

## Required Tests for URI Teacher Education Students

For fall 2015-spring 2016 student teachers, and after\*\*

### AFTER ADMISSION:

**All students** must take and pass licensure tests PRIOR TO student teaching or final internship, as listed in table below. In order to assure that you will attain required scores, you must choose *early test dates* so that you will have ample opportunity to retake tests if needed. You will not be cleared for student teaching without passing scores.

Current RI Department of Education certification area testing requirements are also available at the RIDE website: <https://www.ride.ri.gov/TeachersAdministrators/EducatorCertification.aspx/> Select: Requirements / Certification Tests.

\*\*At the discretion of RIDE, tests and/or test scores may change. Students will be informed immediately.

Tests Required for Licensure		PRAXIS II	
<b>Early Childhood Teachers</b>	5024*	Education of Young Children* <i>(*newly revised test: spring 2015)</i>	160
	5022	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge	170
<i>Note: Passing scores on the Elementary tests (below) also qualify for Early Childhood Education certification.</i>			
<b>Elementary Teachers</b>	5622	Principles of Learning & Teaching (gr. K-6)	160
<i>For these tests, minimum score for each subtest must be attained. Subtests may be retaken individually as needed.</i>	(5001-all 4)	<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects</b>	~
	5002*	Reading and Language Arts Subtest*	157
	5003*	Mathematics Subtest*	157
*newly revised tests: spring 2015	5004**	Social Studies Subtest	155
**same tests as prior 5034, 5035	5005**	Science Subtest	159
<b>Middle Level Certification Extension</b>			
<b>NEW!</b> State regulations now require candidates for all certification areas to pass a content test. ALL elementary candidates for a <b>middle level certification extension</b> must take and achieve a passing score in the following content knowledge test[s], even if you have a 30-credit major in that area. Passing score follows test number:			
<b>English</b> — Middle School English Language Arts 5047 – 164			
<b>Math</b> — Middle School Mathematics 5169– 165			
<b>Science</b> — Middle School Science 5440 – 150			
<b>Social Studies</b> —Middle School Social Studies 5089 – 160			
<b>Secondary Education Teachers (all)</b>	5624	Principles of Learning & Teaching (gr. 7-12)	157
<b>Content Area Tests</b>			
<b>Biology</b>	5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	157
<b>Chemistry</b>	5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	156
<b>English</b>	5039	English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	168
<b>General Science</b>	5435	General Science: Content Knowledge	153
<b>Mathematics</b>	5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
<b>Physics</b>	5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	146
<b>Social Studies</b>	5081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	162
<b>English as a Second Language Certification Extension</b> (Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary)	5361	English to Speakers of Other Languages	146

<b>All Special Subject Teachers: PK-12</b>	5622	Principles of Learning & Teaching (gr. K-6)	160
	<u>or</u> 5624	<u>or</u> Principles of Learning & Teaching (gr. 7-12)	157
<b>Music</b>	5113	Music: Content Knowledge	160
<b>Physical Education</b>	5091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	154
<b>Health</b>	5551	Health Education	162
<b>School Library Media</b>	5311	Library Media Specialist	162
<b>World Languages</b> The PLT 5624 (7-12) is best fit for World Language students ( <u>not</u> 5622/ K-6). See above.  The Oral Proficiency Test (OPI) and the Written Proficiency Test (WPT) are required for ALL World Language Students.  For more information, visit <a href="http://www.uri.edu/hss/education/undergrad/secondary/index.html">http://www.uri.edu/hss/education/undergrad/secondary/index.html</a>	5174	French: World Language	162
	5183	German: World Language	163
	5195	Spanish: World Language	168
	5601	Latin	161
	(no Praxis test)	Italian**	n/a
		OPI and WPT (required for all): *One score must be <i>Advanced Low</i> or better; the other must be <i>Intermediate High</i> or better **For <u>Italian</u> , OPI must be <i>Advanced Low</i> or better	*
<b>Reading Specialist</b>	5301	Reading Specialist	164
<b>Special Education Teachers Elementary Special Education</b>  * * * * *  <i>If you are not currently licensed in RI as an Elementary Education teacher (but are licensed in another state), you will need to take and pass the PLT (5622) and 5001 (which includes the 4 elementary subtests as listed) in order to attain the Elementary Special Education license in RI.</i>	5543	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications	164
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	5622	Principles of Learning & Teaching (gr. K-6)	160
	5002	<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects</b> Reading and Language Arts Subtest*	~ 157
	5003	Mathematics Subtest*	157
	5004	Social Studies Subtest	155
	5005	Science Subtest	159
<b>Secondary Special Education</b>  * * * * *  <i>If you are not currently licensed in RI as a Secondary Education teacher (but are licensed in another state), you will need to take and pass the PLT (5624) and appropriate content test in order to attain the Secondary Special Education license in RI.</i>	5543	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications	164
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	5624	Principles of Learning & Teaching (gr. 7-12)	157
	5XXX	Appropriate Praxis II content test (see page 1)	

Important information follows on next 2 pages . . .

