

New Iowa Elementary Education Praxis II Testing Requirement

Frequently Asked Questions

The State of Iowa has ruled that, “Prior to program completion and recommendation for licensure, each candidate seeking an endorsement in elementary education (and/or early childhood education) shall attain the state’s designated criterion score on a content knowledge assessment 79.14(9).” This means that K-3 and/or K-6 elementary education majors must take and pass one of two designated Praxis II content tests (0014 or 0011 ONLY) to successfully complete a state accredited teacher preparation program and be recommended for an initial Iowa teaching license.

FAQs:

1) How do I meet the testing requirement?

The Iowa Department of Education requires that you take one of these two paper-based tests:

- Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (0014) 2 hour test
- OR**
- Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (0011) 2 hour test

2) Which content test should I take?

This is your decision. Considerations in choosing which of the two tests to take may include:

- The content of each of the tests.
Sample test questions can be viewed in the *Test at a Glance* materials at www.ets.org.
- The state in which you plan to teach.
Other states may have different requirements for Praxis II content tests. See the table following question 9 for Praxis II content test requirements for states surrounding Iowa.

3) When should I take the test?

- November 15, 2008 test - UNI is a test site. Registration must be **received by ETS** on or before October 16, 2008.
- January 10, 2009 test – UNI is not a test site. Registration must be **received by ETS** on or before December 11, 2008.
- March 14, 2009 test – UNI is a test site. Registration must be **received by ETS** on or before February 12, 2009.
- April 25, 2009 test – UNI is a test site. Registration must be **received by ETS** on or before March 26, 2009.

4) Where can I take the test in Iowa?

Information will be posted on the ETS test site found at www.ets.org.

5) What is the cost of this test?

The cost of this test currently is \$130.00; this includes \$80.00 for the test and \$50.00 for the test registration. (The one-time non-refundable registration fee of \$50.00 covers all paper-based tests taken in the same testing year.)

6) How do I register for the Praxis II Elementary Education content tests?

A. On-line Registration:

- Go to www.ets.org:
- *Have your credit card ready.*
- Follow the link to the *Praxis* tests;
- Follow the link to *Register for a Test*;
- Choose *Paper-Based Test Registration*.
- Select a test: type in either 0011 or 0014; the prompt will provide you with the test name and ask you to select that test. You will then be asked to choose a test site.
- Select a city in which you wish to test (these are not available as a single menu of options); test site information will be displayed.
- Once you have chosen a test site, you will be prompted to check for seat availability.
- If a seat is available at that site, you will be prompted to choose that test at that site.
- You will be provided a summary of your test registration information (test and test site).
- You will then need to enter the higher education institution you are attending and where score reports should be reported from the *Attending Institution/Recipient Codes List* (**select code 6307 for University of Northern Iowa** for both your attending institution and score recipient information). DO NOT use 0093 – those scores are not reported to UNI.
- You will then be able to select additional score recipients (states or institutions).
- Pay by credit card.
- **Print your electronic ticket**; this ticket will be needed when you arrive to take the test.

B. Paper Pencil:

- Go to www.ets.org:
- Simply print out the form
- Complete it, and mail it as directed on the form.

7) Where should I send my test scores?

As a UNI student, request that your score report be sent to the **University of Northern Iowa, code 6307**. Your score must be received by UNI in order for you to complete your program and be recommended for Iowa licensure. DO NOT use code 0093 – those score reports will not be sent to UNI and you will have to pay an additional fee to have the score reports resent.

8) What is the minimum score I must attain to qualify for program completion?

Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (0014) – 142
Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (0011) – 151

9) Will this elementary education content test (Praxis II) satisfy any other state’s specialized licensure content test requirements?

Listed below are surrounding states that require a Praxis II Elementary Education content test, including the test number and the qualifying score. Some states have other requirements. Information on other states can be found under *State Requirements* on the Praxis II section of the ETS website.

Praxis II Tests/Required Scores of Surrounding States
(Information on other states can be found at www.ets.org)

STATE	TEST	QUALIFYING SCORE
Illinois	Has their own test	Has their own test
Kansas	0011	163
Minnesota	0014	145
Missouri	0011	164
North Dakota	0011	158
South Dakota	0014	137
Wisconsin	0014	147

Also, continue to monitor the UNI Teacher Education Program web site www.uni.edu/tached and click on “Information for Students,”