



PREPARING TO TAKE --- THE PRAXIS



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THE MAJORITY OF THE CONTENT FOR THIS WEBINAR WAS FOUND AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.ETS.ORG/PRAXIS/PREPARE/MATERIALS](https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials)

The screenshot shows the ETS Praxis website's 'Preparation Materials' page. At the top left is the ETS PRAXIS logo. On the right, there are links for 'Store', 'Contact Us', and 'Search'. Below these are navigation links: 'For Test Takers', 'For Institutions', and 'For States and Agencies'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'ETS Home > Praxis > Prepare for a Test > Preparation Materials'. On the far right, there is a 'My Praxis Account' link with a user icon. The main heading is 'Preparation Materials'. The central text instructs users to select a Praxis test to view preparation materials like Study Companions and Study Guides, and to check state testing requirements. It also offers a 'Test Preparation flyer (PDF)'. Below this text are two dropdown menus: '--Select a Praxis test by name--' and '--Select a Praxis test by number--'. To the left is a sidebar with categories: 'About the Tests', 'Registration, Test Centers and Dates', and 'Prepare for a Test'. Under 'Prepare for a Test', 'Preparation Materials' is selected. Other items in the sidebar include 'Interactive Practice Test Release Dates', 'Strategy and Tips', 'Develop a Study Plan', 'Test Prep Webinars', and 'Video Library'. On the right side, there is an image of two students, a call to action 'Ready to take a Praxis® Test? Register Now >', and a section titled 'Praxis Test Preparation' with the text 'Prepare for your test with interactive practice tests. Get yours today.'

WHAT IS THE PRAXIS?

A Praxis test is one of a series of American teacher certification exams written and administered by the **Educational Testing Service**.

Various Praxis tests are usually required before, during, and after teacher training courses in the U.S.

Each state and licensing organization determines its own certification and Praxis passing score requirements. For more information about certification requirements, visit the [state requirements section](#).

TENNESSEE PRAXIS

- [Tennessee PRAXIS Test Information](#)
- <https://www.memphis.edu/tep/praxis.htm>
- <http://www.ets.org/praxis>

Purchase Online Test Prep Modules:

<https://www.teacherstestprep.com/praxis-core-online-prep-programs>

WHAT TESTS ARE AVAILABLE?

- **Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core)**

These tests measure academic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. They were designed to provide comprehensive assessments that measure the skills and content knowledge of candidates entering teacher preparation programs. [See Praxis Core information.](#)

- **Praxis® Subject Assessments**

These tests measure subject-specific content knowledge, as well as general and subject-specific teaching skills, that you need for beginning teaching. [See Praxis Subject Assessments information.](#)

- **Praxis® Content Knowledge for Teaching Assessments (CKT)**

These tests measure subject-specific content knowledge, with a focus on specialized content knowledge used in K–12 teaching. [See Praxis Content Knowledge for Teaching Assessments information.](#)

WHAT TESTS ARE AVAILABLE?

- Praxis Subject Assessments include over 90 different tests, ranging from Agriculture to World Languages. The test(s) you take depend(s) on your state or licensing agency's requirements for the teaching discipline you are pursuing. Each state that uses the Praxis tests sets its own requirements for which tests you must take, as well as the associated passing scores. Before you register for a test, confirm your [state or agency's testing requirements](#).

WHAT TESTS DO I NEED?

You have to take the PRAXIS CORE Reading and Math if you do not have a minimum score of 22 on the ACT.

Everyone must take the PRAXIS CORE Writing.

Tests Required for All Licensure Areas:

- **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) Tests**
- If you wish to take all *three* computer-delivered Core Academic Skills for Educators exams (5712, 5722, 5732) at the same time, select **Core Academic Skills for Educators Combined Test** (5751) when registering.
- Scores will be reported by individual test (5712, 5722, 5732).

WHAT TESTS DO I NEED?

<u>To Be Certified in:</u>	<u>You Need to Take:</u>	<u>Test Code</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Admission to an Educator Preparation Program (EPP)	<u>Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading</u>	5712	156
	and		
	<u>Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing</u>	5722	162
	and		
	<u>Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (On-screen four-function calculator provided.)</u>	5732	150

WHAT SUB-TESTS DO I NEED?

