

TESTS REQUIRED FOR ALL TENNESSEE LICENSURE CANDIDATES

(Effective September 1, 2009)

Every Initial Teacher License Applicant is Required to Take One of the PLT Exams

Praxis Test Code/Title *	Passing Score
New as of 9/1/09: A PLT test can be taken as a 1 st -session test OR a 2 nd session test	
0521 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Early Childhood	155
<u>OR</u>	
0522 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) K-6	155
<u>OR</u>	
0523 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) 5-9	154
<u>OR</u>	
0524 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) 7-12	159

SPECIALTY AREA TESTS

One (or more) specialty area test is required for each endorsement (for initial licensure or for an added endorsement to your existing license). The first digit of the test code for each specialty test is a 1 or 2. This number indicates whether the test is given on the first or second test session of each test date it is offered. Not all tests are offered on each national test date. If you need two tests that start with the same number (1 or 2) you will need to use two test dates to take them. See the last page of this PRAXIS information for instructions. If you have questions about Tennessee-required PRAXIS testing, contact chris.lafevor@vanderbilt.edu

Endorsement Area	Test Code	Test Title	Passing Score
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***	415	Biology 7-12	20235	Biology: Content Knowledge	148
			20233	Biology: Content Essays	146
			20433	General Science: Content Essays	130
***	416	Chemistry 7-12	20245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152
			10431	General Science: Cont. Know., Part 1	145
	467	Early Child Ed PreK-3	20021	Education of Young Children	155
			10014	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	140
			20201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	151
***	418	Earth Science 7-12	20571	Earth & Space Science: Cont. Knowledge	146
			10431	Gen. Science: Cont. Know., Part 1	145
	424	Economics 7-12	10910	Economics	530
	499	Elementary Education K-6	10011	Elementary Educ.: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	159
			20201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	151
			10014	Elementary Educ.: Content Knowledge	140
	407	English 7-12	10041	English Lang., Lit., Comp.: Content Knowledge	157
			20043	English Lang., Lit., Comp.: Pedagogy	145
	490	English as a 2 nd Language PreK-12	20360	English to Speakers of other Language	530
	411	French 7-12	20173	French: Content Knowledge	160
			10171	French: Productive Language Skills	165
	412	German 7-12	20181	German: Content Knowledge	149
	423	Government 7-12	10930	Government/Political Science	600
	421	History 7-12	10941	World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge	136
	410	Latin 7-12	10600	Latin	540
	413	Mathematics 7-12	10061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	136
			20065	Mathematics: Pedagogy	125

	428	Music (Vocal/Gen.) K-12, or	20111	Music: Concepts and Processes	145
	429	Music (Instrumental/Gen) K-12	10113	Music: Content Knowledge	150
***	417	Physics 7-12	10265	Physics: Content Knowledge	144
			20262	Choice of: Physics: Content Essays	135
			20433	OR General Science: Content Essays	130
	426	Psychology 9-12	20390	Psychology	560
**	486	Reading Specialist PreK-12	20300	Reading Specialist	510
*	487	School Counselor PreK-12	20420	School Guidance And Counseling	580
	425	Sociology 9-12	20950	Sociology	540
****	409	Spanish 7-12	10191	Spanish: Content Knowledge	152
			20192	Spanish: Productive Language Skills	154
****	461	SPED-Comprehensive K-12	20353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge	144
			10544	Education of Exceptional Students: Severe to Profound	155
			20201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	151
****	459	SPED-Preschool ECE PreK-3	20353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge	144
			10690	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/Early Childhood	560
			20201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	151
****	463	SPED- Hearing PreK-12	20353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge	144
			10271	Ed. Of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students	163
			20201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	151
****	460	SPED- Modified K-12	20353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge	144
			10542	Education of Exceptional Students: Mild to Moderate Disabilities	164
			20201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	151
*	498	SPED-Spch/ Lang Pathologist PreK-12	20330	Speech/Language Pathology	600
****	462	SPED-Vision PreK-12	20353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge	144
			10280	Teaching Students with Visual Impair.	700
			20201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	151

Footnotes to previous listings:

* **Note:** Candidates seeking licensure in early childhood education PreK-3 or preschool/early childhood special education PreK-3, will take the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Early Childhood or PLT K-6. Candidates seeking licensure in elementary education K-6 will take PLT K-6. Candidates seeking licensure in middle grades 4-8 will take PLT 5-9. Candidates seeking licensure in secondary education areas will take PLT 7-12. Candidates seeking licensure in K-12, or PreK-12 areas may choose from PLT Early Childhood, PLT K-6, PLT 5-9, or PLT 7-12.

Candidates for licensure as School Counselor, School Psychologist, and Speech/Language Pathologist are required to take only the content knowledge exam for the endorsement.

** **Note:** Candidates for the Reading Specialist endorsement must hold a valid Tennessee Teacher License and have 3 years successful teaching experience.

