

## **Praxis test for Admission to Teacher Education at UNI**

### **Praxis I: Preprofessional Skills Test [PPST]**

For the fall semester 2013 UNI students will still take the Praxis I: PPST and obtain qualifying cut off scores in order to be admitted to Teacher Education.

There are 3 subtests for the PPST, each with a cut off score as well as a composite cut off score of 522:

- Reading – cut off score of 170
- Writing – cut off score of 170
- Mathematics – cut off score of 170

In order to be fully admitted to Teacher Education prior to registering for spring 2014 classes in November, you need to **have acceptable PPST scores on record at UNI by Oct. 15.**

Consult the ETS testing site for registration information: <http://www.ets.org/praxis>  
This test is available in computer format and paper-pencil format, though the availability dates for paper-pencil format is limited.

The combined testing time for all 3 subtests at once would be 4 ½ hours [Reading - 75 min., Mathematics - 75 min. Writing - 38 min. + 30 min. for the essay]. If you are not a confident test taker we recommend you schedule subtests separately. If you need accommodations for disabilities or health-related needs or if your primary language is not English do not hesitate to request such assistance

Costs for 2013-2014 are \$85 for 1 test, \$125 for 2 tests and \$135 for 3 tests.

In order for UNI to receive a copy of your score you must use **6307** to indicate the institution.

**NOTE: The Praxis: PPST will be discontinued by ETS after July, 2014.**

### **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators [Praxis CASE]**

Starting spring semester 2014 UNI will offer the new Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test. This test is computer-based only (except for students needing accommodations). If you need accommodations for disabilities or health-related needs or if your primary language is not English do not hesitate to request such assistance

This test consists of three subtests, each with a cut off score based on a scale of 100-200.

- Reading: test # 5712                      cut off score – 156
- Writing: test #5722                      cut off score – 162
- Mathematics: test #5732              cut off score – 150

The Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test at a Glance document (ETS, in press) describes the purpose and structure of each subtest. In brief, the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators subtests measure whether candidates entering a teacher preparation program have the necessary reading, writing, and mathematical knowledge/skills.

Each subtest is administered and scored separately.

- Reading. The 85-minute subtest contains 56 multiple-choice items covering three content areas: Key Ideas and Details, Craft, Structure and Language Skills, and Integration of Knowledge and Ideas.
- Writing. The 100-minute subtest contains 40 multiple-choice items covering two content areas: Text Types, Purposes and Production and Language and Research Skills for Writing.
- Mathematics. The 85-minute subtest contains 56 multiple-choice and numeric-entry items covering four content areas: Number and Quantity, Algebra and Functions, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability.

In order to be fully admitted to Teacher Education prior to registering for Summer and Fall 2014 classes in March/April you need to **have acceptable Praxis CASE scores on record at UNI by March 1.**

### **Acceptance of Praxis Tests for Admission to UNI Teacher Education**

Though UNI will only be offering the computer –based Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators tests starting January 2014, (and no longer offering the PPST) Teacher Education will continue to honor Praxis I: PPST tests for the foreseeable future. Thus, if you take Praxis I: PPST prior to January 2014 but do not apply for Admission to Teacher Education at UNI until after January 2014, your PPST scores will still be accepted.

**Note to community college transfers:** Though the above is true, we urge you to take the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators tests starting January 2014 and prior to your admission/transfer to the University of Northern Iowa.