



Master of Arts in Teaching Program

Testing Information Sheet PRAXIS I and Alternative Testing Options

Below, please see your options for meeting the testing requirement for admissions consideration to the MAT program. Please note that you may successfully complete the PRAXIS I Exam or meet the requirement with the minimum SAT, ACT, or GRE scores listed below.

ETS's PRAXIS I: Computer-Based Testing

To register for the PRAXIS I: Computer-Based Test, call Prometric, a division of Thompson Learning Candidate Services, at 1-800-853-6773.

PRAXIS I: Paper and Pencil Testing

You may register online at the Educational Testing Service website: www.ets.org/praxis.

You must achieve a composite score minimum of 527 on the PRAXIS I Exam to qualify for admissions consideration.

Further information on the PRAXIS I Exam is provided on the PRAXIS I Information Sheet in this packet.

Testing for Persons with Disabilities

The PRAXIS Series program is committed to serving test takers with disabilities by providing services and reasonable accommodations deemed appropriate given the purpose of the test. To request nonstandard accommodations, follow the directions at website: www.ets.org/praxis. **All candidates, regardless of testing accommodations, must meet Maryland qualifying scores listed above.**

In place of PRAXIS I, we will accept the following testing alternatives:

- SAT taken after 2005, math and critical reading composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken between 4/95 and 2005, math and verbal composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken prior to 4/95, math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- ACT composite score of 24;
- GRE math and verbal composite score of 1000.

Please note that all applicants must submit a hard copy of their passing score report to:

College of Graduate Education and Research
Towson University
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252

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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 on the PRAXIS I, or one of the alternative tests (more information regarding alternative tests is available on the *Testing Information Sheet* in this packet), in order to be considered for 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, ETS is working 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 Prometric, a division of Thomson Learning Candidate Services; they may be reached at 1-800-853-6773 to register for a test date. You may reach the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Web site at <http://www.ets.org/praxis> for registration for the paper and pencil version of the exam, for study materials and for other PRAXIS I exam information; you may also reach 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 303) 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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