

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 (PPST) exam. Mount Mercy College and Coe College prefer that students take the College Base Academic Subjects Examination (C-BASE), but will accept the PRAXIS (PPST) 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

****Study Guides** for both the PPST 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. Acceptable entrance scores for PRAXIS: UNI, ISU and UI: Composite score of 522
(add all three together; this is an average of 174 per exam)

However, **NO INDIVIDUAL TEST SCORES below 170 will be accepted.**

- 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)**

❏ *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**

❏ *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 Department: *SDV-057***

- 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:*

Program Area	Advisors	Office Location	Phone	E-Mail Address
Education Careers	Jack Terndrup	Cedar Hall 1018	319-398-5551	jack.terndrup@kirkwood.edu
Education Careers	Jean McMenimen	Cedar Hall 1017	319-398-5019	jmcmeni@kirkwood.edu
Education Careers	Doug Van Oort	Cedar Hall 1017	319-398-4936	Doug.Van.Oort@kirkwood.edu
Early Childhood	Melanie Nollsch	Cedar Hall 1023	319-398-1258	mnollsc@kirkwood.edu