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# Helping Students Succeed on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators

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### **Today's Session**

- Comparing the New Core Tests
   with Praxis I Tests
- Update on Praxis Testing New Score Reporting, Test Center Expansion and Test Dates
- Resources for You and Your Students





# Background on ETS

- Non-profit organization, founded in 1947; combined ACE, Carnegie Foundation and College Entrance Examination Board
- Mission: advance quality and equity in education for all people worldwide
- ETS develops, administers, and scores
  - 50+million assessments in
  - 180 countries at over
  - 9,000 locations worldwide



Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests: Reading, Writing and Mathematics





### **Core Academic Skills for Educators**

- Regenerated Praxis I<sup>®</sup> Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST<sup>®</sup>)
- Measure academic skills in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics that are needed to successfully prepare for a career in education
- Delivered on computer only (except for ADA accommodations)
- Delivered as three separate assessments:
  - Reading 85 minutes (vs. 75 minutes for PPST Reading)
  - Writing 100 minutes (vs. 68 minutes for PPST Writing)
  - Mathematics 85 minutes (vs. 75 minutes for PPST Mathematics)
  - Combined Test 4½ hours
- First administration October 2013

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### **Core Test Fees**

- \$135 for the combined test
- \$125 for two tests taken at the same time
- \$85 for a single test

Same fees as **PPST** 



## **Core Academic Skills for Educators**

### What are the skills assessed?

- Skills in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, drawn from the College and Career Readiness Standards of the Common Core and identified as important for a career in education
- Weighting and priority of test content is based on the importance of that content (those skills) to success learning and achievement — within an educator preparation program



### Big Picture: What is different from PPST?

- The tests were designed from the ground up to align with the Common Core State Standards.
- Teacher candidates are being assessed on the same range of career and college readiness skills they are looking to help students achieve.



## Big Picture: What is different from PPST?

**Reading:** Added assessment of integrating content from multiple texts and texts with diverse formats.

Mathematics: More rigorous coverage including assessment of CCSS content that is not included in the PPST.

**Writing**: Assesses the ability to write an argument AND to write an informational/explanatory essay. More of the candidate's score comes from productive writing skills (writing and revision), and selected response questions include coverage of research skills.



# Big Picture: What is different from PPST?

- Scores will be reported on the 100-200 Praxis score scale, as opposed to the 150-190 PPST scale.
- Because the tests measure additional content, and are designed to be more rigorous, scores on the new tests cannot be compared with scores on the PPST.
- Standard setting studies established recommended passing scores on the new score scale.



# Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading (5712)

I. Key Ideas and Details	17-22 SR*	35%
II. Craft, Structure, and Language Skills	14-19 SR*	30%
III. Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	17-22 SR*	35%

\*Selected Response (SR) questions include traditional multiple-choice questions as well as innovative items such as multiple-selection multiple-choice.



### **Comparing Praxis Core Reading with PPST**

	PPST Reading	Core Reading
Number of questions	46 multiple-choice questions (5710) 40 multiple-choice questions (0710)	56 selected-response questions
Time	75 minutes (5710) 60 minutes (0710)	85 minutes
Delivery Method	Computer-delivered (5710) Paper-delivered (0710)	Computer-delivered
Types of passages	<ul> <li>Long passages (approx. 200 words) with 4-7 questions</li> <li>Short passages (approx. 100 words) with 2 or 3 questions</li> <li>Brief statements with 1 question</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Paired passages totaling approx. 200 words with 4-7 questions</li> <li>Long passages (approx. 200 words) with 4-7 questions</li> <li>Short passages (approx. 100 words) with 2 or 3 questions</li> <li>Brief statements with 1 question</li> </ul>



# **Reading** What is carried over from PPST?

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# Candidate is presented with a variety of texts of different lengths from a variety of disciplines.

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# **Reading** What's new?

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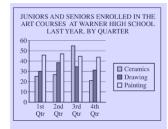
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### Reading

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#### CCSS College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

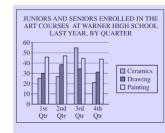
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#### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- 7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
- 9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.



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# Core Academic Skills for Educators Mathematics (5732)

I. Number and Quantity	17 (SR and NE)*	30%
II. Algebra and Functions	17 (SR and NE)*	30%
III. Geometry	11 (SR and NE)*	20%
IV. Statistics and Probability	11 (SR and NE)*	20%

\*Selected Response (SR) questions include traditional multiple-choice questions as well as innovative items such as multiple-selection multiple-choice.

\*Numeric Entry (NE) questions require candidates to enter an answer rather than selecting from among answer choices.



