

# Praxis Series™ Program Update

# TESTING SCHEDULES FOR 2008 – 2009

# **Praxis Test Administration**

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| Test<br>Date | Registration<br>MUST be<br>received by | Late Registration MUST be received by (w/\$45 late fee) | Emergency<br>Registration<br>Must Be<br>Completed<br>Online By<br>(w/\$75 fee) | Centers<br>Outside<br>U.S. or in<br>U.S.<br>Territories | Monday<br>Centers<br>in U.S. or<br>Puerto<br>Rico | Scores by<br>Phone | Approximate<br>Score Report<br>Mailing Dates |
| 09/13/08     | 08/14/08                               | 08/21/08  | 09/05/08   | 07/17/08  | 07/31/08  | 10/10/08           | 10/14/08                                     |
| 11/15/08     | 10/16/08                               | 10/23/08  | 11/07/08   | 09/18/08  | 09/18/08  | 12/12/08           | 12/16/08                                     |
| 01/10/09     | 12/11/08                               | 12/18/08  | 01/02/09   | 11/13/08  | 11/27/08  | 02/06/09           | 02/10/09                                     |
| 03/14/09     | 02/12/09                               | 02/19/09  | 03/06/09   | 01/15/09  | 01/29/09  | 04/10/09           | 04/14/09                                     |
| 04/25/09     | 03/26/09                               | 04/02/09  | 04/17/09   | 02/26/09  | 03/12/09  | 05/22/09           | 05/26/09                                     |
| 06/13/09     | 05/14/09                               | 05/21/09  | 06/05/09   | 04/16/09  | 04/30/09  | 07/10/09           | 07/14/09                                     |
| 07/25/09     | 06/25/09                               | 07/02/09  | 07/17/09   | 05/28/09  | 06/11/09  | 08/21/09           | 08/25/09                                     |

# School Leadership Series Test Administration

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| School Leaders<br>Licensure<br>Assessment | 09/13/08   | 08/14/08  | 08/21/08  | 09/05/08   | 07/17/08  | 07/31/08  | 10/10/08              | 10/14/08  |
| School<br>Superintendent<br>Assessment    | 11/15/08   | 10/16/08  | 10/23/08  | 11/07/08   | 09/18/08  | 09/18/08  | 12/12/08              | 12/16/08  |
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| School<br>Superintendent<br>Assessment    | 04/25/09   | 03/26/09  | 04/02/09  | 04/17/09   | 02/26/09  | 03/12/09  | 05/22/09              | 05/26/09  |
| School Leaders<br>Licensure<br>Assessment | 06/13/09   | 05/14/09  | 05/21/09  | 06/05/09   | 04/16/09  | 04/30/09  | 07/10/09              | 07/14/09  |

# **ParaPro Assessment Test Administration**

|           | ParaPro Assessment Registration Deadlines |   |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Test Date | Registration<br>MUST be<br>received by    | Late Registration MUST be received by (w/\$45 late fee) | Centers<br>Outside U.S.<br>or in U.S.<br>Territories | Monday<br>Centers in<br>U.S. or<br>Puerto Rico | Approximate<br>Score Report<br>Mailing Dates |  |
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# **Praxis Tests with Specific Administrations**

As you may remember from last year's, Praxis Client Conference we discussed with you the challenges that administering low volume tests every administration present us in maintaining, updating and performing statistical analyses and that on recommendation from our Assessment Development and Statistical Analysis staff we would be reviewing additional titles and determining when best to offer those tests during the year. Below are the titles for the 2008 – 2009 testing year that will be administered only on specific test dates allowing for increased volume per administration. This will allow for certain analyses to be performed sooner in the process and also more frequently for these tests. If you have any concerns regarding any of these titles, please share them as soon as possible with your Client Relations Director.

