

# Praxis CORE Test for Educators

The Praxis CORE is the first of three required Praxis tests for the University of South Dakota's School of Education and a passing score in each section is required for application to the Teacher Education Program. The Praxis CORE replaced the PPST effective 9/1/2014.

**Note: USD students must achieve the passing score on any section in a maximum of 3 attempts. Students who feel that they have extenuating circumstances may petition the School of Education dean for the opportunity to submit a 4<sup>th</sup> attempt.**

The CORE is offered as a computer based test in locations around the U.S., including Sioux Falls and Sioux City. Testing windows are available each month.

[http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers\\_dates/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates/)

## **Register**

Register for the CORE at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis). Payment must be made with a credit card at the time of registration. Designate the University of South Dakota as a recipient of your score report, RA 6881.

## **Combined test by computer – 5751 (\$135)**

(Tests may also be taken individually for \$85 per test).

Math – 5732, Writing - 5722 and Reading -5712

See <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees>

## **Passing Scores**

USD's minimum passing scores on a scale of 100-200 are:

\*READING – 156

\*WRITING – 162

\*MATH – 150

If a student receives lower than the passing score in an area, they may schedule a re-take of just that section. Test takers must wait 30 days between re-takes. Allow at least three weeks for test scores to be posted on the website. The minimum passing score is required in each area prior to admission to Teacher Education at USD.

## **Viewing Your Scores**

You will need to access the scores online at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/scores/get>

Scroll down to “online” and create “My Praxis Account” – **BE SURE to write down your username and password.** All teacher education candidates will take a minimum of two additional Praxis exams for degree completion and those scores will be accessed through the same account.

**Print off and keep a copy of your scores**, and also save the score report as a PDF file. ETS will charge for score reports after a certain time period, and students will need to attach a copy to their applications for Teacher Education.

Students are strongly encouraged to download the free study companions for each area of the test from <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/>

Webinars are also available: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/webinars>

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