

PRAXIS 1 INFORMATION

Passing scores or exemption is required for admission to all Watson School of Education Teacher Education Programs.

Read this document completely. It is your responsibility to be prepared for the test.

ACT OR SAT EXEMPTION POLICY

Combined Scores: SAT of 1100 or higher (Math + Verbal/Reading) for exemption from the whole Praxis I exam. The Writing SAT score is *not* counted in the total of 1100 needed for exemption.

Separate Scores: SAT of 550 or higher on Verbal/Reading for exemption from Praxis I Reading and Writing only. SAT of 550 or higher on Math for exemption from Praxis I Math only.

Combined Scores: ACT composite score of 24 or higher for exemption from the whole Praxis I exam.

Separate Scores: ACT of at least 24 on the English test for exemption from the Praxis I Reading and Writing only. ACT score of at least 24 on the Math test for exemption from the Praxis I Math only.

Students are required to provide the Watson School of Education Associate Dean's Office with official SAT or ACT scores for these exemptions.

DETAILS ABOUT THE TEST:

- PRAXIS 1 can be taken as PPST (paper-based) or C-PPST (computer-based).
- It has three sections: Reading, Writing, and Math.
- Required passing scores: Combined (Reading + Writing + Math) Score of 522 or
Reading = 176, Mathematics = 173, Writing = 173.
- Official test scores may take 4-6 weeks to arrive at the Watson School of Education.
- Official scores are necessary for admittance to Watson, and must be requested by students.
- Plan to take the PRAXIS I before the end of first semester sophomore year, or as soon as possible.
- Transfer students should plan to take the PRAXIS I prior to enrolling at UNCW or early in the first semester at UNCW.

COMPUTER- BASED TESTING

- Each computer-delivered test can be taken only once per 30 consecutive days. This retest policy applies even if the examinee canceled the scores on a test taken previously.
- Appointments to take the test can only be scheduled online at www.ets.org.
- Local testing centers include UNCW's DePaolo Hall and Sylvan Learning Center/ Prometric Testing.
- Unofficial scores are available for student viewing immediately for Math and Reading.
- Official scores are necessary for admittance to Watson, and must be requested by students.

PAPER- BASED TESTING

- Available limited times. Dates & locations can be found on the ETS website: www.ets.org/praxis1 .

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Take the **computer-based** version of the test. It offers greater flexibility with scheduling.

- Take a maximum of two sections of the test per day. Pick your best two areas and then take the third area on a separate day.
- To get a combined testing discount, schedule and pay for all tests together (even if taking them on different days).
- Accommodations can be made for students with disabilities in advance by special request.
- Fee Waivers may be available for students receiving Financial Aid. Apply with ETS in advance.
- Official scores are necessary for admittance to Watson, and must be requested by students.
- If you do not code UNCW as a score recipient, an additional fee is charged to have official scores sent at a later date.

TEST DAY TIPS

- Arrive at the test site at least 30-minutes prior to your test time. Late arrivals are not allowed to enter the testing room once the test has begun.
- Bring all appropriate and required materials to the test. This includes (but not limited to): 2 appropriate forms of picture ID, pencils, sweaters/coats, etc.
- Test takers are expected to be prepared and behave in a professional manner. WSE will not tolerate inappropriate or unprofessional behavior by exam test takers.
- Download and read the Praxis Informational Bulletin completely before taking the test- it provides vital and useful information. It is available at www.ets.org/praxis1.
- Be well-rested & eat before taking the exam.
- Read the question(s) first, before you begin reading the passage(s) - this allows you to know what information you need to look for. Make sure you know what the question is asking.
- Note that each section is timed, work at an appropriate speed.
- Answer the questions you know first (only possible on paper-based Praxis), then eliminate answers you know are incorrect, narrowing down your correct choices.
- Answer every question.

STUDY RESOURCES

1. Learning Express (Skills Improvements & Practice Tests) - Go to <http://library.uncwil.edu> click on "Databases & Articles", once there, Click L, then Learning Express Library. Click on "New User", create a username and password. Your first login needs to be done on UNCW campus. Under "Learning Centers" select level and "Skills Improvement courses" in the subjects you need review. For Practice Tests, type "Praxis 1" in the search box. There are two full length Praxis 1 practice tests. After completion and scoring of the test you will be directed to appropriate tutorials to improve your skills.
2. ETS Praxis Website: www.ets.org/praxis
3. Study Guides/Practice Books: Available in the UNCW bookstore, websites (such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble), and through the UNCW Library Reserves Area.
4. The University Learning Center - Tutoring is available by appointment for the following areas: Reading, Writing, and Math. For Further information, call the University Learning Center: 962-7857 or visit our website: www.uncw.edu/uls.
5. Praxis 1 Preparation Course (online) -See: <http://www.ed2go.com/webu/> . Courses begin each month and last for 6 weeks. Cost is \$99.

CONTACTS:

UNCW Testing Services: <http://www.uncw.edu/testing-services/national/praxis1.html>
About Praxis 1: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/praxis1>
Register: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/register>
Testing Bulletin: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/bulletin/>