

EFFECTIVE: SCHOOL YEAR 2009 - 2010

PRAXIS (NTE) Test Requirements by Certification Area for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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REGISTRATION WEBSITE: www.ets.org/praxis

PPST PRAXIS I – Required for all certification areas

	<u>Code</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
PPST: Reading (1hr.)	0710	172*
PPST: Writing (1 hr.)	0720	173*
PPST: Mathematics (1 hr.-No calculators)	0730	173*

*Composite/Minimum Score Allowance – Please see reverse side of this sheet.

Effective January 16, 2002, students seeking certification in Pennsylvania are able to take the PPST Reading, Writing, and Mathematics tests on a computer as well as on paper. Students may take the computerized tests at Prometric Testing Centers in the North Hills (412.367.4620), in Monroeville (412.372.2290), and at the University of Pittsburgh (412.624.9103). These tests are given more frequently than those actually scheduled by PRAXIS I; test results are also more readily available.

Specialty Area Tests for ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY Teacher Certification Programs			
Certification Area	Code	Praxis II Test	Qualifying Score
Biology 7-12	0235	Biology: Content Knowledge Calculators prohibited	147
Business Education K-12	0100	Business, Computer, & Information Technology (2 hr.) 4-function calculator allowed	560 (Eff. 9/1/02)
Communication 7-12	0800	Communication (PA) 2 hr.	530
English 7-12	0041	English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge (2 hr.)	160 (Eff. 9/1/99)
Mathematics 7-12	0061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (2 hr.) Graphing calculator required	136 (Eff. 9/1/99)
Social Studies 7-12	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (2 hr.)	157 (Eff. 11/1/97)
Elementary K-6 (This test must be taken by all ELED majors.)	0011	ELED Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment (2 hr.)	168
(This test must be taken by all candidates in K-6 and K-12 certification areas.)	0511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (2 hr.)	150

TESTING DATES AND COSTS OF TESTS: Please see the information on the third and fourth pages of the pamphlet or on the Praxis website - www.ets.org/praxis

WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE PRAXIS TESTS:

- (1) The Test Center Number for Robert Morris University is #12454.
- (2) Attending Institution is Robert Morris University - #2769.
- (3) Designated Score Recipient(s): This should be the PA Dept. of Education (#8033) *and* Robert Morris (#2769).
- (4) Major Field: Put your Certification Field (below) in the appropriate “Undergraduate” *or* “Graduate” box.
- (5) Certification Fields: Same numbers as used for Major Field: Business Education (104); Communication (199); Elementary (202); English Education (106); Mathematics Education (113); Social Studies Education (121).

NEW FOR 2007-08:

- (1) Beginning in September 2007, test takers will only be required to pay the \$50 registration fee once per testing year, instead of every time they register, as in previous years.
- (2) Standby testing has been replaced with an Emergency Registration period, which allows the test taker to register after the late registration deadline, and guarantees a seat at a testing center.

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NEW PRAXIS I MINIMUM SCORES: PDE has used the Praxis I (PPST) Basic Skills testing composite score since September 15, 2005, as it potentially helps a candidate who may excel in one of the three areas but is weak in another area. In addition to the composite score cutoff, currently set at 521, candidates must also achieve a minimum score on each of the three tests. **Effective January 1, 2009, the Bureau has established new minimum scores:**

Test Name	Qualifying Score	Previous Minimum	New Minimum
PPST Mathematics	173	171	170
PPST Reading	172	171	169
PPST Writing	173	170	170
<i>Composite Score</i>		<i>521</i>	<i>521</i>

The Bureau has established new minimum scores that represent a consistent deviation from the qualifying score as can be seen in the table above.