## **Praxis Subject Assessments**

# The tests listed below will be administered <u>four</u> times per testing year on the dates specified below

## 9/13/08 • 1/10/09 • 4/25/09 • 7/25/09

0700-Agriculture

0231-Biology: Content Knowledge Part 1

0241-Chemistry: Content Knowledge

0070-Chemistry, Physics, and General Science

0910-Economics

0271-Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

0382-Education of Exceptional Students: Learning Disabilities

0173 - French: Content Knowledge

0171 - French: Productive Language Skills

0920-Geography

0930-Government/Political Science

0561-Marketing Education\*

0481-Physical Science: Content Knowledge

0483-Physical Science: Pedagogy

0261-Physics: Content Knowledge

0194-Spanish: Pedagogy

0220-Speech Communication

0371-Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances

0381-Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities

0085-Social Studies: Interpretation and Analysis

0280-Teaching Students with Visual Impairments

0640-Theatre

0890-Vocational General Knowledge

\* Marketing Education will not be administered in September

## **Praxis Subject Assessments**

## The tests listed below will be administered three times per testing year on the dates specified below

#### 11/15/08 • 3/14/09 • 6/13/09

0900-Agriculture (CA)

0780-Agriculture (PA)

0242-Chemistry: Content Essays

0800-Communication

0810-Cooperative Education

0867-Driver Education

0830-Environmental Education

0840-Foreign Language Pedagogy

0357-Gifted Education

0067-General Mathematics

0181 - German: Content Knowledge

0182 – German: Productive Language Skills

0023 - Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

0600-Latin

0262-Physics: Content Essays

0390-Psychology

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## **Praxis Tests With Specific Administrations**

| PPST<br>Test Dates | Teaching Foundations<br>Test Dates   | Family and Consumer<br>Sciences (0121)<br>Test Dates |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 11/15/08           | 11/15/08                             | 11/15/08   |
| 1/10/09            | 3/14/09                              | 1/10/09  |
| 3/14/09            | 6/13/09                              | 3/14/09  |
| 4/25/09            | 7/25/09                              | 4/25/09  |
| 7/25/09            | 11100-000                            | 6/13/09  |
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## e-book Study Guide and Practice Test Estimated Release Schedule

Praxis™ eBooks are a line of affordable digital test preparation guides that allow test takers to download electronic versions of select Praxis Study Guides and Practice Tests for immediate use. The digital study guides provide a convenient way for test takers to prepare for test day, and are available at a substantially lower price than print versions.

| TITLE   | TEST NO.   | ESTIMATED RELEASE                        |
|---|------------|--|
| Study Guides  |            | 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1 |
| Middle School: Science                              | 0439       | April-08                                 |
| Middle School: Mathematics                          | 0069       | April-08                                 |
| Middle School: Social Studies                       | 0089       | April-08                                 |
| Audiology   | 0340       | June-08                                  |
| PLT -Early Childhood                                | 0521       | June-08                                  |
| PLT 2nd Edition Grades 7-12                         | 0524       | June-08                                  |
| Special Education: Core Principles                  | 0351, 0353 | July-08                                  |
| English to Speakers of Other Languages              | 0360       | July-08                                  |
| Middle School: English Language Arts                | 0049       | July-08                                  |
| Middle School: Content Knowledge                    | 0146       | August -08                               |
| Marketing Education                                 | 0560       | August-08                                |
| English Language, Literature, and<br>Composition CK | 0041       | October-08                               |
| Practice Tests                                      |            |  |
| Middle School: English Language Arts                | 0049       | January-09                               |

#### **Additional Test Preparation Materials**

In addition to introducing more e-books, Webinars and "Study Plan On Demand" will be introduced to assist test takers with their test preparation. These innovative test preparation tools will assist test takers in developing an effective study plan for their specific test. The Webinars, free with limited registration, provide an opportunity for test takers to ask Praxis Program experts specific questions about the test. The "Study Plan On Demand" tool will provide the test takers with an easy-to-follow, recommended study plan that can be personalized to meet their individual skills and test taking needs. "Study Plan On Demand" will be developed for Praxis I and is expected to be available for purchase in the Fall. Additional information regarding these candidate support tools will be coming later this year.

