

## UMF AND PRAXIS CORE INFORMATION

The Praxis Series tests are taken by individuals entering the teaching profession as part of the certification process required by the state of Maine and as a graduation requirement for the University of Maine Farmington. The Praxis Core test comprises three tests of basic skills in math, reading and writing. It is created and administered by Education Testing Services (ETS), the same company that administers the SATs: <https://www.ets.org/praxis>.

### Where do I take the Praxis Core?

You can take the Praxis Core at the UMF Testing Center, located on the third floor of Franklin Hall. You can also take the test at another ETS testing center (for example, close to your home). There is a list of testing locations on the ETS website: <http://www.ets.org/>.

### Who needs to take the Praxis Core?

All education majors who are planning to be certified by the state of Maine are required to take and pass all three subtests of the Praxis Core test (math, reading, writing). Early Childhood Education Care track (non-certification) students and Early Childhood Special Education majors electing the non-certification option do not need to take the Praxis Core.

You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
<a href="#">Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading</a>	5713	156†
and		
<a href="#">Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing</a>	5723	162†
and		
<a href="#">Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (On-screen four-function calculator provided.)</a>	5733	150†

If you wish to take all three computer-delivered Core exams (5713, 5723, 5733) at the same time, select Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test (5752) when registering. Scores will be reported by individual test (5713, 5723, 5733).

† Composite Score: 468

Applicants for initial teacher certification must achieve a composite score of 468 on the three sections of the Core Academic Skills for Educators, with no single score on any section being more than three points lower than the required score.

Any questions: Contact Field Services Office (Room 238G, Education Center) at 778-7263 or [wendyk@maine.edu](mailto:wendyk@maine.edu)

### When do I take the Praxis Core?

Ideally, it is to your benefit to take and pass the Praxis Core test during your first year at UMF. **Praxis Core is now offered on a continuous basis.** Check your testing center's calendar for availability. You can decide when the best time is for you to take the test in consultation with your family, advisor, and peer advisor. Some of your decision should be based on how much studying you think you will need to do in order to be prepared to take the test. Some of the decision should also be based upon the requirements for your major. Praxis Core is required for the following:

- **Elementary Education:** You must pass the Praxis Core before you can enroll in your practicum block of courses. Preferably, you will take this block of courses during your sophomore year. If you want to take this set of classes during the fall semester of your sophomore year, you must pass the Praxis Core by March of your first year.
- **Secondary Education:** You must pass the Praxis Core before you can enroll in your practicum block of courses. Preferably, you will take this block of courses during your sophomore year. If you want to take this set of classes during the fall semester of your sophomore year, you must pass the Praxis Core by March of your first year. Be sure to talk with your academic advisor about this.
- **Special Education:** You must pass the Praxis Core before you can enroll in 200-level and higher SED courses. Passing the Praxis Core is one of the eligibility requirements to minor in special education.
- **Early Childhood Education:** You must have passed the Praxis Core by the time you have completed 44 credits at UMF. You need to have completed the Praxis Core to enroll in EDU 202 and any courses that require professional standing.
- **Early Childhood Special Education:** You need to have successfully completed all three Praxis Core tests in order to enroll in 300 and 400 level professional courses. If you are in the K-3 option, you need to have successfully completed all three Praxis Core tests in order to enroll in EDU 202, which is ideally taken in the fall semester of your sophomore year.

**How do I sign up to take the Praxis Core?** There will be Praxis Core sign up nights throughout the fall semester and into the spring. You can attend any of these nights to get support with signing up for the test; alternatively, you can also ask your peer advisor (if one is available in your program) to help you sign up. Or you can sign up on your own at the ETS website: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register?WT.ac=praxishome.register>. It is your responsibility to check the testing calendar and register for exams in a timely manner to meet degree requirements.

**Watch for e-mail from your advisor, peer advisor, or the Learning Assistance Center about workshops, study sessions and Praxis Review Sessions!  
Be sure you have a proper form of ID – UMF Student ID is NOT acceptable.**

**UMF Support:** Make sure that you take advantage of the resources available to you to help you study for the test. The Learning Assistance Center is your primary resource. Stop in to the Mantor Library Learning Commons and ask what they have available, or visit online at <http://www2.umf.maine.edu/learnassist/tutoring/>. They can help with test-taking strategies and provide other resources to support you.

**Financial Support:** There may be help for you if you find that you are experiencing financial difficulties and cannot afford to take the test. You must meet all eligibility criteria for fee waivers given by ETS. This information can be found at: [http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees/fee\\_waivers/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees/fee_waivers/)

**Accommodations:** Testing accommodations are available for test takers who meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Amendments Act disability requirements. If you have accommodations in place to support you in taking tests, you can arrange to have these same accommodations in place when you take the Praxis test. You will need to work together with your support team at Franklin. Information for accommodations can be found at: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities>

**Test at a Glance:**

Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	5713	85 minutes	<a href="https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5713.pdf">https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5713.pdf</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Ideas and Details</li> <li>• Craft, Structure and Language Skills</li> <li>• Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</li> </ul>	35% 30% 35%		
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics	5733	90 minutes	<a href="https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5733.pdf">https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5733.pdf</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and Quantity</li> <li>• Data Interpretation and Representation, Statistics and Probability</li> <li>• Algebra and Geometry</li> </ul>	36% 32% 32%		
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	5723	100 minutes	<a href="https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5723.pdf">https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5723.pdf</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text Types, Purposes, and Production; selected-response and 2 essays</li> <li>• Language and Research Skills; selected-response</li> </ul>	60% 40%		

**How Much Does The Praxis Core Cost?**

You can sign up to take all three tests at the same time, or one at a time. It will cost \$150 to register for all three tests together, or \$90 for each individual test. You must pay this each time you take or retake the test. This must be paid upon registering for the test.

**Day of Testing:** Be sure to verify your test location, time and date. Log into your ETS account, print your admission ticket and bring it with you. Gather your picture ID and check to make sure it is a valid, unexpired ID. The UMF Testing Center CANNOT accept UMF student IDs as a valid form of ID. If you arrive without a valid form of ID, you will be turned away and will lose your registration fee. (ID can be a State Driver’s License, Official State ID with picture, Passport or Passport Card) You may not bring food, water, or electronic devices into the test center. Arrive at least 30 minutes before your test time in order to check in.

***It is your responsibility to sign up for, study, and re-take any subtest necessary.***

**UMF Reports:** You MUST indicate on your online registration form that you want your scores sent to UMF. UMF’s Code is 3506. ETS will then transmit your scores electronically to UMF.

**DON’T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD, SAVE AND PRINT SEVERAL COPIES OF YOUR SCORES WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TO YOU ONLINE.** You will need this score report when you apply for Maine certification. Online scores are downloadable and available for ten calendar years from the score reporting date. If you must request additional score reports, a \$50 fee (per request) will apply.