

Educator Preparation News... from ADE

Praxis:

The Praxis 1 has been replaced by the Praxis Core. As of September 1, 2013 all students entering an education preparation program leading to an initial (first) license will be required to take the Praxis Core (Reading (5712), Writing (5722), and Mathematics (5732)).

New Tests for 2014-2015 Testing Year

- Praxis 5001: Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (replaces #5031)
- Praxis 5122: Family and Consumer Sciences (replaces#5121)
- Praxis 5331: Speech Language Pathology
- Praxis 5358: Gifted Education (replaces 0357)
- Praxis 5402: School Psychologist (replaces 0401)
- Praxis 5440:Middle School Science (replaces 0439)
- Praxis 5701:Agriculture(replaces 0700)
- Praxis 5857:Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge

Praxis reports are only available in electronic format as August 30, 2013.

Starting with 2014-2015 there will be monthly testing. Paper testing ends June 2014.

Content Competencies

All educator licensure competencies are currently being revised. The anticipated completion date is February 1, 2014. The competencies will be posted on the Educator Preparation page of the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-licensure-unit/educator-preparation>

Education Preparation Programs

A new rule is being proposed for educator preparation programs. The rule, entitled *Arkansas Department of Education Policies Governing Programs to Educator Licensure Offered by Institutions of Higher Education in Arkansas*, is to be presented to the State Board of Education in January 2014. The rule covers unit accreditation requirements, program approval criteria, and requirements for candidates in educator preparation programs.

The Educator Preparation Section is accepting proposals from the IHEs for new or revised programs of study in compliance with recent changes in licensure. In preparing their proposals, IHEs should follow the *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>

National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) training for writing SPA Reports – Thursday, February 27 at HI Airport Conference Center.

National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) - training for writing SPA Reports – Thursday, April 10 at UCA's Hegeman Conference Center.

Licensure

Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Educator Licensure became effective November 17, 2013. The rules are posted at http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/rules/Current/ade317_Licensure_FINAL_11172013.pdf

Educator Licensure Officers will meet Friday, February 28, 2014 in Little Rock starting at 10:00 at HI Airport Conference Center. Licensure Officers will receive an email with more information.