

# PAPA & Praxis II Exams

## For Teacher Certification

The Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) and Praxis II Exam are assessments used by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) as part of the teacher licensure and certification process. The following information is provided to help students determine which exams they are required to take and how to best prepare.

### PAPA and Praxis II

To qualify for teacher certification there are two separate exams that must be passed:

1. **Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA)** is a computer-based exam that consists of three (3) individual tests: Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. All undergraduate students pursuing a teacher certification in Art Education must successfully pass the PAPA exam series **prior** to taking their internship practicum (ARTE 3096). Post-baccalaureate (graduate) students are exempt from taking the PAPA Exam.

Test Format:	<b>Reading:</b> 40 selected-response items (45 min) <b>Mathematics:</b> 40 selected-response items (60 min) <b>Writing:</b> 40 selected-response items, 2 sentence correction assignments, and 1 extended-response assignment (75 min) <i>Note: selected response = multiple choice, matching, and true/false</i>
Test Dates:	By appointment year-round; first-come, first-served
Test Fee:	\$37 per module; \$89 combined

2. **Praxis II Exam** focuses on knowledge specific to your desired area(s) of certification. It is recommended that Praxis II be taken before Student Teaching (ARTE 4088 undergraduate or ARTE 5888 graduate), but you can elect to take it during or just after if you prefer. Qualifying scores must be met prior to applying for Teacher Certification.

Test Format:	<b>5511: Fundamental Subjects:</b> 100 questions (2 hrs) Section I: English Language Arts (25 questions) Section II: Mathematics (25 questions) Section III: Citizenship & Social Science (25 questions) Section IV: Science: (25 questions) <b>5134: Art Content: Knowledge:</b> 120 questions (2 hrs) Art Making (76 questions) Historical & Theoretical Foundations of Art (44 questions) <i>Note: all questions are multiple choice</i>
Test Dates:	Please visit <a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis">www.ets.org/praxis</a> for current test dates
Test Fee:	5511 = \$115; 5134 = \$115

## Registering and Taking the Test

### PAPA:

Visit [www.pa.nesinc.com](http://www.pa.nesinc.com) to locate test sites, set up a time and date for your test, and view a list of the most current test requirements and qualifying scores for Pennsylvania state teacher certification.

- ***\*\*The PAPA exam is still very new, and the above information is subject to change, perhaps without notice. Students are held to the state requirements in place at the time of their application for certification.*** Please adhere to the information found in the PAPA registration materials that can be obtained on the PAPA Information web site: [www.pa.nesinc.com](http://www.pa.nesinc.com) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) web site: <http://www.pde.state.pa.us>

### Praxis II:

Visit [www.ets.org/praxis/pa](http://www.ets.org/praxis/pa) to locate test sites, set up a time and date for your test, and view a list of the most current test requirements and qualifying scores for Pennsylvania state teacher certification.

- ***\*\*Praxis requirements are periodically revised. Students are held to the state requirements in place at the time of their application for certification.*** Please adhere to the information found in the Praxis registration materials that can be obtained on the ETS Praxis Information web site: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/> and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) web site: <http://www.pde.state.pa.us>

## Preparing for the Exams

It is essential that you begin to prepare for your certification exams as soon as you enter the program. As a future educator, this early and consistent preparation is beneficial to you, but most importantly to the students you will soon make the commitment to serve. The following are some recommended strategies to prepare for the PAPA and Praxis II exams:

### 1. Study Guides

Review all PAPA and Praxis II information including test content, requirements, scoring methods, testing dates, and registration procedures.

- Printed and electronic study guides are available through the Temple University Library <http://library.temple.edu/>
- Official ETS Study guides are available for purchase on their website <http://store.ets.org/store/ets/DisplayHomePage>

### 2. Tutoring Services

Print out and bring all study guides to appointments with Temple's tutoring services as part of your preparation.

- Temple's Math and Science Resource Center offers free tutoring by appointment <http://www.temple.edu/msrc/>
- Tuttleman Learning Center offers free tutoring by walk-in and by appointment <http://www.temple.edu/writingctr/>