

Praxis –Fall Test Changes

Subject	Current Version	New Version	Cut Score	State Review Date	Arkansas Launch Date
Age 3-4 Endorsement	None	5024	160	4/17/2014	9/1/2014
Early Childhood/SpEd Integrated(B-K)	None	5024 and 5023	160 and 160	4/17/2014	9/1/2014
Elem Ed (K-6) – Math Subtest	5033	5003	NA	9/18/2014	9/1/2015
Elem Ed (K-6) - Reading Language Arts Subtest	5032	5002	NA	9/18/2014	9/1/2015
Family Consumer Sciences	5121	5122	NA	9/18/2014	9/1/2015
Gifted Education	0357	5358	155	4/16/2014	9/1/2014
Middle School Science	0439	5440	150	NA	9/1/2014
Physics/Math	NA	5265 and 5161	135 and 160	2/11/2014	9/1/2014
Speech Pathology	0330	5331	162	NA	9/1/2014

The Praxis website is the most up to date source for IHEs and candidates to ensure the correct tests are being used. All information was updated on July 21, 2014. <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/requirements>

Content Competencies

Competencies have been updated and are now available at <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-licensure-unit/educator-preparation/educator-competencies>

Also available are matrix templates for course alignment with competencies. These can be used when submitting revisions, or new program proposals.

Science Framework Changes

The SBE voted to endorse the use of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as a basis for the next stage of ADE’s work in the development of a new K-12 Arkansas Science Curriculum Framework. ADE’s plan and progress is available at <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/arkansas-k-12-science-standards>.

The K-12 changes will directly affect licensure and education preparation programs, and it is important that science education programs “stay ahead” of the K-12 changes to ensure prepared educators are placed in the classroom.

Educator Preparation Program Policies

The policy, entitled *Arkansas Department of Education Policies Governing Programs to Educator Licensure Offered by Institutions of Higher Education in Arkansas* will be effective September 1, 2014, in emergency status and will be in final status on December 30, 2014.

Educator Licensure Rules

The 2014 version of the Education rules had public comment ending on August 15, 2014. The pending rules are available at http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/rules/Pending/ade_317_Educator_Licensure_proposed_07102014.pdf

Educator Preparation Program Approval

The Educator Preparation Section is accepting proposals from IHEs for new programs or revised programs of study in compliance with the November 2013 changes in licensure. Please be reminded that P-4 has been converted to K-6, middle childhood programs have been substantially modified, and all P-8 and 7-12 licensure programs have been converted to K-12. Beginning in Fall 2015, all programs must comply with these November 2013 changes. In preparing proposals, IHEs should follow the updated *Protocol* and use the *Template* found on the Educator Preparation page of the ADE website. <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-licensure-unit/educator-preparation>

Program proposals for a fall semester implementation must be submitted by February 1, and programs for spring semester implementation must be submitted by July 1. Please refer to the protocols to ensure deadlines are met for both ADE and ADHE submittals.

edTPA

The pilot for edTPA is continuing with Williams Baptist College, Henderson State University, and the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) as participants. We would like to thank these three programs for continuing their participation.

Licensure

New to professional development for licensure is the inclusion of Dyslexia Awareness for first time provisional or standard licenses. More information is available at the following: <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/dyslexia>

MOU for Danielson Frameworks

An agreement to allow all IHEs to have access to the electronic forms for *A Framework for Teaching*, by Charlotte Danielson has been developed. In order for the IHEs to use these electronic forms they must

have a signed MOU with ADE in place; however, nine of the IHEs have still not returned their MOUs. Please contact Joan Luneau if you have any questions.

Upcoming Meetings*

September 18, 2014: Family and Consumer Sciences and Elementary Education State Reviews for new Praxis exams. POC is Michael Rowland

September 19, 2014: Licensure Officer Meeting –The meeting is intended for all deans, licensure officers, and non-traditional licensure coordinators for the IHEs. Please note that this meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Little Rock.

The agenda is set for this meeting and will include: Praxis Updates, Dyslexia Requirements, Science Licensure Changes, Educator Preparation Policies Implementation, Educator Preparation Approval Protocols, and Licensure Rules changes. POC is Joan Luneau.

October 23-25, 2014: edTPA Implementation conference in Los Angeles California. POC is Joan Luneau

October 31, 2014: NSTA SPA training for Science Faculty to be held at the Holiday Inn Airport in Little Rock. POC is Michael Rowland

November 3, 2014: edTPA update meeting for Pilot program to be held in Little Rock. POC is Joan Luneau

****Meeting invitations will be forthcoming.***

Personnel News

The Educator Preparation Section of Educator Licensure has undergone a restructuring in the last few months. The section now consists of five personnel.

Dr. Frank Servedio is a Special Projects Administrator and will continue working with the IHEs on Title 2 reports and the Educator Preparation Performance Reports (EPPRs).

Michael Rowland is an Educator Preparation Program Advisor and will work with the IHEs on Praxis and CAEP accreditation.

Joan Luneau is an Educator Preparation Program Advisor and will work with IHEs on program approvals.

Heather Newsam is an Educator Preparation Program Advisor and will work with IHEs on program approvals.

Janice Calaway is the administrative assistant for the section. Feel free to leave any questions on program approvals with Janice.