

April 29, 2022

To: Undergraduate Education Majors
From: Jim Artesani, Associate Dean
Re: Alternatives to Praxis Exams for Currently Enrolled Students

Dear Education Major,

On December 23, 2021, we sent an email informing you about the decision by the Maine Department of Education to no longer require Praxis scores for initial teacher certification.

The College of Education and Human Development has aligned its requirements with the state's. As a result, the Praxis tests are no longer required BUT are optional. The state is also changing the minimum grade requirements for teacher education programs. As a result of these two different changes, we have revised our minimum grade expectations and provided Praxis as an option should those grade requirements not be met. **This set of changes is for students enrolled in a program for the 2021-2022 academic year only.** For those who are enrolled in or after Fall 2022, refer to the 2022 catalog or consult with the Advising Center.

Our updated requirements are as follows for all currently enrolled students:

At Teacher Candidacy, [Elementary Education](#) students must:

- Have an average of B- or higher in two English courses (one of which is ENG 101) OR passing scores for Maine on both the Reading and Writing sections of the Praxis Core (test codes 5713 and 5723)
- Have an average of B- or higher in two Mathematics courses (MAT 107 & 108) OR passing scores for Maine on the Math Section of the Praxis Core (test code 5733)

At Application for Student Teaching, have the above requirements, plus:

- Have an average of B- or higher in two social studies courses OR a passing score for Maine on the Social Studies Subtest of the Praxis 2 (test code 5004)
- Have an average of B- or higher in two science courses¹ OR a passing score for Maine on the Science Subtest of the Praxis 2 (test code 5005)

¹ For those students in Pathway 2 (capstone route), check the state of Maine requirements for which science classes can be counted.

At Teacher Candidacy, [Early Childhood Education](#) students must:

- Have an average of B- or higher in two English courses (one of which is ENG 101) OR passing scores for Maine on the Reading and Writing sections of the Praxis Core Combined (test codes 5713 and 5723)
- Have an average of B- or higher in the two Mathematics courses (MAT 107 & MAT 108) OR passing scores for Maine on the Math Section of the Praxis Core Combined (test code 5733)

At Application for Student Teaching, have the above requirements, plus:

- Have an average of B- or higher in all CHF content courses (except CHF 303 and CHF 450) OR a passing score for Maine on the Praxis 2 Education of Young Children (test code 5024)

At Teacher Candidacy, [Secondary Education](#) students must:

- Have an average of B- or higher in ENG 101 OR passing scores for Maine on the Reading and Writing sections of the Praxis Core (test codes 5713 and 5723)
- Have an average of B- or higher in two Mathematics courses OR passing scores for Maine on the Math Section of the Praxis Core (test code 5733)

At Application for Student Teaching, have the above requirements, plus:

- Have an average of B- or higher in 45 credits of the content specialization area OR a passing score for Maine on the corresponding Praxis 2 exam (test code 5038 English, 5235 Life Science/Biology, 5161 Mathematics, 5245/5435/5265 Physical Science, 5081 Social Studies, 5174 French, 5195 Spanish)

Please note: Grades from transfer courses are worked into the average so long as they meet state requirements.

Please be in contact with the Advising Center if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jim Artesani
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