

The Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) - Information for ODU EDU Students

Beginning Sept. 1, 2013, a new test series (Ohio Assessments for Educators), will replace the Praxis II series as the required Ohio educator licensure tests, except for world languages.

Information on all licensure for teachers in the state of Ohio is online at: (<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Prepare-for-Certificate-License/Educator-Licensure-Examinations>). A complete list of required tests is linked from this page under "Test Requirements by Ohio Licensure Area;" this document includes information about requesting **accommodations** and required passing scores. (For most tests, the passing score is 220.) NOTE: The ODE site also lists **which Praxis II tests are still required**.

The OAE tests are aligned with Ohio Academic Content Standards and Common Core State Standards. **The assessments are computer-based. All assessments include multiple-choice questions, and some assessments also include one or more constructed-response assignments.**

The OAE website, <http://www.oh.nesinc.com/>, identifies which assessments are required for each type of licensure, and provides an assessment framework for each assessment. These frameworks are organized into content domains, competencies, and descriptive statements of knowledge. Sample questions are provided.

In order to see details on particular tests, select "Assessment Dates and Sites" on the OAE website (<http://www.oh.nesinc.com/>), and choose a particular test to view.

Each Ohio Licensure type requires that the teacher candidate successfully complete at least **two** tests: one **Professional Knowledge Assessment** and one (or more) **Content Assessments**.

The four OAE Pedagogy Assessments are distinguished by grade level (similar to the Praxis II PLT exams.):

- 001 Early Childhood (PK-3)**
- 002 Middle Childhood (4-9)**
- 003 Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)**
- 004 Multi-Age (PK-12)**

The **Professional Knowledge Assessments** consist of **100 multiple-choice questions and two constructed-response questions**. One constructed-response is a case study, consisting of two charges. The other is a work product. Test takers are to prepare a written response of approximately 200–300 words for each assignment. Grading criteria include conformance to "the conventions of edited English," as well as demonstration of appropriate pedagogical knowledge. The Pedagogy Assessments are timed at **180 minutes**.

The **Content Assessments** (005-0048) required for each Ohio Licensure type are listed on the OAE website: <http://www.oh.nesinc.com/>. The available **testing time varies by test and ranges between 90 minutes and 295 minutes**. There is a 15-minute tutorial on computer-based testing prior to each assessment, which is not counted as part of the testing time.

If you or your group would like to schedule a workshop to go over the requirements of the OAE, please contact Amy Spencer, spencera@ohiodominican.edu.

Helpful Websites for OAE Preparation:

Ohio Department of Education: Educator License Exams
<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Prepare-for-Certificate-License/Educator-Licensure-Examinations>

Ohio Department of Education: Educator Licenses
<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure>

Ohio Assessments for Educators: Your Licensure Assessment Information Center
<http://www.oh.nesinc.com/>

Pearson: VUE Ohio Assessments for Educators
<http://www.pearsonvue.com/oea/>

ETS The Praxis Series: Overview of Ohio Testing Requirements
<http://www.ets.org/praxis/oh>

"Who Must Take the Educator Licensure Tests?"

Beginning September 1, 2013, teacher candidates or other professional educators wishing to become licensed must take either the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) tests, The Praxis Series™ tests or a combination of OAE and Praxis II tests. Please visit the Ohio Department of Education website to determine which test(s), whether an OAE, a Praxis test or a combination of both, is required for your licensure area."

CAEP Council for Accreditation of Educator Education: CAEP 2013 Standards for Accreditation of Educator Preparation
<http://caepnet.org/accreditation/standards/>