

Praxis II & PLACE Exam Information

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TO: Teacher Education Candidates

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Some of you have been asking the Licensure Office staff about your eligibility to take the Praxis II Exam offered by Education Testing Services (ETS). It is true that the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) has been working to implement the Praxis II as the test for teacher licensure.

This is the current information we have from CCHE, which we can share with you at this time. Please read carefully:

1) IF you are in one of these teaching endorsement areas:

- * math,
- * science,
- * English,
- * social studies, or
- * elementary education / Early Childhood Education,

you are eligible to take either the Praxis II (late June) **or** the PLACE (May 17).

Only those tests that have been “normed” and have been accepted by the State Board of Education will be administered as a Praxis II exam. Thus, only the five mentioned above are ready for test takers.

2) Further, if you are candidate in one of the above areas and you take the Praxis II in your content area and do not pass, you will be waived from the CCHE requirement that all candidates must pass the test prior to student teaching. This is really important for those preparing to student teach this fall semester who have not yet passed the PLACE in the above mentioned areas. If your area does not yet have a Praxis II exam, the PLACE exam is still required at this time. Only the five areas listed above have approved Praxis II exams.

3) CCHE has directed ECE students to take the Praxis II elementary education test.

Praxis II Testing Center - According to CCHE, once the SBE approves the cut scores for the above mentioned five areas, ETS will contact our CSU Testing Center and make arrangements for this exam to occur on the CSU campus.

Praxis II Test Dates & Registration: Based on the ETS website, the next Praxis II exam is offered June 28, 2003 with a registration deadline of May 27, 2003. The ETS website URL is <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxreg.html> . The CSU Licensure Office does not have any registration booklets or further information on the test administration at CSU at this time. Once we get more information, we'll share it with candidates.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If you are planning to student teach this fall 2003 in one of the above mentioned areas (math, science, English, social studies, elementary education-ECE) and you have NOT PASSED the PLACE Exam, take the Praxis II this June.

If you are planning to student teach after fall 2003 in one of the above five areas (math, science, English, social studies, elementary education-ECE), and you have not passed the PLACE or not taken the PLACE, you should take the Praxis II.

If you are planning to student teach in the fall of 2003 in an area not listed above (agriculture, art, business, marketing, consumer and family studies, foreign language, music, speech, technology education) and you have not passed the PLACE exam, you will need to take and pass the PLACE this May 2003. Registration deadline is April 4, 2003 (postmarked).

If you are planning to student teach AFTER fall 2003 in an area not listed above (agriculture, art, business, marketing, consumer and family studies, foreign language, music, speech, technology education) AND you have not passed the PLACE exam AND the passing rate on the PLACE exam for your area is not good, you are encouraged to take the PLACE this May 2003. Registration deadline is April 4, 2003 (postmarked). It's possible that Praxis II will be ready in these other areas by fall 2003 but no definite word has been given on a timeline for the offering of exams in other areas.

The Licensure Office at CSU will keep you informed about any changes or additions to this information. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Licensure Office. We'll do what we can to help you better understand your options and the above information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Whaley