

PRAXIS II EXAM INFORMATION: AUGUST 2011

All MSU Billings undergraduate, graduate and post-baccalaureate candidates must take Praxis II subject (content) exam **if:**

- you are an elementary major (exam # 0014 paper delivered or #5014 computer delivered)
- you are an elementary major with an endorsable, secondary teaching minor (exam # 0014 or # 5014 + a minor subject exam)
- you are a K-12 or secondary major with an endorsable teaching major and/or minor

- Pay close attention to the different testing requirements for each group! Email Jennifer Burns at jburns@msubillings.edu if you are unsure of what test to register for.
- Pay attention to registration deadlines, as they are typically one month before the test date.
- This policy includes candidates who will be licensing in states other than Montana.
- It is required that all secondary candidates must take the subject (content) exam in the teaching major.
- If your teaching minor or major is not included on the test list on the last page of this handout, you do ***NOT*** have to take a Praxis exam at this time. Please note this is subject to change.

Elementary Majors

- REQUIRED: # 0014 or # 5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge
- REQUIRED: Content Exam in the Teaching Minor, refer to test list on the last page of this handout
- RECOMMENDED # 0522 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Grades K-6

K-12 and Secondary Majors

- REQUIRED: Content Exam in the Minor, refer to test list on the last page of this handout
- REQUIRED: Content Exam in the Major, refer to test list on the last page of this handout
- RECOMMENDED: # 0524 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Grades 7-12

Be Informed

- Read the Praxis web pages prior to registration at <http://www.ets.org>

Disability Accommodations

- Accommodations are requested at the same time of ETS/Praxis II registration. This is a separate process.
- Accommodations are not allowed unless the candidate has specifically completed the request process.
- It can take up to 6 weeks to process an accommodation request; therefore it is highly recommended that registration occur as early as possible. Register early - don't wait for the posted deadline!
- Register using the "paper" registration process - order a paper registration packet online.
- Refer to the *Disabilities* tab on the *Register for a Test* section for specific information.

Registration Fee

- \$50 registration fee is charged once per testing year (Sept. 1st to August 31st)
- The registration fee is nonrefundable. See "Test Fee Refunds" for exceptions.
- Praxis Test Fees Paper Delivered Format: 1 Test = \$80.00, 2 Tests = \$120.00
- Praxis Test Fees Computer Delivered Format: Praxis II: World Language Tests = \$140.00
Praxis II: Elementary Education: Curriculum Instruction and Assessment #5014 = \$120.00

Attending Institution and Designated Score Recipient

- MSU-Billings' attending institution and score recipient code is: **RA4298**
- Access the code link on the ETS Praxis II registration webpage if additional codes are needed.

Registration, Testing Schedules, and Locations

- Information and online registration is available online at www.ets.org - access the Praxis II link.
- Jennifer Burns will assist individuals with registration questions, problems, or assistance by email (jburns@msubillings.edu) or by appointment. Please call (657-2293) to schedule an appointment.
- MSUB has no control over the testing dates or locations as they are determined and set by Educational Testing Services (ETS) at the national level.
- Reporting time varies on testing days – candidates will be notified by mail one week prior to the test date of the assigned time. Late arrivals will not be admitted or allowed to take the exam.
- Candidates can take the exam anywhere, including out of state.

Fall and Spring 2011-2012 Praxis II Series Test Sessions

- Both elementary and secondary teacher candidates with a major and/or minor in an endorsable subject listed on the last page of this handout need to register as soon as possible for Praxis II content knowledge tests.
- Please refer to the Praxis II Series Bulletin for specific information. The link to the Praxis Series is located on the ETS Web site at www.ets.org/praxis. Once at the Praxis Series home page follow these steps: 1) under the heading, "For Test Takers" click on "About the Test"; 2) click on Praxis II: Subject Tests; and 3) click on tab that is labeled "Get Bulletin".