You will probably only need 1-2 of the following, but here is the list for all SPED teacher licensure PRAXIS Exams:

<u>To Be Certified in</u>	<u>You Need to Take</u>	<u>Test Code</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Special Education/ Comprehensive K–12	<u>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications</u>	5545	158
	and		
	<u>Teaching Reading: Elementary Education</u>	5203	162
Special Education/ Interventionist K–8	<u>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications</u>	5543	158
	and		
	<u>Teaching Reading: Elementary Education</u>	5203	162

WHAT SUB-TESTS DO I NEED? (CONT.)

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<u>To Be Certified in</u>	<u>You Need to Take</u>	<u>Test Code</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Special Education/ Interventionist 6–12	<u>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications</u>	5543	158
	and		
	<u>Teaching Reading: Elementary Education</u>	5203	162
Special Education/Modified K–12	<u>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications</u>	5543	158
	and		
	<u>Teaching Reading: Elementary Education</u>	5203	162

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<u>To Be Certified in</u>	<u>You Need to Take</u>	<u>Test Code</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Special Education/Preschool Early Childhood Education PreK-3	<u>Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications</u>	5354	151
	and		
	<u>Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood</u>	5691	159
	and		
	<u>Teaching Reading: Elementary Education</u>	5203	162

HOW DO I REGISTER TO TAKE A TEST?

Go to: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/register>



ARE THERE FREE STUDY RESOURCES AVAILABLE?

Go to: <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/praxis.php>

Learning Express Library

The screenshot displays the University of Memphis Libraries website. At the top, the university logo and name are visible, along with navigation links for Lambuth Campus, myMemphis, Webmail, Faculty & Staff, Contact, Directories, and Search. Below this, a secondary navigation bar includes links for Academics, Admissions, Athletics, Research, Support UofM, and Libraries. A dark blue banner reads "RESOURCES FOR..." with a right-pointing arrow. The main heading is "University Libraries". Below this, a navigation bar contains links for About, Services, Resources, Instruction, Special Collections, and Technology. The breadcrumb trail shows "Home > Libraries". On the right, there are links for "Today's Hours" and "Chat is offline". A search bar is present with the text "Find a Database Using Title or Keywords:" and the input "Learning Express Library". A red circle highlights the "Databases" tab in the search interface. A large blue arrow points from the right towards the search bar. On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with four sections: "Ask-a-Librarian" (with subtext "Got a question? Got a problem? Ask Us!"), "Interlibrary Loan" (with subtext "Request books, articles, and other research materials from other libraries."), "Reserve space" (with subtext "Group study and presentation spaces available in the library."), and "My Library Account" (with subtext "Review your library account for").

UM FREE PRAXIS RESOURCES:

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LELIndex.html#/productcatalogsearchresult/learningexpresslibrary/praxis>

