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
  http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates/
- Find Test Centers in your area
  http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter
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:

- Reading test (5712) 156
- Writing test (5772) 162
- Mathematics test (5732) 150
- (Composite Score) 468

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?

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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)