*** **Note:** Candidates in biology and physics may choose either the general science content essay or the subject area (biology or physics) content essays. Candidates who already hold a license in science seeking an additional endorsement in biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics will be required to take only the content knowledge exam for endorsement in the additional science area.

**** **Note:** Two tests, (1) The Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge, and (2) Reading Across the Curriculum: Elementary, apply to the following special education areas: modified program, comprehensive program, hearing, vision and preschool/early childhood.

Candidates who are seeking additional endorsement in one of the special education areas who are already licensed in special education will be required to take only the content knowledge exam for the endorsement in the additional special education area and the reading exam (20201) if it hasn't already been taken.

ONE REGISTRATAION FEE must be paid during one academic year (Sept-July), regardless of how many 09/10 test dates you use.

2009/2010 TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Dates Registration must be rec'd by ETS

Sept 12 09	Aug 13 09
Nov 14 09	Oct 15 09
Jan 9 10	Dec 10 09
Mar 13 10	Feb 11 10
Apr 24 10	Mar 25 10
Jun 12 10	May 13 10
Jul 24 10	Jun 24 10

TBA

Not all tests are offered on all test dates. When we have names of tests that have limited offerings for 09/10, we will revise this document to identify them. When we have exact test/registration dates for 09/10, this document will be revised accordingly.

Register online at www.ets.org/praxis. Remember, this is PRAXIS II testing (NOT PRAXIS I). Tennessee automatically exempts you from PRAXIS I (basic skills testing) if you are an undergraduate and your SAT was 1020 or ACT was 22 or higher. If you will have a master's degree when you apply for initial licensure, you will be exempt from PRAXIS I testing. Other states may NOT have a similar exemption policy for PRAXIS I testing, however.

HAVE SCORES SENT TO:

- 1. VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY (CODE 1871)**
- 2. TN DEPT OF EDUC (CODE 8190) IF YOU TAKE ONE OR MORE OF THE TESTS IN A STATE OTHER THAN TENNESSEE.**

TIPS FOR PRAXIS II REGISTRATION

- 1. Register early. Decide which test date(s) you want to take on which dates, and register ASAP (for the best chances of being able to get your first or second choice of test sites). We recommend that students graduating in May complete testing by the March test date (so there is no delay in recommendation for the license as soon as the degree is conferred). You may graduate without having PRAXIS II testing completed, but you may not be recommended for licensure until the test scores have been received at Vanderbilt. (ETS will charge the \$50 registration fee only one time in an academic year--even if you use more than one test date in a given academic year. Also, for application to ETS for financial aid it is particularly important to register early (before the financial aid allotment for that test date is given away by ETS). Every initial (first license) licensure student needs one of the PLT tests and the specialty test(s) specific to the endorsement being sought (i.e., elementary education, secondary English, SPED- modified, etc.) If you're already a licensed teacher in TN, you don't need to take a PRAXIS PLT test.**
- 2. Online registration is faster than paper registration, but you can choose to register on paper (print applications from the PRAXIS website). Registration forms are available at www.ets.org/praxis.**

3. **Be SURE to have a score report sent to Vanderbilt (code 1871). If you take any one of the tests outside the state of Tennessee, you must also have a score report sent to the TN DOE (code 8190). (If you take the tests within the State of TN, scores automatically will be sent to the TN DOE, so you don't have to have them sent.) BE SURE THAT YOUR REGISTRATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (print from the ETS website after you've registered) INDICATES THAT SCORES WILL BE COMING TO VANDERBILT. BE SURE TO PRINT AND KEEP A COPY OF YOUR REGISTRATION RECEIPT/ADMISSION TICKET WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED ONLINE REGISTRATION.**
4. **If you experience any difficulties at the test site when you take the test, be sure to lodge a formal complaint (in writing) with the test administrator before you leave the testing room.**
5. **BE SURE TO PROVIDE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WHEN YOU REGISTER. YOU CAN TRUST THAT IT WILL BE HANDLED CONFIDENTIALLY. NOT GIVING YOUR SS# CAN CAUSE A SERIES OF PROBLEMS WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.**

Vanderbilt students, collectively for the past many years, pass the PRAXIS II exams at a 99-100% pass rate (according to the schedule dictated by state and federal regulations). Recommendation: Prepare for tests by at least by reviewing the "Tests At a Glance" information on the ETS website for the tests you need. This information includes an overview of the schedule for each test (i.e., what percentage is multiple choice vs. free response, etc.) and provides sample questions and responses, etc. There are also more substantial preparation manuals for many of the tests available for purchase from ETS (information is available on the ets.org/praxis website) and some publications in bookstores (i.e., VU Rand Bookstore, Davis-Kidd Booksellers, chain stores).

You may take the tests in any state(s), but if you don't take the tests in Tennessee, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you have score reports sent by ETS to both Vanderbilt (code 1871) and the State of Tennessee (code 8190).