

# Teacher Program Admission & Licensure Testing

## **Program Admission – Praxis I and Qualifying Substitutes**

Students must pass the Praxis I test or a qualifying substitute in order to be formally admitted to the M. S. in Elementary or the undergraduate Secondary or Pre-K-12 licensure programs at the University of Mary Washington. Students will not be permitted to take more than 9 hours of courses with a EDUC prefix until they are formally admitted to one of the programs. There are several ways in which a student may satisfy the Praxis I requirement.

### **Praxis I**

Students may pass Praxis I by earning a score at or above on each of the following subtests

Reading	178
Writing	176
Math	178

Alternatively, a minimum score on each test is not required as long as the composite score of 532 is achieved.

### **SAT as a Substitute Test for Praxis I**

- SAT taken Prior to April 1, 1995 – a score of 1000 with at least 450 on the verbal and 510 on the mathematics tests
- SAT taken After April 1, 1995 – a score of 1100 with at least 530 on the verbal and 530 on the mathematics tests as a substitute for Praxis I

You may submit an official SAT report (or copy) or get your scores from the Registrar's Office and bring them to the Education Secretary in Trinkle 213.

### **ACT as a Substitute Test for Praxis I**

- ACT taken October 28, 1989 to April 1, 1995 – a composite score of 21, with the ACT mathematics score no less than 21, and an ACT English Plus Reading score no less than 37. (Due to VDOE regulations, ACT taken before October 28, 1989 will not be accepted.)
- ACT taken After April 1, 1995 – a composite score of 24, with the ACT mathematics score no less than 22, and an ACT English Plus Reading score no less than 46

You may submit an official ACT report (or copy) or get your scores from the Registrar's Office and bring them to the Education Secretary in Trinkle 213.

### **VCLA plus Math as a Substitute Test for Praxis I**

- A composite VCLA score of 470 (reading and writing) may be substituted for Praxis I reading and writing exams.
- Math proficiency must be demonstrated by one of the following:
  - Praxis I math score greater than or equal to 178
  - SAT math score greater than or equal to 510 (prior to April 1, 1995)
  - SAT math score greater than or equal to 530 (after April 1, 1995)
  - ACT math score greater than or equal to 21 (prior to April 1, 1995)
  - ACT math score greater than or equal to 22 (after April 1, 1995)

You MUST bring the original (preferable) or a copy of your official VCLA score report to the Education Secretary in Trinkle 213.

## **Licensure Testing Requirements**

### **Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment**

The Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) must be passed prior to student teaching for all initial teacher licensure programs. The passing score required is **470** (a minimum score of 235 in each Reading and Writing section).

You **MUST** bring the original (preferable) or a copy of your official VCLA score report to the Education Secretary in Trinkle 213.

### **Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE)**

Effective July 1, 2011, the new reading assessments for the Commonwealth of Virginia is:

- Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education – the RVE must be passed prior to student teaching for individuals seeking licensure in Elementary Education P-6. The passing score requirement is **157**.

### **Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention Training**

Individuals seeking an initial license must complete training in child abuse recognition and intervention training. Child abuse recognition and intervention training is completed while you are taking EDUC 420.

### **Praxis II**

Praxis II subject area tests must be passed prior to student teaching.

## **Websites:**

**Praxis:** [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)

**Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA):** [www.va.nesinc.com](http://www.va.nesinc.com)

**Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE):** [www.ets.org/praxis/va/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/va/)

**Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention Training:**

[http://www.vcu.edu/vissta/training/va\\_teachers/](http://www.vcu.edu/vissta/training/va_teachers/)