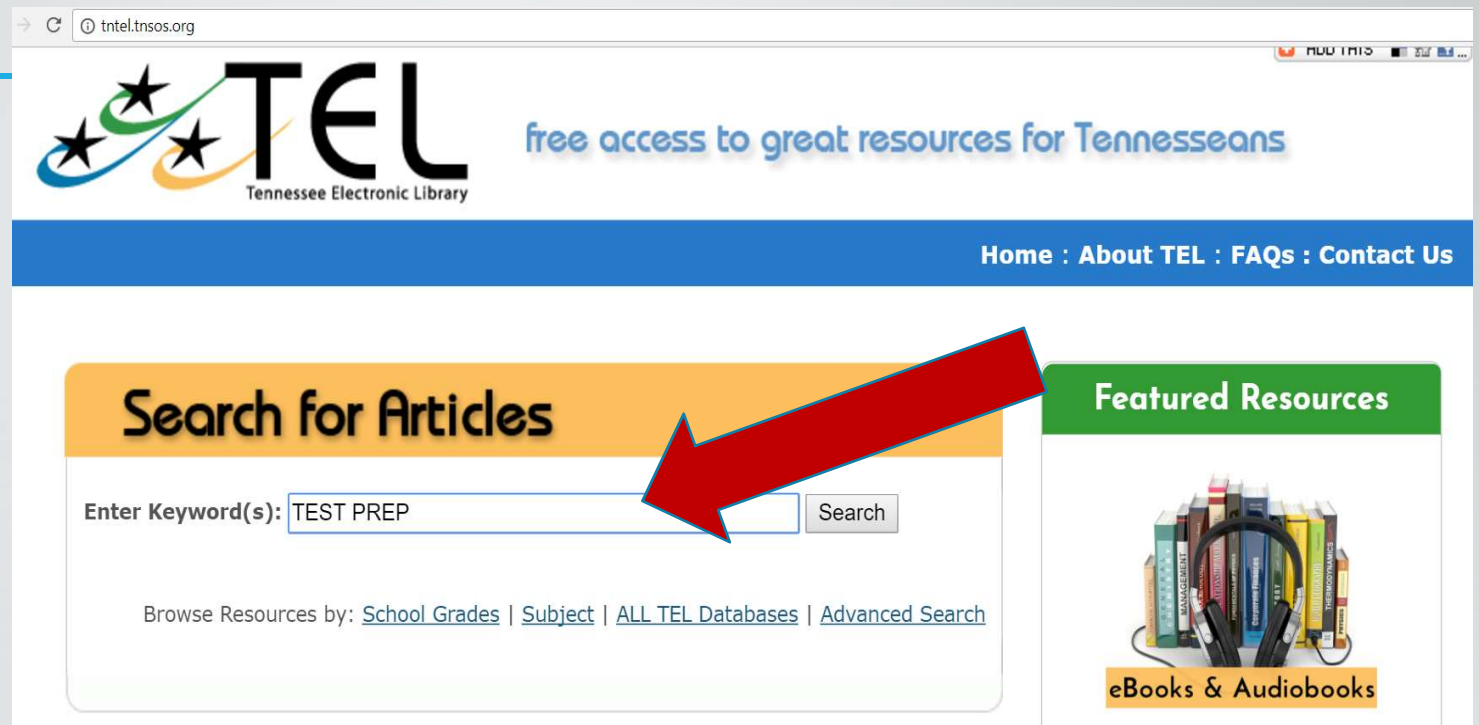
The screenshot shows the LearningExpress LIBRARY website interface. At the top, the logo for LearningExpress LIBRARY is displayed, along with a user greeting: "Welcome Luann Ley Davis | Logout | My Center | Contact Us". Below the logo, the University of Memphis logo and name are visible. A search bar contains the text "praxis" and is highlighted with a red arrow. The search results page shows "You have 32 Search Results for 'praxis'". The results are filtered to show "eBooks". Two results are visible:

- Praxis II® Mathematics (0065 and 5161)**
Career Center
This comprehensive prep guide is designed for candidates studying for the Praxis II® Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) and the Praxis II® Mathematics: Pedagogy (0065). Includes essential review and five practice exams.
- Praxis II® Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (0014 and 5014), 2nd Edition**
Career Center
Taking the Praxis II® Elementary Education Content Knowledge test is an essential part of becoming a teacher. This eBook, with review chapters and two

ARE THERE FREE STUDY RESOURCES AVAILABLE?

Tennessee Electronic
Library

- <http://tntel.tnsos.org/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) at tntel.tnsos.org. The page features the TEL logo with the tagline "free access to great resources for Tennesseans". A navigation bar includes links for "Home", "About TEL", "FAQs", and "Contact Us". The main content area is divided into two sections: "Search for Articles" and "Featured Resources". In the "Search for Articles" section, there is a search bar with the text "TEST PREP" entered and a "Search" button. A large red arrow points to the search bar. Below the search bar, there are links for "Browse Resources by: School Grades", "Subject", "ALL TEL Databases", and "Advanced Search". The "Featured Resources" section displays a stack of books and headphones, with the text "eBooks & Audiobooks" below it.

An additional Resource:

[Teachers Test Prep: Tennessee Praxis Test Information](#)

REGISTER FOR PRAXIS QUARTERLY WEBINAR

[PRAXIS Webinar](#)



HOW IS THE PRAXIS SET UP?

Praxis Core Test Structure

- Praxis *Core* tests include **objective response questions**, such as **single-selection multiple-choice questions**, **multiple-selection multiple-choice questions**, and **numeric entry questions**. The *Praxis Core Writing* test also includes **two essay sections**.
- The Praxis *Core* tests are delivered on computer **and** may be taken either as *three (3)* separate tests on separate days, **OR** as one combined test.
 - Individual scores will be reported for reading, mathematics and writing on both the individual and the combined tests.

