

Teacher Education Testing Options for Admission to Upper Division

PRAXIS I Option – New Test Scoring Rubric

Candidates may use the combined score option of a minimum total of 522 achieved by adding the test scores for each individual test together – in this option, there is no minimum required score for each test; it is the total 522 that counts. Ex. Reading 179; Writing 172; Mathematics 171 = Total of 522; acceptable score even though the Writing score is one less and the Mathematics score is two less than the recommended minimum score requirements. Of course, having the minimum score for each test is also acceptable as the minimum score on each test adds up to 522. Minimum scores: Reading – 176; Writing – 173; Mathematics – 173

PRAXIS I Option – Old Test Scoring Rubric

Candidates may use the combined score option of a minimum total of 960 achieved by adding the test scores for each individual test together – in this option, there is no minimum required score for each test; it is the total 960 that counts. Ex. Reading 322; Writing 321; Mathematics 317 = Total of 960; acceptable score even though the Reading score is one less and the Mathematics score is one less than the recommended minimum score requirements. Of course, having the minimum score for each test is also acceptable as the minimum score on each test adds up to 960. Minimum scores: Reading – 323; Writing – 319; Mathematics – 318

SAT Option

Candidates may use the combined minimum SAT score of 1100, obtained by adding together only the verbal section and mathematics section, for admission to upper division. There is no minimum score required for the verbal section or the mathematics section; it is the combined total of 1100 or more that counts. Only the verbal and mathematics sections of the SAT are counted for this purpose. *The writing section does not count in any way.*

ACT Option

Candidates may use the minimum composite ACT score of 24 for admission to upper division. There is no minimum score required for any section. It is the *composite total* of 24 or more that counts.

Combination of Test Types Option

Candidates may combine individual test scores from the different tests (PRAXIS I, SAT, ACT) to meet the admission to upper division requirement. In this option *all minimum test scores must be met*. There is no choice to use a total combined score in this option.

Minimum Test Scores Required for the Combination of Tests Option

<u>PRAXIS I (new)</u>	<u>PRAXIS I (old)</u>	<u>SAT*</u>	<u>ACT**</u>
Mathematics 173	Mathematics 318	Mathematics 550	Mathematics 24
Reading 176	Reading 323	Verbal 550	English 24
Writing 173	Writing 319		

Notes:

*The SAT Verbal test counts for both the PRAXIS I Reading and Writing tests.

*The SAT Writing test does not count in any way.

**The ACT English test counts for both the PRAXIS I Reading and Writing tests.

**The ACT Reading and Science tests do not count in any way.

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Combining Praxis I with SAT

A candidate may use the Reading and Writing PRAXIS I tests in conjunction with the SAT Mathematics test. Therefore, a candidate must have at least minimum scores of PRAXIS I Reading – 176, PRAXIS I Writing – 173, and SAT Mathematics – 550. Or, they could use PRAXIS I Mathematics – 173 and SAT Verbal – 550. The SAT verbal counts for *both* the PRAXIS I reading and writing.

Combining PRAXIS I with ACT

A candidate may use the Reading and Writing PRAXIS I tests in conjunction with the ACT Mathematics test. Therefore, a candidate must have at least minimum scores of PRAXIS I Reading – 176/323, PRAXIS I Writing – 173/319, and ACT Mathematics – 24. Or, they could use PRAXIS I Mathematics – 173/318 and ACT English - 24. The ACT English section counts for *both* the PRAXIS I Reading and Writing sections. *Please note that the ACT English section score is used not the Reading section score.*

Combining SAT with ACT

A candidate may use the SAT Verbal test in conjunction with the ACT Mathematics test. In this case, the candidate must have at least minimum scores of SAT Verbal – 550 and ACT Mathematics – 24. *Please note that the SAT verbal test is used not the SAT writing test.* Or, the candidate could use SAT Mathematics – 550 and ACT English – 24. *Please note that the ACT English test is used not the ACT Reading test.*

Reminders

- It is recommended that students take PRAXIS I tests (or other tests if used in lieu of PRAXIS I) while they are enrolled in the early field experience course for their program area. Taking the tests early in the program provides time for retakes if needed.
- It is the student's responsibility to furnish the advisor with copies of PRAXIS I, SAT or ACT scores for the purpose of verification of this information for the Upper Division application. Students can locate SAT or ACT scores on their OneStop. Verifications must be attached to the Upper Division application when it is completed and submitted to the Office of Teacher Education.
- Deadlines for admission to Upper Division for enrollment in Upper Division courses will not be extended. Knowing you passed the test but waiting on scores to arrive in the mail does not constitute official score reporting. Score verifications must be in hand at time of admission to Upper Division.

Testing and Test Registration

Tests are administered through the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Students can access test information, Tests-at-a-Glance, test centers, and test registration by going online to www.ets.org.

East Carolina University serves as a test center; however, ETS has control over test dates and which tests are offered on which dates. The Testing Center is located in the Brewster Building room D102, phone 252-328-6811.

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