### Test Changes

#### Regenerated Tests

#### September 2008

- School Psychologist (new test code: 0401)
- Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (0011)
- Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (0014)
- English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge (0041)

#### November 2008

Family and Consumer Science (new test code: 0121)

#### January 2009

Marketing Education (new test code: 0561)

#### 2009-2010 Testing Year (first administration dates to be determined)

- New World Languages tests in French, German, and Spanish
- New School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)
- New Reading K-12 test
- Business Education (new test code: 0101)
- Speech Communication (new test code: 0221)
- Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision (new test code: 0411)
- Special Education: Core Knowledge and Application of Core Principles\*
- Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Disabilities\*
- Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Disabilities\*

## Discontinued Tests as of September 2008

Physics (0260)

Check with your Client Relations Director if you have questions or concerns.

<sup>\*</sup>Proposed combination tests - proposed combinations/changes will be explained during breakout sessions

#### National Advisory Committees (NACs)

NACs Meeting for the first time in 2008:

- Social Studies Core Content Knowledge (0081, 0082, 0083, 0084, 0085, 0087)
- Middle School Social Studies (0089)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (0360)
- Technology Education (0050)
- Geography (0920)
- Government and Political Science (0930)
- Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (0511)
- World and United States History (0941)
- Behavioral Sciences (0390, 0950, 0951
- Economics (0910)
- Agriculture (0700, 0780, 0900)

### Service Changes

The service enhancements and changes planned for the 2008-09 testing year are noted below. They are the result of recommendations, suggestions and feedback you have provided us this past year. We are listening! The changes include:

- Internet Registration Availability. Online registration availability hours have been extended until 1 a.m. Site hours are Monday Friday, 7 a.m. 1 a.m. (EST) Saturday, 7 a.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. (EST)
- Candidate Score Reports available on the web. Following the September 2008 test date candidates who registered online will be able to review their score report online. Candidate Score Reports will be posted on the day that paper score reports are mailed. Candidates will be able to review their scores for three weeks. Score reports can be downloaded and printed but these will not be considered "Official Score Reports" which will still be sent to you directly. There will be no fee for this service.
- Testing sessions will be reduced from three to two. Beginning with the September 2008
  test date, the testing day will be shortened. All tests will be administered in either the first or
  second session. Tests currently administered in the third session have been moved to the
  either the first or second session. PLT tests have been moved to session two.

## Annual Summary Reports

Attending Institution (AI) Delete Rosters will be revised to allow IHEs to delete candidates on a test by test basis rather than on a candidate basis. This will allow for IHEs to accurately indicate candidates who have officially been prepared at their institutions for the tests they are taking.

2007 Annual Summary Reports, available in the Fall of 2008 will be sent to you on CDs. They will include all of the reports that you are currently provided. The CDs will contain software for easy search capabilities. In addition, category information will be provided for CPPST tests in addition to the category information provided for all paper administered tests.

#### Attending Institution Code

We have strengthened the language on registration materials to strongly encourage test takers to provide their attending institution codes. We have explained what the code is and assured them that individual score reports will not be sent to their attending institutions based on their providing an Al code.

#### Background Information Questionnaire (BIQ)

We have added or refined some BIQ questions on the 2008-09 registration form in order to do some additional research and to respond to questions about the Praxis test taker population. Listed below are the new/revised questions added:

What is your best language of communication?

- 1. English
- 2. Spanish
- 3. Chinese
- 4. Vietnamese
- Another language

What language(s) did you first learn as a child?

- English and another language
   Another language
- 3. Another language only

For which language other than English do you consider yourself proficient? (select all that apply )

- English only
- 2. Spanish
- Chinese
- 4. Other

Which of the following best describes your teacher preparation program?

- 1. Undergraduate teacher education program (B.A. or B.S)
- 2. Fifth-year post-baccalaureate program ( not leading to a master's degree)
- 3. Master's degree education program (M.A, M.S. M. Ed. M.A.T.)
- 4. Alternate route program designed to expedite the transition of non-teachers to a teaching career
- 5. Other

Do you intend to teach in the same state as the one in which you are currently taking the Praxis assessment?

- 1. yes
- 2. no

In which kind of geographic area do you think you are most likely to teach next year?

- 1. Urban
- 2. Rural
- Suburban
- 4. I do not plan on teaching next year