

About Praxis CORE Examinations

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests measure academic skills in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These tests were designed to provide comprehensive assessments that **measure the skills and content knowledge of candidates entering teacher preparation programs**. The Core exams are offered in **computer-delivered format only**.

The Core Reading test includes sets of questions that require the integration and analysis of multiple documents, as well as some alternate response types (e.g., select-in-passage).

The Core Writing test assesses both argumentative writing and informative/explanatory writing, and will contain two writing tasks for each writing type. In addition, multiple-choice questions will be added to address the importance of research strategies and assess strategies for revising and improving text.

The Core Mathematics test includes numeric entry and multiple choice questions, and will also offer an on-screen calculator to help ensure that questions are testing mathematical reasoning by reducing the chance that a candidate's wrong response comes from a simple arithmetic error.

Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (*Praxis™* Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) Tests) measure academic skills in reading, writing and mathematics.

Here are ODU's cut scores for the new Praxis Core tests:

5712 – Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading – 156

5722 – Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing – 162

5732 – Core Academic Skills for Educators: Math – 150

Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (*Praxis™* Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) Tests) are administered by Educational Testing Services (ETS); please see their website for additional information:

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core>

<http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/content/>

The *Praxis™* Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests consist of three separate tests:

- **Reading Test:** The Core Reading test includes sets of questions that require the integration and analysis of multiple documents, as well as some alternate response types, e.g., select-in-passage. [See Reading Test Preparation.](#)
- **Writing Test:** The Core Writing test assesses both argumentative writing and informative/explanatory writing, and will contain one writing task for each writing type. In addition, multiple-choice questions will be added to address the importance of research strategies and assess strategies for revising and improving text. [See Writing Test Preparation.](#)
- **Mathematics Test:** The Core Mathematics test includes numeric entry and multiple choice questions, and will also offer an on-screen calculator to help ensure that questions are testing mathematical reasoning by reducing the chance that a candidate's wrong response comes from a simple arithmetic error. [See Mathematics Test Preparation.](#)