IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO GO INTO THE
TEACHING PROFESSION

Iowa law requires all students interested in teaching to pass a competency test prior to admission to a teacher education program. You will need to pass competencies in English, Writing, and Mathematics before you can enroll in education courses at a four-year college or university. You need to make plans to take the exam while you are enrolled at Kirkwood Community College.

The Regents Universities (University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, and Iowa State University) require that their students take the PRAXIS CORE exam. Mount Mercy College and Coe College prefer that students take the College Base Academic Subjects Examination (C-BASE), but will accept the PRAXIS CORE exam.

Frequently asked questions:

When should I take the exam?
• You should take the exam as soon as you feel you are ready, but no later than the first semester of your second year at Kirkwood Community College.

How can I register and get information about the exam?
• C-BASE: get registration materials from the college where you plan to take the tests:
  • Mount Mercy College telephone # 319-363-8213 x1389 speak with Kelly
  • Coe College telephone # 319-399-8575 speak with Betsy in 409A Stuart Hall
  • Upper Iowa University #563-425-5395 orobrein@uiu.edu to connect with Jan O’Brien

**Study Guides for both the Praxis Core and the C-BASE are available in the main Kirkwood Library**

• COMPUTERIZED Exam: Call and make your own arrangements to take the exam according to the site’s schedule. WEEKDAY, EVENING, and WEEKEND times are available. Allow 90 minutes for each exam (even though they are one hour in length). Call the site to register:
  • UNI: 319-273-6023; ISU: 515-294-6214; UI: 319-335-2480 (other Iowa sites available)

What happens if I do not pass?
• If you do not pass any section of the exam, you must repeat the section. Results will be sent in 4-6 weeks.
• Completion of Praxis I (PPST or C-PPST) with a minimum composite score of 522 (an average of 174) and no score below 170 on reading, writing and mathematics tests) (test available through August 2014); or Praxis Core Test with minimum scores: Reading 156, Writing 162 and Mathematics 150 (test available beginning October 2013).
• Acceptable entrance scores for C-Base:
  • Mt. Mercy: 235 on English, writing and math
  • Coe: 250 on writing and math (reading test must be taken, but score is not used)
  • UIU: 235 on English writing and math

How much does it cost?
• PRAXIS: Computerized: $130 (if take all three tests on same day)/ $160 if taken over two days
• C-BASE: Paper-and-Pencil (only format offered): Mt. Mercy: $60 Coe: $50 UIU: $25

How can I prepare for the exam?
• Use the internet address to order study materials. Preparation books for the PPST and C-BASE Tests are on reserve in the Kirkwood library, under Education Program. C-BASE materials: www.arc.missouri.edu/collegebase/

Register for the Teacher Proficiency Test Prep, offered in the Kirkwood Learning Services

- More on back page -
**What is the procedure if I have a disability?**

- Requests for special accommodations must be made at the time of registration.

**If you have any further questions or concerns contact any of the following advisors:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Program Area</th>
<th>Advisors</th>
<th>Office Location</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>E-Mail Address</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Education Careers</td>
<td>Jean McMenimen</td>
<td>Cedar Hall 1017</td>
<td>319-398-5019</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jmcmeni@kirkwood.edu">jmcmeni@kirkwood.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education Careers</td>
<td>Doug Van Oort</td>
<td>Cedar Hall 1018</td>
<td>319-398-4936</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Doug.Van.Oort@kirkwood.edu">Doug.Van.Oort@kirkwood.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Early Childhood</td>
<td>Melanie Nollsch</td>
<td>Cedar Hall 1023</td>
<td>319-398-1258</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mnollsc@kirkwood.edu">mnollsc@kirkwood.edu</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>