Montana		Sep. 17, 2011	Nov. 12, 2011	Jan. 14, 2012	Mar. 10, 2012	Apr. 28, 2012	Jun. 09, 2012	Jul. 21, 2012
03777	Billings, Montana State University Billings			P2	P2		P2	P2
03778	Billings, Rocky Mountain College	P2	P1 P2	P1 P2	P1 P2		P2	P1 P2
03798	Bozeman, Montana State University		P1 P2 LV	P1 P2 LV		P1 P2 LV	P2 LV	
03799	Dillon, University of Montana Western		P1 P2 L	P2 LV		P2 L	P2 L	
03786	Glendive, Dawson Community College			P1 P2 L		P1 P2		
03789	Great Falls, University of Great Falls	P2		P1 P2			P2 L	
03793	Havre, Montana State University Northern	P2	P1 P2	P1 P2	P1 P2	P1 P2		
03795	Helena, Carroll College		P1 P2 L		P1 P2 L	P1 P2 L		P1 P2 LT
03801	Missoula, University of Montana	P2 L	P2 L	P2 L	P2 L	P2 L	P2 L	
19946	Pablo, Salish Kootenai College		P2	P2		P2	P2	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Praxis II?

Praxis II is a standardized, professional educator's licensing exam. It is **NOT** the same as a Praxis I exam. There is also a Praxis III exam for in-service teachers that some states require for license renewal. Educational Testing Services (ETS) administers all Praxis II exams. For more information about this organization and their services they are on the internet at www.ets.org.

How do I register for a test?

You can register online for a paper-delivered test. You may also register for computer-delivered tests online, by calling Prometric Candidate Services at 1-800-853-6773 or 1-443-751-4859 or by contacting the local Prometric provider, Sylvan Learning Center at 656-4646. Only the World Language exams and test #5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge will be available in October 2010.

What can I do through the online registration system for paper-delivered Praxis tests?

- Register for a test
- Select a test center
- Reserve a seat
- Order test prep materials
- Provide demographic information about yourself
- Pay for the test
- Select recipients for your test scores
- View your order history
- Print the electronic admission ticket for an upcoming test
- View your scores
- Order additional score reports
- Update your personal information or profile

What can I do through the online registration system for computer-delivered tests?

- Register for a test
- Select a test center
- Reserve a seat
- Pay for the test
- Select recipients for your test scores

How do I get my scores?

To view your scores, you must create a [My Praxis Account](#)

Am I guaranteed a seat at a center if I register online?

ETS provides real-time seat assignments. You will be advised of seat availability when you select a test center. Complete the registration process, including payment, and check out to guarantee your seat assignment.

What is the pass/fail "cut" score?

- Elementary: The passing score in Montana on exam #0014 or #5014 is **139**.
- K-12 & Secondary: in Montana, Fall Semester 2010, there is no pass/fail cut score established yet. If scores are being used for a license in another state, that particular state's passing criteria must be met.

I can't take the exam on the scheduled dates. What do I do?

Go to the [Praxis Registration Changes](#) on the ETS website. There are no deadlines for registration for computer-delivered testing. Computer-delivered tests are offered by appointment. Praxis II Elementary Education Test is now being offered year-round through the combination of paper-delivered and computer-delivered options. The Praxis II World Language Tests will be offered during the following testing windows:

- Window 1: 10/15/10 10/16/10, 10/18/10, and 10/19/10.

- Window 2: 2/12/11, 2/14/11, 2/15/11, 2/18/11.
- Window 3: 6/3/11, 6/4/11, 6/6/11, 6/7/11.
- Window 4: 7/29/11, 7/30/11, 8/1/11, 8/2/11.

Can I retake the exam?

Yes, any Praxis exam can be retaken, but “parts” of the exam cannot be retaken. If retaken, it will be the entire exam. You may only take each Praxis™ computer-delivered test once every 30 consecutive days, not including the day of your test. If you wish to retest, you must select a test date that is more than 30 days after your previous test date. Keep in mind Registration fees are assessed once each “test year,” which is different from a calendar year. The “test year” for ETS runs from September to August.

Can I...or should I...study for the exams?

It will depend on your academic record and coursework. This is a standardized exam process so directed study will be difficult, but if you need to “brush up” on something, accessing a Praxis II study guide might benefit you. There are brief study guides and some practice questions available at ets.org in the Praxis link.

Where can I get Praxis II study guides?