## **PRAXIS II Licensure Tests**

### **Information about ETS Registration, Accommodations, and Test Scores**

#### **REGISTRATION:**

You may already have a 'My Praxis' account—if not, you will need to create one; sign in with your user name and password.

\*\*Please designate URI as a score recipient using this code: **3919**\*\*

**Computer-based tests only:** Visit <http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/computer>.

(Paper-based tests were discontinued as of summer 2014.)

At this time, all tests require registration during 'testing windows'. You *may* register for test dates in consecutive testing windows. Some tests offer a testing window each month; those in areas that have fewer test takers (e.g. physics) are not offered as frequently—so you will need to plan accordingly. To access schedule for all Praxis II test dates, visit:

[http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers\\_dates/computer](http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates/computer).

**TEST SITES:** There are now a number of test sites in RI; visit this link and key in your zip code to find convenient centers near you: <http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/tcenter.jsp>.

#### **TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS:**

a) **For Test-Takers with Disabilities and Health-related Needs:**

If you have a documented disability through Disabilities Services here at URI, you may qualify for testing accommodations. Contact that office and visit: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities/>; call **1-866-387-8602** with any questions. Be sure to seek assistance from the URI Office of Student Disabilities Services in Memorial Union *early*. Requests to ETS for accommodations take several weeks to process.

b) **For Test-Takers whose Primary Language is not English (PLNE):**

You may qualify for *extended time* when taking these tests. Visit this link for more information, <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/accommodations/plne> and contact Dr. JoAnn Hammadou: [joannah@uri.edu](mailto:joannah@uri.edu).

For either option above, several documents must be completed and *mailed in* to ETS when you register, so please plan ahead!

#### **PREPARATION:**

ETS provides a series of videos about the test-taking experience:

Overview: [Preparing to Take a Praxis™ Test Webinar Video Strategies for Success Video \(Flash\)](#)

[Computer-Delivered Test Day Video \(Flash\)](#)

[Computer-Delivered Testing Demonstration \(Flash\)](#)

as well as a booklet with tips for coping with testing anxiety:

[https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/reducing\\_test\\_anxiety.pdf](https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/reducing_test_anxiety.pdf)

## **Preparation (cont.)**

**Principles of Learning & Teaching** (required for many education students): For the PLT K-6 (5622) and PLT 7-12 (5624), EDC 312 or 512 – Psychology of Learning--provides a strong foundation. You may still have the text/notes from that class; these will be a helpful review tool. To get an overview of the test and a free 'Study Companion' (along with other kinds of test prep materials) visit:

PLT (K-6): <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5622> or

PLT (7-12): <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5624>

The Study Companion outlines the exact format of the current test, along with sample questions. The Curriculum Materials Library (CML) Website also has a great resource here: <http://uri.libguides.com/content.php?pid=386843&sid=3518352>; see PDF: "PLT Key Terms Study Sheet".

**Other Content Tests:** The Curriculum Materials library has a number of Subject-Specific Praxis review resources. See: <http://uri.libguides.com/content.php?pid=386843&sid=3518352>. New and used study guides are also available through Amazon and other online resources. Your advisor may also be a helpful resource to identify effective preparation materials.

### **ALL Tests:**

Learning Express option: A variety of practice tests are available at this site; the selection changes, but it is worth checking to see if PLT or any of your required tests are available:

1. Go to [askri.org](http://askri.org) ; click on "Learning Express"
2. Create a free user name and password and sign in; click on "View Features Resources"
3. Under "Prepare for an Occupation Exam", click on "Teaching"
4. Under "Teaching", select "Prepare for the Praxis II Subject Assessments"
5. Search for any appropriate practice tests.

### **TEST SCORES:**

For tests that are *multiple-choice only*, test score will appear on the screen on test day; your official score report should be available through your ETS account about 12 business days *AFTER* the testing window closes. For tests that include written responses, you will not see your test score until your official score report posts: about 17 business days *AFTER* testing window closes.

### **TEST FEES:**

All fees are listed here: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees>. This link also specifies length of test, and whether test is multiple choice only (MC) or both multiple choice and constructed—written—response (CR).

### **ETS Fee Waiver Policy**

To find out more about fee waivers, visit: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees>.

Important: To be considered for an ETS fee waiver, documentation must be received well ahead of test date. Fee waivers are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, and only given out one time per year to a given student. For example, to be considered for a fee waiver for tests taken between July and September 2014, you must submit documentation by May 21, 2014—but the sooner the better!

### **School of Education Resource**

The School of Education recently received a small grant to help students in *significant* financial need pay for required tests. Documentation will be required. For more information, please contact Marsha Mott in the main office at 874-4068.