### **Comparing Praxis Core Math with PPST**

	PPST Mathematics	Core Mathematics
Number of questions	46 multiple-choice questions (5730) 40 multiple-choice questions (0730)	56 selected-response questions
Time	75 minutes (5730) 60 minutes (0730)	85 minutes
Delivery Method	Computer-delivered (5730) Paper-delivered (0730)	Computer-delivered
Question Types	Single-selection multiple-choice questions	Selected-response and numeric entry questions, including: • Single-selection multiple- choice questions • Multiple-selection multiple-choice questions • Numeric entry questions



### What is carried over from PPST?

- I. Number and Operations
  - Order
  - Equivalence
  - Numeration and Place Value
  - Number Properties
  - Operation Properties
  - Computation
  - Estimation
  - Ratio, Proportion, and Percent
  - Numerical Reasoning

#### II. Algebra

- Equations and Inequalities
- Algorithmic Thinking
- Patterns
- Algebraic Representation
- Algebraic Reasoning

- III. Geometry and Measurement
  - Geometric Properties
  - The xy-Coordinate Plane
  - Geometric Reasoning
  - Systems of Measurement\
  - Measurement

#### IV. Data Analysis and Probability

- Data Interpretation
- Data representation
- Trends and Inferences
- Measures of Center and Spread
- Probability

The Core Mathematics test includes topics covered in PPST.



### What's new?

- I. Number and Quantity The Real Number System
  - Work with radicals and integer exponents

#### II. Algebra and Functions Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities

• Understand solving equations as a process of reasoning and explain the reasoning

#### **Building Functions**

- Interpreting Functions
- Building Functions

The Core Mathematics test adds coverage of CCSS mathematics content not included in PPST.

- III. Geometry Modeling with Geometry
  - Apply geometric concepts in modeling situations

#### IV. Statistics and Probability Basic Statistics and Probability

- Develop understanding of statistical variability
- Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population
- Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data
- Interpreting Categorical and Quantitative Data
- Interpret linear models



### What's new?

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Onscreen calculator added. Test is meant to assess mathematical reasoning, not computation. Calculator reduces the chance of simple arithmetic error.



### What's new?

#### Innovative Item Types – Numeric entry and Multiple Selection responses added

Men	12
Women	18
Boys	10
Girls	8

The table above shows the distribution of men, women, boys, and girls in a group of 48 individuals. If one individual is to be randomly selected from the group, what is the probability that the individual selected will be a woman?

Which of the following are valid ways to find 125 percent of a number?

Select all that apply.

- □ Multiply the number by 1.25.
- Divide the number by 4 and multiply the result by 5.
- Divide the number by 4 and add the result to the number.
- Multiply the number by 0.25 and multiply the result by 4.



# Core Academic Skills for Educators Writing (5722)

<ul> <li>I. Text Types, Purposes, and Production</li> <li>A. Text Production: Writing Arguments</li> <li>B. Text Production: Writing Informative/Explanatory Texts</li> <li>C. Text Production: Revision</li> </ul>	6-12 SR* 2 CR	60%
II. Language and Research Skills for Writing A. Language Skills B. Research Skills	28-34 SR*	40%

\*Selected Response (SR) questions include traditional multiplechoice questions as well as innovative items such as multipleselection multiple-choice.



### **Comparing Praxis Core Writing with PPST**

	PPST Writing	Core Writing
Number of questions	<ul><li>44 multiple-choice questions (5720)</li><li>40 multiple-choice questions (0720)</li><li>1 constructed-response question (both 5710 and 0710)</li></ul>	40 selected-response questions 2 constructed response questions
Time	68 minutes (5720) – 38 minutes for the multiple-choice section and 30 minutes for the constructed-response section 60 minutes (0720) – Two 30-minute sections	100 minutes (40 minutes for the selected-response section and two 30-minute constructed- response sections)
Question Types	<ul> <li>Single-selection multiple-choice questions:</li> <li>Usage</li> <li>Sentence Correction</li> <li>Constructed-response question:</li> <li>Argumentative Essay</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Selected-response questions:</li> <li>Usage</li> <li>Sentence Correction</li> <li>Revision in Context</li> <li>Research Skills</li> <li>CR questions:</li> <li>Argumentative Essay</li> <li>Informative/Explanatory Essay</li> </ul>



# Writing What is carried over from PPST?

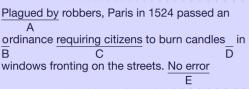
Read the opinion stated below:

"Minimum-wage jobs are a ticket to nowhere. They are boring and repetitive and teach employees little or nothing of value. Minimum-wage employers take advantage of people because they need a job."

Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with this opinion. Support your views with specific reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, or reading.

<u>As a consumer, one can accept</u> the goods offered to us or we can reject them, but we cannot determine their quality or change the system's priorities.

