knowledge (10191)	166
Special Education, N-12	Reading (10710)	172
	Writing (20720)	173
	Mathematics (10730)	173
	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511)	150
	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (20353)	136

## Pass Rates on Pennsylvania Required Praxis Exams

The Education Department of Albright College is proud of its tradition of preparing quality educators with a rich foundation in liberal arts learning. Albright teacher candidates develop competencies, including but not limited to effective instructional planning and practice, knowledge of child development, use of practical teaching strategies, and skillful classroom management. A partnership with local schools provides numerous practical opportunities for future teachers to develop instructional skills in field experiences throughout the program of study.

The pass rate achieved by recent (2006-2007) Albright College Education Program Completers on PA Praxis assessments of basic skills, academic content areas, and professional knowledge reflects the competency of Albright students entering the teaching profession. Albright students are entering the classroom with the pedagogical knowledge and subject-matter competencies needed to guide young learners. Albright's teacher preparation program compares favorably with other Pennsylvania teacher education institutions. At Albright, small classes, rigorous requirements, and a caring faculty with extensive experience in public education combine to create a positive environment for teacher education.

### ALBRIGHT COLLEGE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

	1999-2000 Pass Ratio	2000-2001 Pass Ratio	2001-2002 Pass Ratio	2002-2003 Pass Ratio	2003-2004 Pass Ratio	2004-2005 Pass Ratio	2005-2006 Pass Ratio	1999-2006 Pass Ratio	1999-2000 Pass Rate	2000-2001 Pass Rate	2001-2002 Pass Rate	2002-2003 Pass Rate	2003-2004 Pass Rate	2004-2005 Pass Ratio	2005-2006 Pass Ratio	1999-2006 Pass Rate
Basic Skills	32:32	46:46	37:37	47:47	39:39	37:37	35:35	273:273	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Professional Knowledge	31:31	43:43	33:37	45:47				153:158	100%	100%	92%	96%				97%
Academic Content Areas	38:40	44:49	37:42	55:63	56:61	57:58	55:58	342:371	95%	89%	81%	86%	92%	98%	95%	92%
Teaching Special Populations	3:4	9:9	3:3	9:9	8:8	11:11	8:8	51:52	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%

#### PRAXIS PASS-RATE DATA