HOW IS THE PRAXIS SET UP?

- If you take the Praxis *Core* tests separately, **each** session lasts **two (2)** hours. If you take the combined test, the entire session lasts **five hours (5)**. Each session includes time for tutorials and the collection of background information.
- The ***actual testing time*** and ***number of questions*** for each Praxis Core test is shown below:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Number of Questions</u>	<u>Testing Time</u>
Reading	56	85 mins.
Mathematics	56	85 mins.
Writing (2 sections)	40 2 essays	40 mins. 60 mins.

HOW WILL THE PRAXIS BE STRUCTURED?

The Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests consist of three separate tests:

- **Reading Test:** The Core Reading test includes sets of questions that require the integration and analysis of multiple documents, as well as some alternate response types, e.g., select-in-passage.
- **Writing Test:** The Core Writing test assesses both argumentative writing and informative/explanatory writing, and will contain one writing task for each writing type. In addition, multiple-choice questions will be added to address the importance of research strategies and assess strategies for revising and improving text.
- **Mathematics Test:** The Core Mathematics test includes numeric entry and multiple choice questions, and will also offer an on-screen calculator to help ensure that questions are testing mathematical reasoning by reducing the chance that a candidate's wrong response comes from a simple arithmetic error.



HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE TESTS?

- Review the following materials to help you prepare for the Praxis Subject Assessments:
- [The Praxis® Information Bulletin \(PDF\)](#) – provides information on registration, test day procedures, and score reporting.
- [Praxis test preparation materials](#) – includes detailed study tools that contain outlines, sample questions with answers and detailed rationales, valuable test-taking strategies, as well as full-length interactive practice tests.

WHAT ARE GOOD TEST TAKING SKILLS FOR THE PRAXIS?

- **Should I Guess?**
- All test takers receive a score regardless of the number of questions answered or the type of test. Your score is based on the number of questions you answer correctly, with no penalty or subtraction for answering a question incorrectly. It is to your advantage to pace yourself so that you have enough time to carefully consider every question.

WHAT ARE GOOD TEST TAKING SKILLS FOR THE PRAXIS?

Prepare for a *Praxis* Test: Strategy and Tips Tips to help you prepare effectively for test day:

1. Learn what the test covers.

You can find test specifications for your test(s) in the free Study Companion. Each Study Companion includes a comprehensive overview for the test, with detailed test descriptions and sample questions with answers and explanations to help you prepare.

2. Assess how well you know the content.

Research has shown that test takers tend to overestimate their preparedness — this is why some test takers assume they did well and then find out they did not pass.

- The *Praxis* tests are demanding enough to require serious review of likely content, and the longer you've been away from the content the more preparation you will most likely need. If it has been longer than a few months since you've studied your content area, you will want to make a concerted effort to prepare for the *Praxis* tests.



WHAT ARE GOOD TEST TAKING SKILLS FOR THE PRAXIS?

3. Collect study materials.

Obtaining and organizing your materials for review are critical steps in preparing for the *Praxis* tests. Consider the following reference sources as you plan your study:

- Did you take a course in which the content area was covered? If yes, do you still have your book(s) or your notes?
- Does your college library have a good introductory college-level textbook in this area?
- Does your local library have a high school-level textbook?
- Additional test preparation resources are available for many *Praxis* tests. Check the [Prepare for a Test page](#) to see what materials are available for your test.

WHAT ARE GOOD TEST TAKING SKILLS FOR THE PRAXIS?

4. Plan and organize your time.

You can begin to plan and organize your time while you are still collecting materials. Allow yourself plenty of time to review so you can avoid "cramming" new material at the end. Here are a few tips:

- [Choose a test date](#) far enough in the future to leave you plenty of preparation time.
- Work backward from that date to figure out how much time you will need for review.
- Set a realistic schedule and **stick to it**.

5. Develop a study plan.

A study plan provides a roadmap to prepare for the *Praxis* tests. It can help you understand what skills and knowledge are covered on the test and where to focus your attention. A [written study plan \(PDF\)](#) can help you organize your efforts.

