



## N O W Y O U K N O W

### Undergraduate Studies Program

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**We know the Praxis I is usually on students' minds. If it is not on your mind yet, we want to put it there. Praxis is key to the process of applying for candidacy, taking your methods classes, and getting certified so that you can teach when you graduate! We decided to fill this edition of *Now You Know* with some information that will hopefully shed some light on Praxis.**

**We're here to help you through this process**

#### Your starting point: Praxis I

**In Pennsylvania, all individuals seeking teacher certification must pass three Praxis I tests (Pre-Professional Skills Tests):**

- PPST Reading Test Code 10710 or Computerized PPST Reading, Test code 5710, Pass Score: 172 (minimum - 171)
- PPST Writing Test Code 10720 or Computerized PPST Writing, Test code 5720, Pass Score: 173 (minimum - 170)
- PPST Mathematics Test Code 10730 or Computerized PPST Mathematics, Test code 5730, Pass Score: 173 (minimum - 171)

You can also pass with a composite score of 521 if individual scores are at or above the minimum.

**If you have not completed Praxis I, here are some things to put on your "Praxis I to do list":**

- **Check out the ETS website,**  
<http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxtest.html>

"Tests at a Glance" are documents that describe the tests. Each is 10 to 15 pages in length and describes the test and presents a few sample questions. You need acrobat reader to see them since the documents are in pdf files.

- **Take a sample test on PLATO at home or in our new Praxis Lab in Student Resource Center.** PLATO is ETS's practice test. Temple has contracted to allow our students to use it. You need a log-on which is provided by Jeremy Wagner, [jwagner@temple.edu](mailto:jwagner@temple.edu). He can also help you lay out a plan of study - if you need it.

## Did you know?....

Did you know your Praxis scores will not be reported to Temple University (Code:R2906) or the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Code:R8033) if you do not enter your social security number on your score sheet? Each score report costs \$35.

#### Check out this Book!

**Your fellow classmate thought this book was an interesting read:**

***A Child Called It* by Dave Pelzer**

It's a true story about a boy who was physically, mentally, and verbally abused by his mother growing up. His teachers eventually saved him and helped him become the man he is today. It really shows that we as teachers can help our students more than we think!

Submitted by **Noelle Woytko**

#### What I now know, but wish I knew earlier:

I would like to have realized earlier that every class that you take is important. I skimmed through a couple of my classes, disregarding the information as irrelevant, but now as I look back, I would like very much to have paid attention, and applied myself while I could. We have such a great opportunity to learn, in EVERY class that we take.

Submitted by **Jere Martin**

What Praxis II do I take?

**Elementary/ Special Education certification:**

Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge - 30511  
 Education of Exceptional Children: Core - 20353  
 Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment-10011

**Elementary/ Early Childhood Certification:**

Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge - 30511  
 Early Childhood Education - 10020  
 Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment-10011

**Secondary/Social Studies:**

Social Studies: Content Knowledge- 10081

**Secondary/English:**

English Language, Literature, & Composition: Content Knowledge-10041

**Secondary/Mathematics:**

Mathematics: Content Knowledge-10061

**Secondary/General Science:**

General Science: Content Knowledge-10435

**Secondary/Biology:**

Biology: Content Knowledge- 20235

**Secondary/Chemistry:**

Chemistry: Content Knowledge-20245

**Secondary/Earth & Space Science:**

Earth Science: Content Knowledge-20571

**Secondary/Physics:**

Physics: Content Knowledge-10265

**Business:**

Business Computer Info. Technology-10100

**Secondary/French K-12:**

Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge- 30511

French: Content Knowledge- 20173

**Secondary/German K-12:**

Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge- 30511

German: Content Knowledge-20181

**Secondary/Spanish K-12:**

Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge- 30511

Spanish: Content Knowledge- 10191

**French, German, and Spanish candidates have the option of taking either the PRAXIS or the ACTFL Secondary/Latin K-12:**

Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge- 30511

Latin: Content Knowledge- 10600

**Hebrew, Italian, Latin & Portuguese:**

Foreign language pedagogy- 10840 **and** ACTFL test

**Other Foreign Language:** Candidates for all other Foreign Language areas should take the ACTFL test

Opportunity Knocks

- **Applications for 2007-2008 College of Education Scholarships are now being accepted. Application deadline : Monday April 2, 2007.**  
 See the college website at [www.temple.edu/education](http://www.temple.edu/education) for the application and information on the specific scholarships
- **Camp Counselor positions at Girard College**  
 Camp Girard is looking for Counselors and Specialists for Summer 2007! Interviews and open house will be **Sunday 3/11 from 10-1 or Thursday 3/15 from 4-7** in the Library at Girard College. Positions are full time from June 25-August 10.  
 Questions can be sent to [CAMP GIRARD@yahoo.com](mailto:CAMP GIRARD@yahoo.com)
- **Delaware Valley Minority Student Achievement Consortium**  
 2007 Minority Educator Recruitment Fair  
**Saturday March 17, 2007 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M**  
 At Springfield Township High School. For further information visit their website at [www.gse.upenn.edu/dvmsac](http://www.gse.upenn.edu/dvmsac)
- **Temple University Library Prize for Undergraduate Research** The Prize honors the best research projects by Temple undergraduates.  
**The deadline for submissions is April 6, 2007, 5:00 p.m**  
 See <http://library.temple.edu/prize> for more information
- **PaTTAN New Teachers Conference** Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, Pennsylvania Department of Education  
**June 21-22, 2007, Harrisburg**  
 For more information check: [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)

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