

Praxis II (Elementary Content #5018) Information

The State of Alaska requires that all elementary teachers have passing scores on one of the Praxis II tests in order to be eligible to teach for more than the initial three-year period (i.e., Tier I Licensure).^{*} In addition, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District now mandates passing scores on a Praxis II test as part of their application to be a teacher in the district. The School of Education requires that all **BAE students and all elementary post-bac program applicants** pass the Praxis II Content Knowledge test prior to applying (in February) for their internship year. As of 9/1/15, the test number changes to 5018 and requires a passing score of 163 or higher. The previous test, #5014, with a cut score of 143 will still be accepted. It will not be possible to complete the admission process or arrange for a classroom internship until we have documentation showing that the student/applicant have taken/passed one of the Praxis II tests specific to elementary content (test #5018).

How can I register?

The Praxis II test is computer-based (#5018), and you must register through Education Testing Service (ETS) online at www.ets.org/praxis, or by phone (609) 771-7395 (for an additional fee) or by mailing in a registration form, available from the website and from Testing Services, 2nd Floor Gruening on the Fairbanks campus. Payment must be in full, by a credit/debit card, Paypal, Bank Check or money order. See ETS website for additional information. Be sure to print your admission ticket and take it with you to the test center.

- 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.
- When registering for the Praxis II exam, please request to have your official test scores sent to both UAF School of Education (code RA4866) and to Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (code R 7027).
- The test costs \$120 if you register online. Fee waivers may be available, see ETS for eligibility requirements.
- **Special Service Fees:** \$35 phone registration, \$40 change test date or center, \$50 additional score report
- **Primary Language Not English** If English is not your primary language; you may be eligible for 50% more time on the test. Go to the Praxis II Overview on the ETS website and download the Praxis Series Information Bulletin, go to page 9, and follow the directions. There are additional forms you will need to complete prior to registering.

What is on the test?

The test lasts 150 minutes, with 140 questions, is available only as computer delivered format, and consists of selected response and numeric-entry questions. A scientific calculator is provided. The test is divided into four parts, reading/language arts (approximately 49 questions), math (41), social studies (25), and science (25).

How can I prepare for the test?

- It is **essential** to thoroughly read through the Praxis Study Companion: <http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5018.pdf>. ETS offers Interactive Practice Tests (90 day subscription for \$19.95) 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.

What happens on the day of the test?

- Print your admission ticket by logging into your My Praxis Account.
- **You must have acceptable and valid ID with name, signature and photograph** to be admitted. Your complete name and signature as shown on your ID must match the name you registered under EXACTLY, even if you have a two-part last name or your name has changed (for any reason, including marriage or divorce).
- The test lasts a little over two hours. It will be given in the Gruening Bldg room 211.
- *The State of Alaska required cut score is 163 or higher.*