What is the Kean University College of Education PRAXIS Requirement?

College of Education policy at Kean University requires all College of Education students to take and pass the respective PRAXIS II test(s) for their area of initial teacher certification before they will be allowed to perform their professional internship (student teaching). The policy affects all College of Education students seeking initial teacher certification.

Proof of passing PRAXIS II scores in the form of a copy of all pages of the student's ETS Examinee Score Report from ETS must be submitted to the Teaching Performance Center with the internship application for field placement. If test scores are not available at the time of application, they must be submitted no later than August 15 for students performing fall semester internships and November 1 for spring semester internships.

All College of Education students seeking initial teacher certification are accountable to meet this requirement and no exceptions will be permitted. No student will be permitted to perform an internship unless passing PRAXIS II scores are on file in the Teaching Performance Center.

Students who do not submit a score report showing passing scores on the PRAXIS II to the TPC by the above deadlines will not be allowed to perform the professional internship.

Score reports will not be mailed to the test taker and are only available online at the ETS website for a period of 30 days. Please be sure to download and save your score report as well as print out several copies for future use.

What Praxis II do I take?

No student will be permitted to perform an internship unless passing PRAXIS II scores for each area of certification are determined by the New Jersey Department of Education and are subject to change.

Do I have to take and pass a PRAXIS II exam before I can perform my Preprofessional (Junior) Field?

No. The PRAXIS II requirement applies only to the professional internship, full-semester field experience.

Which PRAXIS II Test do I have to take to meet the College of Education Requirement?

Students will be expected to take and pass the PRAXIS II test(s) for their area of certification as designated by the College of Education. Students should contact their program advisor and/or department to determine which PRAXIS II test(s) they should take.

Please note that the PRAXIS II test(s) which meet the College of Education requirement may be different from the requirements for licensure by the State of New Jersey. Please consult the New Jersey Department of Education website http://nj.gov.njded/educators/license/1112.htm for the test(s) for licensure.

I'm a student who has been accepted in the K-5/5-8 Middle School Program. Do I have to take two (2) PRAXIS II Tests?

No. The College of Education will require that you take and pass the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge PRAXIS II Test in order to perform your student teaching. Please be advised, however, that in order to receive your certification endorsement for middle school specialization from the State, you will need to pass the middle school PRAXIS II for your respective subject area.

What if I am in the Special education Program—What Praxis II do I take?

TSD candidates are required to take the Praxis II exam for their content area, i.e. K-12 Math take the Math Content Knowledge, K-5 take the Elementary Ed Content Knowledge test. Students seeking K-5/5-8 are only required to take the Elementary Ed Content Knowledge exam.

Do students in the Early Childhood program need to take TWO Praxis II tests?

If you are an undergraduate student, you are in a dual certification program and must take BOTH the Early Childhood Content Knowledge exam AND the Elementary Education Content Knowledge exam. Post-Baccalaureate students and Graduate students are only required to take the Early Childhood Content Knowledge test.

When I visit the ETS PRAXIS site, it lists PRAXIS I, II and III tests. Do I have to take all three? Which do I take?

Kean University students are required to take and pass the PRAXIS II test for their area(s) of initial teacher certification to meet College of Education and state licensing requirements. The PRAXIS II test is only offered in a pencil and paper format. It is NOT offered in computer-based format at this time. Beginning in fall 2008, some departments will require the Praxis I test for admission into their programs.
When should I take the PRAXIS II?

The College of Education is recommending that you schedule and take the appropriate PRAXIS II Test(s) as soon as you feel prepared in your content area. You no longer need to wait until you have earned 90 credits. Go to Educational Testing Services (ETS) PRAXIS Testing Information website (www.ets.org/praxis) and check the schedule of testing dates to determine the dates that tests are being given. Pay special attention to the dates that your score report is due back to meet the score submission deadline for the internship. It is also important to leave yourself enough time to retake the test and still meet the submission deadline.

How do I register to take the PRAXIS II?

There are several ways to register for the PRAXIS. You can register online at ETS, download the registration form from the ETS website and mail it in, or order a registration bulletin by calling 1-800-772-9476.

Is there anything special I need to know when registering for the PRAXIS II Test?

Yes. When registering you need to make sure that you are registering for the PRAXIS II - Paper-Based Test and that you are registering for the correct subject knowledge test. Double check with your program advisor/department so that you are assured of registering for the correct test.

