



Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests

2019–2020 Academic Year

The *Praxis*® Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (*Praxis* Core), which reflect the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, were designed to measure academic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Developed with input from educators, the tests evaluate whether a teacher candidate has the academic skills necessary to prepare for a career in education. Colleges and universities may use the *Praxis* Core tests to evaluate individuals for entry into teacher preparation programs, and many states also require *Praxis* Core scores as part of their teacher licensing process.

- The **Core Academic Skills for Educators Test in Reading** measures examinees' ability to understand, analyze and evaluate texts of different kinds. Passages are presented from print and electronic media, such as newspapers, magazines, journals, nonfiction books, novels, online articles and visual representations.
- The **Core Academic Skills for Educators Test in Writing** measures examinees' ability to use standard written English correctly and effectively, as well as their understanding of essential research skills. Essay questions also measure the ability to write effectively within a limited time period.
- The **Core Academic Skills for Educators Test in Mathematics** measures examinees' understanding of key concepts in mathematics and the ability to solve problems and to reason in a quantitative context. Many problems require the integration of multiple skills to achieve a solution.

Praxis Core Test Preparation

Praxis Study Companions are free, comprehensive guides that provide test takers with a single document containing valuable test prep information for each test which includes:

- Basic details about the test, such as number of questions, length of the test and more
- Test specifications and study topics that the test covers
- Sample questions with answers and explanations
- A study plan sample and template
- General information and study tips

Videos, demonstrations and webinars are also available to familiarize teacher candidates with insights on what to expect on test day:

- *Praxis* Testing Demonstration
- What to Expect on the Day of Your Test Video
- Preparing to Take a *Praxis* Test Webinar

Praxis Study Plans enable test takers to create an individualized study schedule based on their knowledge level of the topics and subtopics that a specific test covers.

Praxis Curriculum Crosswalks are available for program providers to help map the *Praxis* Core test content categories to their required coursework or curriculum. This crosswalk allows programs to easily list the required courses and identify which course covers the content in each category area of the test.

Khan Academy® Official Praxis Core Prep

Launching July 2019

The *Praxis* Core program is taking a new approach to test preparation. By collaborating with Khan Academy, we are making available a new, free online test prep tool that focuses on building the content skills teacher candidates need to succeed in the licensure process.

How does it work?

Khan Academy *Praxis* Core Prep helps teacher candidates build the reading, writing and mathematics skills they need to succeed on the *Praxis* Core exam. With this new tool, candidates can identify their strengths and weaknesses as well as remediate their skill gaps. They can also create study plans to fit their busy life schedules. This tool is completely free for anyone.

www.khanacademy.org

Key Information on Each Core Test

	Core Reading (5713)	Core Writing (5723)	Core Mathematics (5733)
Number of Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 56 selected-response questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 selected-response questions 2 constructed-response questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 56 selected-response and numeric entry questions
Time Allotted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 40 minutes for selected-response section – Two 30-minute constructed-response sections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 minutes
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer delivered On-screen four-function calculator provided
Content Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Ideas and Details Craft, Structure and Language Skills Integration of Knowledge and Ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text Types, Purposes and Production Language and Research Skills for Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and Quantity Data Interpretation and Representation, Statistics and Probability Algebra and Geometry
Types of Passages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paired passages (approx. 200 words) with 4–7 questions Long passages (approx. 200 words) with 4–7 questions Short passages (approx. 100 words) with 2 or 3 questions Brief statements with 1 question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
Types of Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected-response questions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Single-selection multiple-choice questions – Multiple-selection multiple-choice questions – Select-in-passage questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected-response questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Usage – Sentence correction – Revision in context – Research skills Constructed-response questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Argumentative essay – Informative/Explanatory essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected-response questions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Single-selection multiple-choice questions – Multiple-selection multiple-choice questions Numeric entry questions
Scoring Scale	100–200	100–200	100–200

For more information, visit the *Praxis* test website at www.ets.org/praxis

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