- (A) As a consumer, one can accept
- (B) We the consumer either can accept
- (C) The consumer can accept
- (D) Either the consumer accepts
- (E) As consumers, we can accept



#### Argumentative essay Assesses CCR Standards Writing 1, 4 Language 1, 2, 3

# Sentence Correction Language 1, 2, 3

Usage	

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Essay

Writing 2, 4, 7, 8, 9

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... Read the two passages carefully and then write

an essay in which you identify the most important

from BOTH of the sources. In addition, you may

draw on your own experience, observations, or

are paraphrasing or directly quoting.

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# Writing What's New?

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#### **Revision in Context Set**

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(1) Many people have a narrow idea of what is involved in being a scientist. (2) Most students surveyed in a recent study, for example, assumed that all scientists work indoors in a lab and approach their work in a

In context, which revision to sentence 9 is most needed?

- (A) Insert "Although" at the beginning of the sentence.
- (B) Change "accompanying" to "that accompanied".
- (C) Change "enjoys" to "enjoyed".\*
- (D) Change "watching" to "to watch".
- (E) Change "to smell and eat" to "for smelling and eating".

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#### Writing 8

Which is the main purpose of reviewing the references in a research article when one writes an academic paper?

- (A) To check that the authors did their own research
- (B) To identify additional relevant sources
- (C) To learn how to write citations correctly
- (D) To verify that the authors did not cite themselves
- (E) To avoid reading other sources on the same topic

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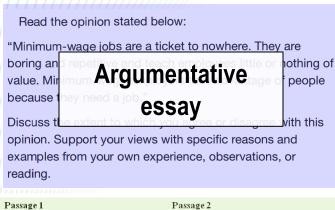
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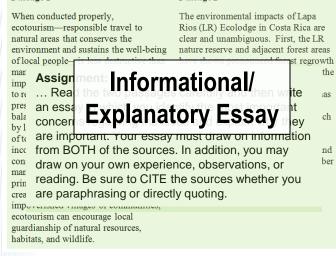
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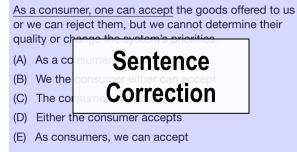


# **Core Academic Skills for Educators**



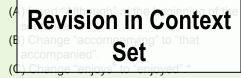


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# Core Test Adoption by Ohio Programs



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### **Core Test Adoption by Ohio Programs**

- Ohio universities have moved to the Core tests with the retirement of Praxis I in August 2014
- Review of test content and adoption of new Core tests
- Setting a score requirement for each test will be important



### Recommendations from National Standard-Setting Panels

- Reading the recommendation was a score of 156 on a 100-200 scale
- ETS recommends staying within +/- 2 SEM's (standard error of measure) of the RSV:

<b>□-2 SEMs</b>	25	<b>140</b>
<b>D-1 SEM</b>	28	148
	31	156
□+1 SEM	35	166
<b>□+2 SEMs</b>	38	174



### Recommendations from National Standard-Setting Panels

- Writing the recommendation was a score of 162 on a 100-200 scale
- ETS recommends staying within +/- 2 SEM's (standard error of measure) of the RSV:

<b>□-2 SEM</b> s	37	150
□-1 SEM	41	158
	44	162
□+1 SEM	<b>48</b>	170
<b>□+2 SEMs</b>	<b>52</b>	176



### Recommendations from National Standard-Setting Panels

- Mathematics the recommendation was a score of 150 on a 100-200 scale
- ETS recommends staying within +/- 2 SEM's (standard error of measure) of the RSV:

<b>□-2 SEMs</b>	22	132
<b>□-1 SEM</b>	<b>26</b>	142
	29	150
<b>U+1 SEM</b>	33	162
<b>□+ 2 SEM</b> s	37	172

# **Update on Praxis Testing**



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### Continuous Testing: Core Academic Skills for Educators

- *Praxis I (PPST)* was continuous
- Regenerated "Core Academic Skills for Educators" in 2013-14 and fall 2014 – offered in windows
- Sufficient volume needed for test equating
- Expecting continuous in early 2015



### Test Availability – Testing Date Expansions

 To meet increasing demands for computerdelivered tests...

Additional Core weeks added to OCT and NOV window:



10/19/14 – 10/25/14 Core Assessments ONLY

11/16/14 – 11/22/14 Core Assessments ONLY





### 2014-2015 Testing Schedule

#### **Computer Testing Windows:**

- 9/9/14 9/20/14 -
- 10/6/14 10/18/14 (10/25 for Core)
- 11/3/14 11/15/14 (11/22 for Core)
- 12/8/14 12/20/14
- 1/12/15 1/24/15
- 2/9/15 2/21/15
- 3/9/15 3/21/15
- 4/6/15 4/17/15
- 5/11/15 5/22/15
- 6/15/15 6/26/15
- 7/13/15 7/25/15
- 8/10/15 8/22/15

With computer tests, students can register up to 3 days before test day and not pay a late fee.

