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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
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**LOUISIANA TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAM REQUIREMENTS  
NTE/PRAXIS Exams--Educational Testing Service**

- ◆ The Praxis Series are assessments for teacher candidates administered by Educational Testing Services (ETS). The number of required assessments depends on the content area in which a candidate will teach. Praxis I assesses basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills and is required of all candidates. Praxis II assesses subject matter and pedagogy skills in one of 25 content areas. In some content areas, there is no assessment; teacher candidates in these fields only need to pass Praxis I.
- ◆ Any candidate applying for an initial teacher certificate in Louisiana must pass the appropriate Praxis assessments. These assessments replaced the National Teachers Examination (NTE) assessments previously required by LDE. Praxis I and II qualifying scores are now accepted from certification candidates, but qualifying scores from NTE examinations taken **prior to September 1999** are also accepted.
- ◆ Many teacher-preparation programs require that students take Praxis I as an entrance requirement, generally at the end of the sophomore year. Praxis II is usually taken near the end of course work and student teaching. Candidates from states that do not require these assessments must take the assessments to become certified in Louisiana. Out-of-state candidates who have already taken the exams must meet Louisiana's qualifying scores.
- ◆ ETS administers the assessments six Saturdays per year—usually in September, October, December, February, March, and May—at test sites throughout Louisiana. This assessment schedule is offered in all 50 states and in a number of foreign countries. Test sites and dates are listed in ETS's free annual publication, the *Registration Bulletin*.
- ◆ Candidates can take the Praxis I in a paper and pencil format or on a computer. The computer version of Praxis I, the Computer Based Test (CBT), is given year-round by appointment at select Sylvan Learning Centers. Cost of testing varies, depending upon number of tests taken at one sitting and whether paper/pencil or computer-based.
- ◆ Information on registration procedures, fees, and forms as well as test dates and locations is available in *The PRAXIS Series Registration Bulletin* (ask for the LOUISIANA edition), which is available at college and university teacher education offices, at university test centers, or by contacting ETS at the following address:

**The PRAXIS Series**  
**Educational Testing Service**  
P. O. Box 6051  
Princeton, NH 08541-6051  
Telephone 1-800-772-9476 or (609) 771-7395  
Or visit the ETS website at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)

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## PRAXIS/NTE SCORES

### Minimum Score Requirements for Certification in Louisiana, Effective 9/1/99

(See next page for NTE tests/scores required for certification in Louisiana prior to 9/1/99\*)

Area Test	Area Score	Pre-Professional Skills Test			Principles of Learning & Teaching		
		**PPST:R	**PPST:W	**PPST:M	PLT K-6	or	PLT 7-12
Administration and Supervision (0410)	620	---	---	---	---		---
Agriculture***	---	172	171	170	---		161
Art Education***	---	172	171	170	161	or	161
Biology & General Science (0030)	580	172	171	170			161
Business Education (0100)	540	172	171	170			161
Chemistry/Physics/General Science (0070)	530	172	171	170			161
Early Childhood Education (0020)	510	172	171	170	161		
<b>Elementary Education:</b> Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment (0011)	156	172	171	170	161		
Content Area Exercises (0012)	137						
<b>English Language, Literature, &amp; Composition:</b> Content Knowledge (0041)	160	172	171	170			161
Pedagogy (0043)	130						
French (0170)	520	172	171	170			161
German (0180)	500	172	171	170			161
Home Economics Education (0120)	510	172	171	170			161
Industrial Arts Education***	---	172	171	170			161
Mathematics (0060)	550	172	171	170			161
Music Education (0110)	530	172	171	170	161	or	161
Physical Education (0090)	550	172	171	170	161	or	161
<b>Social Studies:</b> Content Knowledge (0081)	149	172	171	170			161
Interpretation of Materials (0083)	152						
Spanish (0190)	540	172	171	170			161
Special Education***	---	172	171	170	161	or	161
Speech Communications***	---	172	171	170			161

\*Individuals who achieved the required NTE score(s) prior to 9/1/99 may use those scores in lieu of the replacement Praxis test.

\*\*Computer-Based PPST(s) are available as an option.

\*\*\*Area test is not required for certification in Louisiana.

PPST:R – Pre-Professional Skills Test: Reading (0710) PPST:W – Pre-Professional Skills Test: Writing (0720) PPST:M – Pre-Professional Skills Test: Mathematics (0730) PLT K-6 – Principals of Learning & Teaching K-6 (0522) PLT 7-12 – Principals of Learning & Teaching 7-12 (0524)
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#### Computer-Based Tests:

CBT Reading (0711)	319
CBT Writing (0721)	316
CBT Mathematics (0731)	315

**All newly-adopted Praxis scores used for certification must be sent directly from ETS to the State Department of Education, either through tape transmission or hard copy score reports, effective September 1, 1999.**

**NTE SCORES**  
**NTE Minimum Score Requirements for Certification in Louisiana**  
**Prior to September 1, 1999**

Area Test	Area Score	Core Battery Test		
		CS	GK	PK
Administration and Supervision (0410)	620	---	---	---
Agriculture*	---	645	644	645
Art Education*	---	645	644	645
Biology & General Science (0030)	580	645	644	645
Business Education (0100)	540	645	644	645
Chemistry/Physics/General Science (0070)	530	645	644	645
Early Childhood Education (0020)	510	645	644	645
Education in Elementary School (0010)	550	645	644	645
English Language/Literature (0040)	550	645	644	645
French (0170)	520	645	644	645
German (0180)	500	645	644	645
Home Economics Education (0120)	510	645	644	645
Industrial Arts Education*	---	645	644	645
Mathematics (0060)	550	645	644	645
Music Education (0110)	530	645	644	645
Physical Education (0090)	550	645	644	645
Social Studies (0080)	550	645	644	645
Spanish (0190)	540	645	644	645
Special Education *	---	645	644	645
Speech*	---	645	644	645

\*Area test is not required for certification in Louisiana.

CS = Core Battery: Communication Skills (0500)

GK = Core Battery: General Knowledge (0510)

PK = Core Battery: Professional Knowledge (0520)

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**EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1999**