You MUST include your social security number on all registrations. When registering online, the registration form will indicate that your SS# is optional. IT IS NOT. The State of New Jersey Department of Education uses your social security number to match your PRAXIS II Test results with your application for teacher certification. If you SS# is missing or incorrect on your PRAXIS II Test, the state will be unable to certify you. Important: You must also indicate Kean University as a recipient of your PRAXIS II results. Use the code RA2517 to have your score(s) sent to Kean. If you take the test at a New Jersey site, your results will automatically be sent to the New Jersey Department of Education. However, if you take your PRAXIS II Test outside of the state, you will need to indicate CODE 7666 to have the scores sent to the New Jersey Department of Education.

If my scores are already being sent to Kean University, why must I still submit a copy of my Examinee Score Report to meet the COE PRAXIS requirement?

PRAXIS testing scores are reported to the University in an electronic format, and, at this time, the Teaching Performance Center does not have access to those scores. We are, therefore, asking you to submit a copy of all pages of your Examinee Score Report which will indicate your name, your ID number, the PRAXIS II Test you took, your resulting score and whether or not you met the current NJ State Department of Education passing score. It will also provide the College with valuable information on the subsections of each test.

Beginning with the September 09 test administration, score reports will only be available online. The online report will be available for only 30 days from the posted reporting date. Download and print a copy of the report to submit to the CPC or email the report to us as an attachment.

How can I study or practice for the PRAXIS II Test?

There are many resources available to students who wish more information on test preparation:

- The College of Education offers a six-week summer workshop on PRAXIS II preparation.
- PRAXIS reviews for subject area certification, i.e. English, Mathematics, Social Studies, PE/Health, etc., are offered through the individual subject area department. Please contact the individual department for further information.
- PLATO Computer-Assisted Instruction is available on campus. Contact Ms. Geraldine DeSapio at gdesapio@kean.edu for further information and scheduled times.
- Free Test at a Glance (TAAG) publications are available for download at www.ets.org/praxis. Each TAAG includes detailed test descriptions, sample questions with answers and explanations, and test-taking strategies. The TAAGs also include scoring guides for constructed response questions.
- Study Guides for some PRAXIS II tests are available for purchase. Guides contain sample questions with an answer key and additional information about the test. See the PRAXIS Test bulletin or visit the PRAXIS website at www.ets.org/praxis.
- Purchase test-taking books or other materials.
- Various test testing tips, programs and PRAXIS information is also available on the internet.

- What if I have a documented disability or English is not my first language? Are there any special accommodations?

Educational Testing Services does offer special accommodations for test takers whose primary language is not English and for test takers with disabilities. See the PRAXIS Registration Bulletin for specific information.

- I’ve already taken the PRAXIS II Test? Do I have to take it again? Must I attach a copy of my Examinee Score Report to my professional internship application?

It is not necessary to retake the PRAXIS II Test for your area of certification as long as the result meets the current New Jersey Department of Education passing score. However, if the score threshold has been increased since you took the PRAXIS II and your score does not meet that threshold or new tests have been implemented, you will need to retake the test or take the new test. Check the list of certifications and tests for the current passing scores on the NJ Department of Education website. Graduate or Post-baccalaureate students who submitted scores for entrance into the program are asked to attach a copy of their Examinee Score Report to their internship application.

- What if I pass the PRAXIS II test(s) but do not turn in my scores by the deadline?

If you do not submit a copy of your Examinee Score Report showing your test score(s) and that you passed the appropriate PRAXIS II test(s), you will not be able to student teach that semester.

The Teaching Performance Center must complete an audit of potential student teachers by the deadline date (August 15 for Fall interns and November 1 for Spring student teachers) in order to notify school districts in a timely manner if a student will not be coming as expected. Once a school is notified that a student is not student teaching, that decision will not be reversed and the student must delay student teaching for a semester.

- If I am not able to student teach as planned, what then?

You have several options to choose among:

- Complete your program requirements, if you still have other courses to take.
- Take a leave of absence from the university of up to two semesters if you have no further coursework to complete. To request a leave of absence, you must follow University guidelines as detailed in the Undergraduate or Graduate catalog and submit your request to the appropriate University official. You must also notify the Teaching Performance Center of your intention to take a leave of absence.
- Audit a course that you feel will assist you in preparing to pass the appropriate PRAXIS II test.
- Prepare yourself during the semester to further review and study for the PRAXIS II test.
- Undergraduates in the Early Childhood, Elementary, Elementary/Secondary, Health & Physical Education and Secondary Education programs may request the College of Education’s Dean’s consent to forego student teaching and graduate without certification. Music and Art Education students must seek approval from the Dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts. Should a student choose this option then later wish to return to the University to complete his/her certification, s/he must apply to the appropriate program.