

A photograph of a female teacher in a green cardigan standing in a classroom, smiling and interacting with a group of young students. The classroom has colorful alphabet posters on the wall.

Introducing the *Praxis*™ Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests

The *Praxis*™ Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (*Praxis* Core) are new assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, and are designed to measure academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Developed with input from educators, the tests evaluate whether a teacher candidate has the academic skills necessary to prepare for a career in education. Colleges and universities may use the *Praxis* Core tests to evaluate individuals for entry into teacher preparation programs, and many states also require *Praxis* Core scores as part of their teacher licensing process.

- The **Core Academic Skills for Educators Test in Reading** measures examinees' ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate texts of different kinds. Varying in difficulty, the reading material is drawn from many subject areas and real-life situations. Passages are presented from print and electronic media, such as newspapers, magazines, journals, nonfiction books, novels, online articles, and visual representations.
- The **Core Academic Skills for Educators Test in Writing** measures examinees' ability to use standard written English correctly and effectively, as well as their understanding of essential research skills. Essay questions also measure the ability to write effectively within a limited time period.
- The **Core Academic Skills for Educators Test in Mathematics** measures examinees' understanding of key concepts in mathematics and the ability to solve problems and to reason in a quantitative context. Many problems require the integration of multiple skills to achieve a solution.

Praxis Core Test Prep

***Praxis* Study Companions** are free, comprehensive guides that provide test takers with a single document containing valuable test prep information for each test, which includes:

- Test at a Glance
- General information and study tips
- Sample questions with answers and explanations

Additionally, the following items are available to familiarize teacher candidates with the computer-delivered tests so they will be prepared:

- Computer-delivered testing demo
- Two videos
 - *What to Expect on the Day of Your Computer-Delivered Test*
 - *Strategies For Success*

Interactive Practice Tests

(IPTs) are full-length practice tests that simulate the computer-delivered test. Each IPT consists of a single practice test and provides answers with explanations and allows examinees to view their results by content category. IPTs are available through the ETS Store at \$17.95 per subscription.

Key Information on Each Core Test

	Core Reading (5712)	Core Writing (5722)	Core Mathematics (5732)
Number of Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 56 selected-response questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 selected-response questions 2 constructed-response questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 56 selected-response and numeric entry questions
Time Allotted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 40 minutes for selected-response section – Two 30-minute constructed-response sections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85 minutes
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer delivered On-screen four-function calculator provided
Content Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Ideas and Details Craft, Structure, and Language Skills Integration of Knowledge and Ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text Types, Purposes, and Production Language and Research Skills for Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and Quantity Algebra and Functions Geometry Statistics and Probability
Types of Passages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paired passages (approx. 200 words) with 4–7 questions Long passages (approx. 200 words) with 4–7 questions Short passages (approx. 100 words) with 2 or 3 questions Brief statements with 1 question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable
Types of Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected-response questions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Single-selection multiple-choice questions – Multiple-selection multiple-choice questions – Select-in-passage questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected-response questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Usage – Sentence correction – Revision in context – Research skills Constructed-response questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Argumentative essay – Informative/Explanatory essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected-response questions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Single-selection multiple-choice questions – Multiple-selection multiple-choice questions Numeric entry questions
Scoring Scale	100–200	100–200	100–200

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