

AIS- Teaching Tests for Teacher Certification

Praxis CORE (Complete Junior Year or at least one semester before student teaching)

- If you have an ACT score of 21 or above **AND** no subscore area below 18 you **DO NOT** have to take the Praxis Core. (You can skip to the next exam). (If you are unsure of your ACT score, you can access that information on your mystate account.)
- If you have an ACT score below 21 **OR** have a subscore area below 18 you **DO** have to take the Praxis **Core Academic Skills for Educators** exam in order to proceed in the degree program (**OR Retake the ACT and score a 21 with no subscore area below 18**). ***The ACT is less expensive.**
- If you choose to take the Praxis CORE:
 - You must take all three sections of the exam regardless of which subscore was the lowest.
 - You need to take it before your junior year in order to be admitted to Teacher Education in the College of Education. (If you are a transfer student you can take it your 1st semester or prior to starting at MSU).
 - **Attention!!!! DO NOT sign up to take the Praxis 1 Pre Professional Skills test for educators!!!! (The Praxis 1 exam is no longer valid for Mississippi) You need the **Praxis Core** exam.**
 - There are study materials online for you to use to help you prepare for the exam. You need to take the time and energy to prepare. <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials> (Go to this website and make sure you get the materials for the CORE Academic Skills for Educators).
 - You can sign up to take the Core exam by visiting <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/> and sign up for an online test.
 - You will select Mississippi State as the testing location (or somewhere closer to where you will be at the testing date) and pay for the exam online. When you go to take the exam you must have a valid driver's license with you.

Test	Test Number	Passing Score
Reading	#5712	156
Writing	#5722	162
Math	#5732	150

Praxis 2: Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7–12 (0624 and 5624)

(Complete the semester prior to student teaching, after you take AIS 4424 Teaching Methods.)

- The **PRAXIS 2 (PLT)** is the test you will all have to take prior to student teaching. You don't have to have it passed, but you have to at least have it attempted.
- The process for signing up and taking the exam is the same as with CORE. You would sign up at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/praxisii>.
- I would suggest you take this exam towards the middle/end of the semester right before you student teach.
- Study materials are available: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/0624>

Preparation:

Both of these exams cost money. You need to take them serious and prepare before you take them. There are books you can buy or check out to help. When I had to take the Praxis 2 (a few years ago) we formed a study group and spent time studying together. You can also visit The Learning Center's Website to look for workshops and other training opportunities (<http://www.tlc.msstate.edu/events/workshops/>)

I will not know if you have taken them or not, but the College of Education will. Please do not let this process keep you from graduating on time. **It is your degree and you need to keep up with these tests.**

Best Wishes!

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