Teacher Education Pathways

Workshop

Applying for Declaration in Tk20 - Praxis Core -
Applying for Candidacy using Tk20

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Assessment Benchmarks
Teacher Education Pathways

• As you get started (During year 1 and/or 30-50 credits):
  – Declaration

• Prior to Internship (during your cluster)
  – Candidacy

• Program completion (after internship)
  – Recommendation for certification
Assessment Benchmarks
Declaring your Teacher Education Pathway

Declaration:

- **In Tk20**
  - FREE!!
  - Admission Application

- **You need**
  - Register and pass Praxis Core
  - short essay (about 300 words)
  - 2 recommendations
  - Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0

- **Once declaration is accepted:**
  - Pay for your Tk20 subscription
How do I submit my Teacher Certification Declaration in Tk20?

- Create a **free ADMISSION** account in tk20
  - https://usmmaine.tk20.com/
- Select Teacher Certification Declaration Application under Admission Applications
- Follow the prompts to upload the necessary information
  - Praxis I scores
  - Criminal History Records Check
  - Essay
  - Letters of Rec
- Start it any time in your first year—the earlier the better!
Assessment Benchmarks
Applying for Candidacy (Internship)

• Who:
  - People preparing for internship in the fall

• What:
  - Demonstrate your readiness for internship
    Uploaded coursework and reflection on experience
    Letters of recommendation
    GP of 3.0
    Pass Praxis II
    Interview

• Where:
  - In Tk20 and face-to-face interview

• When:
  - Apply during the semester you take SED 420
Assessment Benchmarks
Applying for Candidacy (Internship)

• Our March Advising Session will cover Candidacy in more depth
• This is for people who want to do internship next fall (2015)
• Between now and then:
  – Make sure your declaration is complete and ready to be assessed
  – Make sure that you have a paid and active Tk20 subscription
  – Take the Praxis II
  – Gather course work from SED 335, EDU 305, HRD 200, SED 420, EDU 310 (or evidence from comparable courses transferred in)
• If you are hoping to do your internship next year—we will see you at our March session
What is the Praxis Core?

- *Praxis* Core tests measure academic skills in reading, writing and mathematics of candidates entering teacher preparation programs.
- These tests were designed to provide comprehensive assessments that measure skills and content knowledge.
Who needs to take it?

- Praxis Core test is used for colleges and universities to evaluate individuals for entry into teacher education programs.

- These assessments are generally taken early in your college career.

- Many states (including Maine) require Praxis Core scores as part of their teacher licensing process.
Why is it necessary?

- Entry requirement to Teacher Education programs and pathways
- Declaration (After Year 1: Assessment Benchmark)
- Admission requirement to the professional internship year for undergraduate teacher preparation pathways
- Requirement for recommendation for initial teacher certification
How do I register?

Test dates/registration is available online through Education testing Services (ETS) at:

http://www.ets.org/praxis/register

**Include both USM (R 3691) and MDOE (R7368) as score recipients**

Find test centers in your area
http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/
Find test dates
Where do I take the test?

- The Praxis Core tests are delivered on computer.
- They are administered through an international network of test centers and offered during specific testing windows.
- Find Test Dates
- Find Test Centers in your area
How much does it cost?

Core Test Fees:
- Reading ($85)
- Writing ($85)
- Mathematics ($85)

Tests may be scheduled for one section at a time, taken at different times/dates for $85 each.
Tests may be scheduled to be taken on the same day (5 hour block) for a combined test fee of $135

Praxis II Fees:
Cost range from $115-$150
What scores do I need to pass?

Qualifying Academic Skills for Educators (Core) passing scores for the *State of Maine* skills test:

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<td>(Composite Score)</td>
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Teacher certification applicant must obtain a composite score of 468, with no single score on any section being three points lower than required score.
How do I prepare?

- Core Test Preparation Materials are available:
  - http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5712
  - http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5722
  - http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5732
What questions do you have about Praxis Core?

- What is the Praxis Core?
- Who needs to take it?
- Why is it necessary?
- How do I register?
- How much does it cost?
- What scores do I need to pass?
- Where do I go to take the test?
- How do I prepare?
- Where do I have my score reports sent?
What is Praxis II?

- Praxis II
  - Measures subject-specific content knowledge, as well as general + subject-specific teaching skills, that are requisite for beginning teachers.
  - After Year 3: Assessment Benchmark
  - Admission requirement to the professional internship year for undergraduate teacher preparation pathways
  - Taken during internship year for 9-month, 13-month, Special Education graduate teacher preparation programs
  - Requirement for recommendation for initial teacher certification
Where do I have my score reports sent to?

- Send to USM (R 3691)
- Send to Maine Department of Education MDOE (R7368)
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