Praxis I Test Overview:
Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests

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What are the Core Academic Skills for Educators tests?
Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests measure academic skills in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. They provide comprehensive assessments that measure the skills and content knowledge of candidates entering teacher preparation programs. Students with insufficient ACT/SAT scores will be required to pass the Core tests prior to admittance into the teacher education program.

What will the test look like, and how often can I retake it?
The Core tests are delivered on the computer. Your score is based on the number of questions you answer correctly, with no penalty for answering incorrectly. The Core tests may be taken either as separate tests on separate days or as one combined test. Individual scores will be reported for each section. If you take the tests separately, each session lasts two hours. If you take the combined test, the session lasts five hours. Each includes time for tutorials and background information. Core tests include objective response questions, such as single-selection multiple-choice questions, multiple-selection multiple-choice questions, and numeric entry questions. The Writing test includes two essay sections. Tests may be taken as many times as necessary, but must wait 21 days after your initial test date. If you violate this restriction, the scores from your retest will not be reported and your test fees will not be refunded.

What are the Tennessee state requirements?
If you take the test in Tennessee, your scores will automatically be sent to the Tennessee Department of Education. If you test outside of Tennessee, you will need to select the Tennessee Department of Education as a score recipient (state code 8190). In order for your scores to be reported to MTSU, you will need to identify the school as a score recipient on your registration form or during the registration process. Tennessee requires a Social Security number (SSN) in order to process educator certification paperwork. Failure to provide this at the time of the test can result in delays. The state regulates that the minimum passing scores are as follows: Math 150, Reading 156, and Writing 162.

How do I know which test to take?
All pre-candidacy students must take all sections of Core Academic Skills for Educators exam in Math, Reading, and Writing if admitted to MTSU with insufficient ACT or SAT scores. To avoid any confusion upon registration, the test codes are listed below. As previously stated, the Core tests may be taken either as separate tests on separate days or as one combined test on one day.

| Combined – 5751 | Reading – 5712 | Writing - 5722 | Math - 5732 |

How do I prepare for the Core Tests?
Visit the following links for test information and preparation resources:

- www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials
- www.mtsu.edu/education/core.php
- www.ets.org/praxis/faq_test_takers/
- www.mtsu.edu/elementary/praxis.php
- www.mometrix.com/academy/praxis-test/

What do I bring on testing day?
You will need to bring with you acceptable photo ID, your admission ticket, and a calculator if allowed. Do not bring your own pencils—these will be supplied by the test center. Do not bring your cellphone, smart watch, or any other unpermitted device, or you will be dismissed from the test. Do not bring any personal items, as the test center is not allowed to store any items. If you have health-related problems that will lead to exceptions to these rules, you will need to request accommodations ahead of time.

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