

## COVID-19 Impact on ETS Praxis Assessments Updated: May 11, 2020

The ETS Praxis series assessments are a significant component of educator licensure in Tennessee. Educators seeking admission to job-embedded programs, licensed educators seeking to add endorsements to an existing license, previously licensed educators seeking to reactivate an expired license, and educators completing preparation programs are all impacted by test center closures.

In response to test center closures as a result of COVID-19, ETS is beginning to release details regarding testing accommodations through the *Praxis Tests at Home* solution, which will be available to educators across the country. While we anticipate that some test centers will begin to reopen across the state, we are hopeful that the test at home solution is a viable option for all educators in need in the interim. While ETS is the primary contact for information related to this new testing option, we wanted to develop guidance that would support understanding of how this option will impact educators in Tennessee.

**Beginning Friday, May 15**, current and prospective educators may <u>register</u> for some of the most commonly taken Praxis series assessments. The assessments that are approved by the state board and on the preliminary list for the first round of the *Praxis Tests at Home* include:

Test ID	Praxis Test title
5713	Core Reading
5723	Core Writing
5733	Core Mathematics
5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subject
5002	Elementary Education: Reading Language Arts
5003	Elementary Education: Mathematics
5004	Elementary Education: Social Studies
5005	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge
5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge
5362	English for Speakers of Other Languages
5025	Early Childhood Education
5272	Special Education: Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students
5169	Middle School Mathematics
5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge
5354	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications
5331	Speech-Language Pathology
5018	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge



**Beginning June 1**, current and prospective educators may register for an additional group of Praxis series assessments. The assessments that are approved by the state board and on the preliminary list for the second round of the *Praxis Tests at Home* include:

Test ID	Praxis Test title
5621	PLT: Early Childhood
5622	PLT: K-6
5623	PLT: 5-9
5624	PLT: 7-12
5543	SPED: Mild Moderate Applications
5203	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education
5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary
5421	Professional School Counselor
5047	Middle School English Language Arts
5440	Middle School Science
5095	Physical Education: Content and Design
5652	Computer Science
6990	School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)

Test takers will register through ETS, then schedule a testing appointment through ProctorU. Please note that there are specific eligibility requirements for the test taker, computer technology during the assessment, and testing environment. Test takers should be mindful of these unique requirements as they begin the registration process. ETS will provide an equipment and environment checklist, and test takers are encouraged to complete this activity prior to registering and scheduling tests. Test takers should review all standard steps for Praxis registration as they remain the same for at home testing. There will be added requirements for creating an account and registering for an appointment through ProctorU, which will be shared through ETS communications and on the ETS Praxis website. In addition, unique test security measures will be taken to ensure test delivery and administration meets high standards. Test takers in need of testing accommodations may do so through ETS Disability Services.

ETS has indicated that scoring and score delivery will remain the same. Scores for assessments normally offered continuously at testing centers will be reported on the same schedule for at home testing. All other assessment titles will follow a specific schedule for score reporting that runs roughly 3-4 weeks.

ETS is waiving the fee to reschedule for test takers whose tests were cancelled, as well as for those who expressed concern about going to a test center. Please ensure test takers are aware of this option and contact ETS if they would like to determine if they qualify for this waiver. The most up-to-date information regarding the *Praxis Test at Home* solution can be reviewed <a href="here">here</a>.

With questions regarding the *Praxis Test at Home* solution, please <u>contact ETS</u>. With specific questions regarding how this may impact licensure and preparation in Tennessee, please contact <u>Michael.Deurlein@tn.gov</u>.