WHAT ARE GOOD TEST TAKING SKILLS FOR THE PRAXIS?

6. Practice explaining the key concepts.

The *Praxis*® Subject Assessment constructed-response tests assess your ability to explain material effectively. As a teacher, you'll need to be able to explain concepts and processes to students in a clear, understandable way. What are the major concepts you will be required to teach? Can you explain them in your own words accurately, completely and clearly? Practice explaining these concepts to test your ability to effectively explain what you know.

7. Understand how questions will be scored.

Scoring information can be found in the [Study Companion](#) for each test.

WHAT ARE GOOD TEST TAKING SKILLS FOR THE PRAXIS?

- Plan ahead to allow time to study and be ready to reduce anxiety
 - Come up with a STUDY PLAN:
 - https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/sample_study_plan.pdf
- Get good nights sleep night before
- Eat a healthy meal before taking
- Arrive to the test site at least a half-hour prior to your test
- Do not schedule anything else for that day
- Chew gum

ARE THE SUBJECT TESTS DIFFERENT?

Praxis Subject Assessments Test Content and Structure

The Praxis Subject Assessments consist of these groups of tests:

- **Subject Assessments** — Measure general and subject-specific teaching skills and knowledge. Tests include both selected-response and constructed-response (essay) questions.
- **Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Tests** — Measure your general pedagogical knowledge at one of four grade level ranges: Early Childhood, K–6, 5–9 and 7–12. These tests feature selected-response questions and short constructed-response prompts based on information provided in case studies.

ARE THE SUBJECT TESTS DIFFERENT?

Praxis Subject Assessments Test Content and Structure

Subject Test Structure:

- Praxis Subject Assessments are 1, 2, 2.5, 3.5 or 4 hours long and include selected-response questions, essay or constructed-response questions, or a combination of both question types. The number of questions and length of each test varies depending on the test. Review the appropriate [Study Companion](#) for details on test structure and length.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER?

https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees/fee_waivers/

Fee Waivers

- Fee waivers may be available for college students who meet all eligibility criteria. If you qualify for a fee waiver, the test fees for up to three *Praxis*® Core tests, or one *Praxis*® Subject Assessment may be waived.
- You are eligible for a fee waiver only once during a testing year, and there are a limited number of waivers available per test date and per institution. All requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a fee waiver, you must:

- Be currently receiving financial aid
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program (**Note:** You are ineligible if you have a master's or a doctoral degree)
- Meet eligibility income guidelines (below)
- Be required to take a *Praxis* test by an authorized score recipient

To Apply

- Complete the [Fee Waiver Request Form \(PDF\)](#)

PRAXIS DEMONSTRATION

PRAXIS Computer Delivered Testing Demonstration

To view on your own, go to: https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/flash/cbt/praxis_cdt_demo_web1.html

WHAT TO EXPECT ON TEST DAY:

Computerized PRAXIS Testing Experience

To view on your own, go to: https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/flash/cbt/praxis_cdt_demo_web1.html

On Test Day: Overview

Before you even arrive at the test center, there are a number of important things you should do:

- **Verify your test location:** Test locations sometimes change. Be sure to confirm your location before test day by logging into your [My Praxis® account](#). Know where you're going and where to PARK!
- **Print your admission ticket:** Log in to your [My Praxis account](#), print a copy of your admission ticket and bring it with you to the test center. Your admission ticket is important because it contains the test center address and reporting time on test day. While you are not *required* to present it at the test center, test center personnel may ask you for it. It is better to have a hard copy because test personnel may not accept an image of the ticket on your phone.
- **Assemble your identification (ID) documents:** See [ID requirements](#) to be sure your documents will be accepted. You will *not* be admitted to the test without the correct documents.
- **Dress appropriately:** Testing room conditions vary. Dress in layers to ensure you are ready for any room temperature.
- **Make sure to arrive on time** — Please plan to arrive at the test center at least **30 minutes** prior to your scheduled appointment to allow time for check-in.
- **Plan to be at the test center for longer than the test duration** — Your test appointment includes 30 extra minutes prior to beginning the test to complete tutorials that will help familiarize you with the testing process.





GOOD LUCK!

BE SURE TO INDICATE THAT ALL TEST RESULTS BE SENT TO THE **UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS!**