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# 2014-15 Score Reporting Enhancements

- Candidates now receiving e-mail when new scores arrive (began March 2014)
  - Score recipients will also have this service by January
- Ability to Search by First <u>and Last Name</u>
- Annual History Report function to include Pass/Not Pass Status and Category Raw Points Available
- Advanced Search function to include Category Scores (earned and points available)

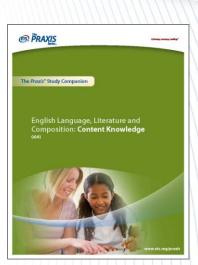
# **Resources for Your Students**





## **Free Test Prep**

- Comprehensive Praxis Study Companion
  - Test at a Glance (TAAG)
  - Reducing Test Anxiety
  - Study Plan document



- Pre-Recorded Webinars "on-demand" webinar modeled after "live" webinars
  - Assists those who are not able to attend "live" webinars due to class, work, or time zone conflicts
- Live one-hour webinars: all start at 1 PM ET
  - Monday, October 27, 2014
  - Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at



## Interactive Practice Tests

- Detailed explanations for correct answers to the practice questions
- Content category scores indicating the number of questions answered correctly in each content category to help candidates understand their performance level
- Real test directions and questions similar to those you will see on test day
- A timer that to simulate the actual test experience
- \$17.95 for 10 uses or 90 days
- 20% institutional discount with purchase of 2 or more <u>http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/praxis\_interactive\_test\_order\_form.pdf</u>



#### **Interactive Practice Tests for Core**

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Performance by Category	# Questions	# Correct
I. Key Ideas and Details	20	0
II. Craft, Structure, and Language Skills	18	0
III. Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	18	0
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#### Updated Computerized Testing Experience Videos

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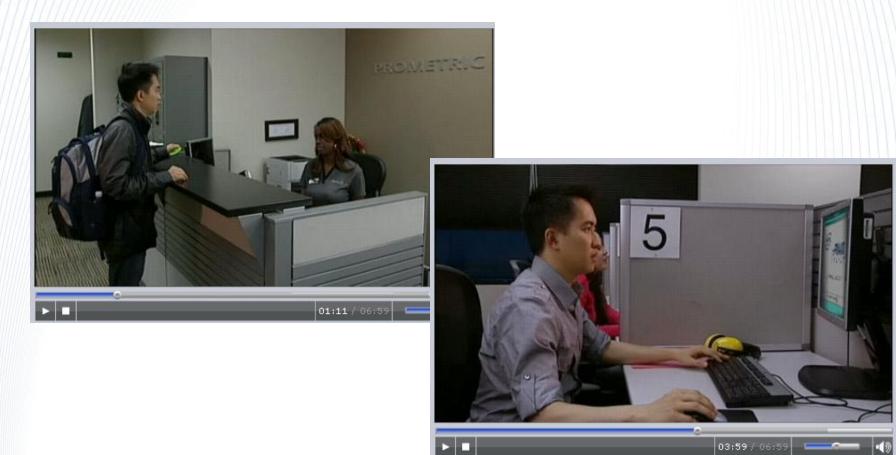
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- Test Information
- Preparing Teacher Candidates
  - Test Preparation Materials
- Scores and score reporting services
- Services and Tools
  - ETS Data Manager for the Praxis Series
    - Quick and custom reports
    - Real time data of student performance
- Research
  - Trends in education, teacher performance, student learning outcomes, teacher quality and other related topics

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# **Important Support Links**

- Institutional support: Denee West
  - Phone: (866) 243-4088
  - Email: <u>TeachingandLearning@ETS.ORG</u>
- Praxis Connections Newsletter sign up: <u>http://www.pages03.net/ets/PraxisMailingList/IHEOptIn/</u>
- ETS Data Manager for The Praxis Series<sup>™</sup>
  - <u>http://www.ets.org/praxis/institutions/services\_tools/data\_manager/</u>
- Teaching Reading: Elementary Education test
  - qualifier for Third Grade Reading Guarantee <a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5203">http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5203</a>

# Ethics for the Professional Educator





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  - Online, self-guided, highly engaging
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  - *3. Introduce Knowledge:* The Professional Educator and the School (20 minutes)
  - 4. Introduce Knowledge: The Professional Educator and the Community (15 minutes)
  - 5. Experience Knowledge: Ethical Decision Making for the Professional Educator (20 minutes)

Scenario-based, situational judgment tests

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