

PRAXIS II Overview

What Are PRAXIS II Tests?

PRAXIS II: Subject Assessment tests measure knowledge of specific subjects that K-12 educators will teach, as well as general and subject-specific teaching skills and knowledge. There are Subject Assessments, Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Tests and Teaching Foundations Tests.

Who Takes the Tests and Why?

Individuals entering the teaching profession take these tests as part of the teacher licensing and certification process required by many states. A number of professional associations and organizations require these tests as one criterion for professional licensing decisions.

Where Do People Take the Tests?

The PRAXIS Series tests are taken at testing locations located in various states and regions. Refer to the [Paper-based Test Centers](#) for a complete list of testing locations in your area.

For paper-based nonstandard test administrations, test takers whose primary language is not English will be administered at pre-established test centers and supplemental centers. See [PLNE Center List](#).

Testing Formats

The PRAXIS II: Subject Assessments include

- **Subject Assessments.** These assessments measure general and subject-specific teaching skills and knowledge. They include both multiple-choice and constructed-response test items.
- **Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Tests.** These assessments measure your general pedagogical knowledge at four grade levels: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, and 7-12. These tests use a case study approach and feature constructed-response and multiple-choice items.
- **Teaching Foundations Tests.** These assessments measure pedagogy in five areas: multi-subject (elementary), English, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science. These tests feature constructed-response and multiple-choice items.

PRAXIS II tests are one, two, or four hours in length. You may take any combination of tests that fits the schedule shown in [The PRAXIS Series 2006-07 Information Bulletin](#) (PDF).