

PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators (ASE) Information for UAF School of Education Students

What is Praxis Core (ASE) and Why is it Important for UAF Students?

Praxis Core (ASE) is a national exam with subtests in Reading, Math and Writing. It is designed by Educational Testing Services (ETS) for people who intend to enter the profession of teaching.

The Alaska State Legislature mandated that all people wishing to receive a license to teach in Alaska must receive passing scores on a basic skills exam in order to be licensed. The Alaska State Board of Education selected the Praxis I exam as of December 1, 1998. ALL people seeking to receive a teaching license in Alaska must have passing scores on each of the three Praxis subtests in reading, writing and mathematics. . **As of September 1, 2014 all people wishing to receive a license to teach in Alaska must have passing scores for Praxis Core (ASE).** *Registration codes for:* individual tests, Praxis Core (ASE): Reading (5712), Writing (5722), Math (5732) and for the combined test (5751). Prior to 9/1/14, passing scores for Praxis I in Alaska are as follows: reading 175, writing 174, mathematics 173, or an average score of 174 with no score less than 172 on each of the reading, writing, and math sections.

Beginning September 1, 2014, ALL students applying for admission to UAF Teacher Education Programs (elementary and secondary) must take the Praxis Core (ASE) test, and they must receive passing scores before they can be accepted into the internship year.

*All education students who have completed their basic English and mathematics courses are encouraged to register to take the test as soon as possible.

Where and When Can I Take the Praxis Core (ASE) Test—and How Do I Register?

1. The Praxis Core (ASE):

- The Praxis Core (ASE) is a computer-based test. If you have a disability or need any accommodations a paper test may be provided, please contact ETS Website at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities/>
- The Praxis Core (ASE) exam will be offered at 19 different test sites in Alaska (see chart for more detailed information). Students residing outside the State of Alaska should contact the Education Testing Service (ETS) or their local university Testing Office for location and test times in their area.
- It is necessary to register approximately one month before the date of the test. Many students are testing and the date you want might be filled. When registering, use your name as it appears **exactly** on your primary ID. If your name does not match your registration card, you will not be permitted to test and forfeit your test fees. On-line registration at the ETS/Praxis Website is available at www.ets.org/praxis (using a credit card for payment). You will receive confirmation as soon as you have completed the process.
- Registration forms can be downloaded from the above ETS website. Forms can NOT be faxed to ETS.
- UAF Testing Services offers Praxis Core (ASE) testing, Monday through Friday. Students must choose a testing day/time when registering through ETS. Or, for an additional fee (have credit card in hand) you may call 1 800 772 9476 to register to take a test and you must pay at the time of registration.
- The other option for taking the Praxis Core (ASE) test is to take it in Anchorage at the Prometric Testing Center. The phone number is (907) 276-0505. The ETS number is 800-772-9476 and you can call either number to register. You can take one, two, or all three of the tests (reading, math and writing) at one time.
- When registering for the Praxis test, please request to have your official test scores sent to the UAF School of Education (code RA4866). If you are planning to teach in the State of Alaska, your official scores also need to be sent to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (code R 7027).
- After you register, regardless of your registration method, you will access and print your admission ticket from your online account. If you find an error in your personal information (such as name misspellings or incorrect contact information) on your admission ticket, you may log into your Praxis account and update this information in your profile, then print an updated admission ticket.

How Much Does it Cost to Take the Praxis Core (ASE) Test?

- Combined (5751) test is \$150 and 5 hours, registering for all three tests \$150 (scheduled different days), or as an individual test: Reading (5712) test is \$90 and 1 hour 25 minutes. Writing (5722) test is \$90 and 1 hour 40 minutes. Math (5732) test is \$90 and 1 hour 25 minutes.
- If you need to change your test center or test date you must submit a completed “Test, Center and Date Change Request Form” to ETS with a \$40 change fee.
- Fee Waiver – If you are receiving financial aid and are an enrolled undergraduate or graduate student and meet the income guidelines, you may be eligible for a fee waiver. (See the online Praxis Information Bulletin) If you qualify, your registration fee for either Praxis Core (ASE) or one Praxis II test fee may be waived. You are ineligible if you have a master’s or doctoral degree. A limited number of waivers are granted, based on a first-come first serve basis.

How Can I Prepare for the Test?

- It is essential to thoroughly read through each Praxis Study Companion: <http://www.ets.org/s/praxis>. There is a Companion for each test. ETS offers Interactive Practice Tests (90 day subscription for \$19.95-\$47.88) and other free resources. Several commercial test preparation books can be ordered directly from on-line bookstores such as Amazon.com. Some are available in Fairbanks and Anchorage stores. It is a good idea to complete several practice questions to familiarize yourself with the testing format.
- The UAF School of Education has texts that can be checked out. Call 474-6447 for more information.

What Happens on the Day of the Test?

- You must present a photo identification with your name, photograph and signature in order to take the test (e.g. photo driver's license, photo employment ID, current passport, military ID, photo student ID accompanied by an additional photo or signature ID). Photo credit cards are not acceptable. If you registered in your married name and your ID is in your maiden name, you must have your marriage license in addition to your photo ID.
- You will need to present your admission ticket (On the day of the test you will be asked to verify that the test code and title on your test book match the information printed on your admission ticket.)
- You are not allowed to use calculators for the Praxis Core (ASE) test. No food, gum, books, papers or cell phones are allowed in the testing room.

How and When Will I Get the Results? Your official score report will be available online via your [My Praxis Account](#) approximately 2-3 weeks after the test date. When your scores are available, you will receive an email notifying you that your score report is ready to view online. Score reports will be available via your online account for one year from the score reporting date. **We encourage you to save a copy of the score report for your own files.** You will need to submit copies to future employers. Your scores will also be sent to up to three institutions/agencies you selected during the registration process. For computer based test takers, your reading and math scores will be displayed at the end of your session.

What Happens If I Do Not Pass One or More of The Tests?

- You can retake only the one(s) for which you did not receive a passing score. (Passing scores for Alaska are determined by the Alaska Board of Education.)
- Test may be taken once every 21 days, not including your initial test date. You can re-register for Praxis Core (ASE) online or via mail or by phone at 800-772-9476.

What if I have already taken the Praxis Core (ASE) test for another institution?

- Students who have previously completed the Praxis Core (ASE) test do not need to retake it if their scores meet the Alaska requirements.
- ETS keeps your scores for 9 years and 11 months.
- After the initial official scores are sent, there is a \$40 fee per additional copies to have sent to an institution of your choice. Note—You can have ETS send a copy of your scores to your home address for free if you make this request at the same time you order the additional copies to be sent to the institution of your choice.

http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/praxis_information_bulletin.pdf