

## About the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST)

*Prior to applying*, all applicants to teacher education programs are required to take and attain passing scores on the Praxis I PPST in Reading–10710 (**passing score of 172 required**), Writing–20720 (**passing score of 171 required**), and Mathematics–10730 (**passing score of 171 required**). Note: The PPST is waived for applicants who scored 1100 or above on their SAT (critical reading and mathematics sections only) or the ACT equivalent score of 24 or above. Graduate applicants may waive the PPST with a GRE score of 1000 or higher. Test results are used in admission decisions.

Visit <http://www.ets.org/praxis/> for important information about the PPST tests. Select 'About the Test', then 'Praxis I PPST' to learn about registration, fees, locations, testing options, preparation and more. Be sure to download Praxis I 'Tests at a Glance'; these include sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Study guides are available for reference at the URI curriculum library, or may be ordered new or used on the internet.

- Applicants with disabilities who wish to request testing accommodations need to read the information provided by ETS (<http://www.ets.org/disability/index.html>); call **1-866-387-8602** with any questions. Be sure to seek assistance from the URI Office of Student Disabilities Services early in the application process.
- *Praxis* tests are only given in English. If you are a test taker whose primary language is not English (PLNE), you may be eligible for [extended testing time](#). Test takers with PLNE accommodations may take *Praxis I PPST* tests on selected dates at [pre-established test centers](#). For further information, contact Dr. JoAnn Hammadou: [joannah@uri.edu](mailto:joannah@uri.edu).

### The PPST is offered in a paper-based or computer-based format:

**Paper-based (PBT):** The PPST tests in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing are each one hour long. The Writing test consists of a 30-minute multiple choice and a 30-minute essay section. The PPST is typically given on campus at URI in March, April, July, and November. Many other test sites are available in RI or out of state. Visit ETS online as noted above. (No walk-ins allowed.)

**Computer-based (CBT):** The PPST in this format is composed of computer-delivered questions (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) that require selecting a single or multiple responses, highlighting or reordering information, or providing constructed responses. Each testing session is two hours to allow time for tutorials on computer use, the test itself, and the collection of background information for score reporting. All computer-based testing is by appointment at over 300 test sites throughout the United States. See website for details. The CBT testing center in Rhode Island is conveniently located in Warwick:

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Prometric Testing Center—5805  
2346 Post Rd; Suite 104  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886  
(401) 738-9172

Call for an appointment as early as possible. The best strategy is to take the computer-based test by October prior to application in January, so if you need to re-take one or more of the skills tests, you will have plenty of time to attain a passing score. (You may test as a walk-in if space allows.)

**About Test Scores:** *Make sure to create a My Praxis account online at the Praxis I PPST website.* Beginning with the September 12, 2009 administration, **ALL** test takers, regardless of registration method, will access their score reports **online**. Computer-based test results will be available online in 10-15 days; Paper-based test results will be available online in a month plus 1 day. **Make sure to print a copy of your scores and save them to your hard drive! Scores will only be available online for 45 days; after that, you have to pay to get them!** Test takers may also print admission tickets (for paper-based testing only, except test takers requesting special accommodations); change personal information; and order additional score reports via their My Praxis account.