**PRAXIS GUIDE**

Use the available links and prep materials to understand how the Praxis tests are offered and to review for each core test.

* **Passing Praxis Core Scores or Equivalent Required for Advanced Study:** <http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/praxis-core-information>
* **The Praxis Series Information Bulletin:** <http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/praxis_information_bulletin.pdf>
* **Advice on how to prep for Praxis:** <https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/praxis_test_prep_flyer.pdf>
* Review and read in detail the free **Study Companions** for each test. These study companions offer key information and test-taking tips that can give you the best chance of passing.
  + Praxis test preparation materials at [http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials?WT.ac=praxishome prepare 1 22126](http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials?WT.ac=praxishome) provides detailed study tools for Praxis core tests, including a Study Companion (test booklet) for each subject (Writing, Reading, and Math).
  + Click on the drop down box for test prep booklets on math, reading, and writing.
  + Also note the side menu on the splash page that offers tips for studying, making a test plan, and more.
* Take the **free practice Praxis** offered at the **Instructional Resource Center (IRC) in 221 White Hall at the Kent campus**. You may take all three of the interactive Praxis practice tests—reading, writing, and math—free of charge once per semester. These are just like the official Praxis tests that you will be taking at the testing center.
  + Are you able to get finished with all of the questions? How many are you getting correct and incorrect? Take notes on the concepts you got incorrect and the explanations for the correct responses. Target these areas so you know what to go back and study.
  + Allow yourself enough time based on when the IRC closes; 330-672-2353. Be sure to bring your student ID.
* More prep resources on the VACCA Office of Student Services website: <http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/praxis-core-preparation>
* **Kent State University Library**—The KSU Library has great resources for preparing for the Praxis core tests—check them out as well!
* If you are a visual learner, explore various **You Tube Videos** that help to prepare for the Praxis: Search for Math Praxis, Writing Praxis, or Reading Praxis in YouTube. Make sure the publishing date of the video is current in the past year.
* Visit the **Stark campus Writing Center, 202 Main Hall**, for assistance reviewing for Praxis Writing. Show the Study Companion for the Writing Core test to the tutor; go over the instructions and the sample essay prompts, and discuss strategies for writing each essay as a 30-minute timed test.
* Make sure you are leaving enough time for taking your first attempts and second attempts (if needed) before your advanced study application deadline comes up. Refer to your major’s Roadmap: <http://www.kent.edu/gps>
* Remember that there are free alternative Praxis tests at the Kent campus in each of the core areas of math, reading, and writing that can be taken after you have attempted a core area two times and have not passed. You can register for the alternative Praxis tests at the following site: <https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/alternative-praxis-tests>

**TAKE THE TESTS**

* Link to handout explaining how to register for the Praxis test:

<http://du1ux2871uqvu.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/file/Praxis%20Core%20handout%20Node%20346081.pdf>

* + **Option to register for and take one regular praxis test at a time** to optimize your score.
  + **Option to take the combined test:**Cheaper option to take all 3 tests in one sitting. However, depending on what type of test taker you are, taking all 3 at once may contribute to test fatigue and could have a negative impact on your scores.
* When registering to take a Praxis core test, skip “Find Your Test” and start at the “If your Educational Preparation Program (EPP) requires taking a Praxis test that your State Department of Education does not use for teacher licensure…”
* In the “EPP Test Requirements” box, place your relevant test code (found on the handout at the link above) and make sure to also list the Kent State University Test Score Recipient Code (1367) to ensure your scores are sent back to KSU.

**What if I am having trouble passing one of the Praxis Core Tests?**

1. **Register for free alternative Praxis tests (Kent campus) after two attempts at passing a paid Praxis core test:** <https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/alternative-praxis-tests>
2. **If you have not passed the free alternative Praxis tests, you may go back to the paid Praxis Core Tests at any time, but before paying for another Praxis Core test—consider using the links below and possibly paying for practice test and tutoring services:**

* *Praxis Core: What Test-Takers Need To Know*: <https://rossieronline.usc.edu/blog/praxis-core-teaching-credential/>
* *Develop a Study Plan:* <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/study/>
* *5 Praxis Test Prep Tips:* <https://teach.com/how-to-become-a-teacher/teacher-certification-tests/5-praxis-test-prep-tips/>
* *Vacca Praxis Core Preparation*:[*https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/praxis-core-preparation*](https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/praxis-core-preparation)
  + There are many helpful online links to reputable Praxis practice tests and tutoring services at this site.

1. **Also, make sure you are registering in advance for a paid Praxis test if you have accommodations:**

* Accommodations for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health Related Needs**:** <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities>
* Extended Test Time for Test Takers Whose Primary Language Is Not English (PLNE, sometimes referred to as ESL): <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/plne_accommodations/>