The ETS Office recommends that candidates do not purchase a “commercial” guide on the trade market (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc.). Other students’ experiences with these were less than helpful. Study guides specifically aligned with the exams may be purchased through ETS. ETS is now offering eBooks for test review for many of their exams. The ETP Office has a limited number of Study Guides that can be checked out for 48 hours.

After the exam what should I do with my ETS Study Guide(s)?

Please donate them to ETP!! This would be a thoughtful community service gesture to support the students who will follow you in our programs. We will make them available for check out to your classmates.

Are there any other ways to prepare for Praxis II?

*Yes. ETS has sample exams on their web page you can take and self-score. It is highly recommended that you do this so you become familiar with the testing format. Go to the **Prepare for a Test** link for test prep resources.*

What types of exams are they?

They are 2 hour, combined multiple choice and essay. On the essay section you may be given a scenario or “case” related to students and/or teaching and be asked to respond to questions about it. CAUTION: based on feedback from those who have taken the exams, it is easy to run out of time so pace yourself accordingly. The Elementary content exam (#0014 or #5014) includes mathematics, sciences, social sciences, and English.

What can I bring into the testing session?

It varies. Read all the information about your specific test and any communication you receive via email or postal mail. Some exams allow calculators. Others do not. Possession of or use of telephones, cell phones, smart phones (e.g., BlackBerry® devices, iPhones, etc.), PDAs and other electronic or photographic devices is prohibited in the test center. There are also restrictions on the personal items you can...or cannot...have in the testing room with you.

What if I need accommodations?

Register early and read the Praxis II guidelines carefully. Disability or other accommodations must be requested at the time of registration. There is a separate process for this and cannot be done online. ETS will not allow any accommodations unless the candidate has specifically completed the request at the time of registration.

Passing Scores for Praxis II Content Tests
Montana Passing Scores Used Only for Highly Qualified Teacher Status

Praxis II Content Knowledge Test	Test Number	Scores for Highly Qualified Teachers	
Elementary Education K-8			
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	0014 or 5014	139	
Secondary Education 5-12			
BIOLOGY	0235	151	
CHEMISTRY	0245	148	
EARTH SCIENCE	0571	151	
ECONOMICS	0910	500	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, COMPOSITIONS	0041	166	
GEOGRAPHY	0921	155	
GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE	0930	620	
MATHEMATICS	0061	128	
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	0481	152	
PHYSICS	0265	135	
WORLD/US HISTORY	0941	146	
K-12 Grades			
ART	0134	No minimum score required	
TEACHING READING	0204 or 5204	159	
WORLD LANGUAGES	GERMAN	5183	163
Computer Based;	FRENCH	5174	162
Sylvan Learning Center	SPANISH	5195	168

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Dear Teacher Candidates:

Congratulations! You are on your way to completing an approved teacher education program. Montana's P-12 students await your entry into the classroom as a well-prepared teacher. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the federal highly qualified teacher requirements for new-to-the-profession elementary and secondary candidates, and what these requirements mean to you.

To meet the federal highly qualified teacher requirements, every new teacher completing a Montana approved teacher education program must demonstrate content knowledge prior to teaching core academic subject classes. The core academic subjects included as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 2001 are: English, reading, mathematics, science (biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, and physical science), civics and government, economics, history, geography, world languages, visual arts, and elementary curriculum. Teacher candidates with endorsements in other subject areas are not required to pass a subject area test, e.g., music, library media, health enhancement, technology education, family and consumer sciences.

The ESEA highly qualified teacher requirements apply to new-to-the-profession K-8 Elementary teacher candidates, and elementary and secondary teacher candidates, with minors in core academic subjects.

- K-8 Elementary teacher candidates must pass the Praxis II (0014 or 5014) Elementary Content Knowledge Test with a minimum score of 139 or higher prior to recommendation for licensure.
- Elementary and secondary teacher candidates with a minor in a core academic subject must pass the applicable Praxis II subject knowledge test prior to teaching a core academic subject class.
- Teacher candidates with a major, course work equivalent to a major, or an advanced degree in a core academic subject must meet the federal requirements and are not required to pass a subject area test.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact me at the Office of Public Instruction by telephone at (406) 444-5726 or E-mail lpeterson@mt.gov.

Sincerely,
 Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson