

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
July 19-20, 2012

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

20. Approval of the proposal to add/proposed new Praxis II tests Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- A. Approval to Add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 153 for Child Development PreK-K as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
 - B. Approval to Add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 209 for Early Oral Intervention Birth-K as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
 - C. Approval of New Praxis II Test for Teaching Students with Visual Impairments and Nationally Recommended Cut Score as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Background Information:

In September of 2011, the Certification Commission approved four new Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Praxis II tests. The approval included PLT Child Development PreK-K and PLT Early Oral Intervention Birth-K. On May 4, 2012 the Certification Commission approved the recommendation of Educational Testing Service (ETS) to accept the regenerated Praxis II test 0282 for Teaching Students with Visual Impairments.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Office of Educator Licensure
Summary of Praxis II Tests

- 20A. Approval to Add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 153 for Child Development PreK-K as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

The Commission recommends to the State Board the proposal to add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching test for PreK-K to the license for Child Development PreK-K.

The PLT test would replace the Praxis I requirement for licensure. The Praxis I is already required for admission into a teacher education program at the approved universities that offer the Child Development degree, so that requirement would not be eliminated

- 20B. Approval to Add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 209 for Early Oral Intervention Birth – K as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

The Commission recommends to the State Board the proposal to add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching test for Early Childhood to the license 209 for Early Oral Intervention for Birth - K.

This license currently requires the Praxis I basic skills test only. There was no subject area test or pedagogy test available at the time the 209 license was originally approved.

- 20C. Approval of the New Praxis II Test for Teaching Students With Visual Impairments and Nationally Recommended Cut Score as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

The Commission recommends to the State Board to approve the regenerated Praxis II test 0282 for Visual Impairments with a national score of 163 to replace the current test 0281.

In Mississippi, the Praxis II test 0281 is required, along with the test for Braille Competency, for the initial license in Visual Impaired as well as to add Visual Impaired to their license as a supplemental endorsement.