



Master of Arts in Teaching Program

Information on taking the PRAXIS I Exam

The PRAXIS I exam is designed to measure the academic skill necessary for all teacher candidates in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. You must receive passing scores prior to admission to the MAT program. You may take either the paper and pencil Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) or the Computer-Based Tests (CBT). However, please note that beginning January 2006 ETS plans to reduce the number of available test dates of the paper and pencil administration of the exam in order to encourage students to take the computer-based version. The computer-based tests are available from area locations of Prometrics and Sylvan Learning Centers; please contact Prometrics or Sylvan for registration information. You may reach the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Web site at <http://www.ets.org/teachingandlearning/index.html> for registration, study materials and other PRAXIS I exam information, or you may call ETS at 609-771-7395. The Center for Professional Practice at Towson University may also assist with general PRAXIS information. You may stop by their office (Hawkins Hall, Room 302) weekdays from 8am-4:30pm or call 410-704-2567. The Barron's Guide entitled *How to Prepare for the PRAXIS Series* is an excellent preparatory tool. This book is widely available from bookstores or on-line booksellers.

The test codes and current passing scores* for Maryland are:

Reading PPST (#10710) 177

Reading CBT (#5710) 177

Writing PPST (#20720) 173

Writing CBT (#5720) 173

Math PPST (#10730) 177

Math CBT (#5730) 177.

*Please note that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has approved the use of a composite score for the PRAXIS I battery. We may now consider a student for admission if their score reaches or exceeds the following composite totals, even if the student has not passed each of the three individual tests:

- **527 composite total if you have taken the PPST exam**
- **527 composite total if you have taken the CBT exam since January 16, 2002**
- **966 composite total if took the CBT exam prior to January 16, 2002**

Please note that PPST and CBT scores cannot be combined to achieve a composite score.

You will name Towson University and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) as recipients of your score report. However, due to the delay in this information reaching the MAT Office, **please also send a copy of your score report directly to the Graduate School Office** along with your application materials. **Please do not send your original score report.** This will ensure that we have scores in your file as soon as possible. Please be aware that it will take approximately 3-4 weeks to receive a score report from the CBT tests and approximately 4-6 weeks to receive a score report from the PPST tests.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

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