

# Empowering Candidate Success Through Innovation

Introducing Praxis Steps and Praxis Bridge



# Hello!



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## Today's Session

- Innovation & Flexibility
  - Praxis Bridge
  - Praxis Steps

# Test Innovation & Flexibility



## Praxis Bridge

- Supports near-miss candidates with targeted learning modules instead of retaking the full test
- Provides an accelerated path while ensuring mastery of content knowledge



## Praxis Steps

- Coming in 2026
- Modular-based testing to support individual learning journey
- Allows candidates the flexibility to take the full test at once or complete smaller “Steps” that align with coursework, empowering candidates to control their testing journey.

# Praxis Bridge



# What is Praxis Bridge?

- Candidates who nearly-miss passing their Praxis test within 1 SEM of the state's passing score can take a professional learning module instead of retaking the full Praxis test
- Based on the candidate's score, ETS will provide a fully aligned module that matches the area of greatest difficulty.
- The module includes content overview, practice items and a knowledge check designed to affirm their understanding of the material.

# Program Objectives



## Accelerated Path to Certification

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- Alternate path to retaking a full Praxis test
- Reduced time to classroom placement
- Low cost, supportive path to classroom readiness



## Data Driven Approach

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- Precise identification of content knowledge gaps
- Targeted professional learning modules
- Systematic approach to addressing candidate skill deficiencies

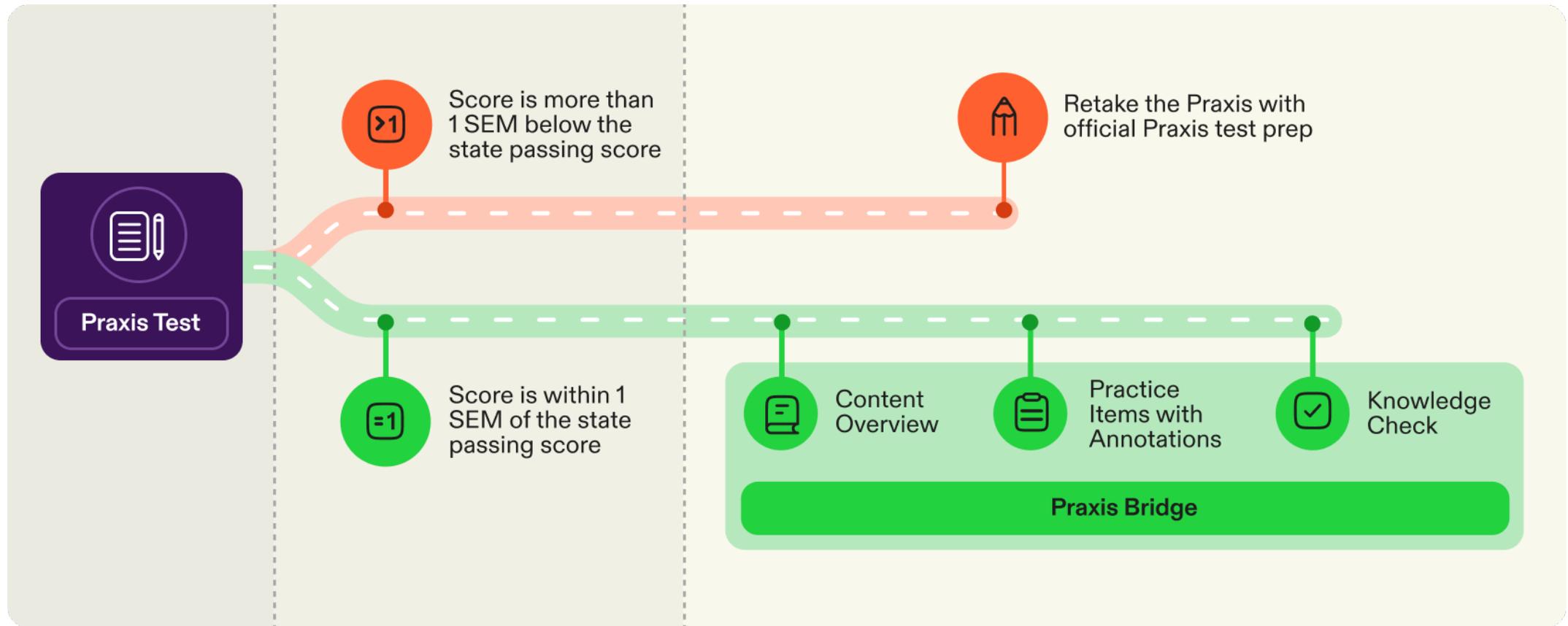


## Ease of Implementation

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- Turn-key program integration
- Seamless reporting mechanisms
- Aligned with existing certification frameworks

# Praxis Bridge Flow



# Eligibility & Cost



## Tests

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- Praxis Elementary Education 5001 / 5901 / 7001 series
- Praxis CORE – Reading, Writing, Math
- Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205)
- PLT K-6 (5622)
- PLT 7-12 (5624)
- ELA: Content Knowledge (5038)
- Special Education: Foundational (5355)
- And more ...



## Eligibility requirements

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- Candidates who nearly passed the Praxis test (within 1 SEM) will be provided an option to complete a professional learning module instead of retaking the full assessment.
- States can adopt a three-year retroactive eligibility (ETS will identify candidates from the past three years that fit the eligibility criteria).



## Cost

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Price = \$50 per module

# How it works



Eligible candidate will be notified when they receive their scores. The option will be available for purchase in their Praxis account.\*

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Candidates will have 6 months from date of purchase to complete the module.

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The asynchronous module can be completed at the candidate's convenience.



Upon completion, candidates will receive a Certificate of Completion.

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Candidates issued an updated Praxis Score Report within 5-10 business days that will indicate Alt. Passed for the appropriate subject area test(s).

\* For states that elect retroactive eligibility, ETS will do a one-time email blast to all candidates from the three years prior to the adoption of Bridge notifying them of their eligibility.

# Reporting



## Score Report

Candidates issued an updated Praxis Score Report within 5 business days that will indicate Alt. Passed for the appropriate subject area test(s).

## Title II

Candidates who successfully complete Praxis Bridge will be designated as passed within the Title II reporting system.

## EDM

The “Alt. Passed” designation data will be pushed to the organizations EDM account during the regular weekly updates.

Test Name and Code	Your Highest Score	Required Minimum Score	Qualifying Score	Score Reported	Overall Passed / Not Passed Status	Test Date
ELEM EDUCATION MULTIPLE SUBJECTS (5001)					✓ <b>Alt. Passed</b>	
ELEM ED: READING & LANG ARTS SUBTES (5002)	182	150	150	YES	✓ <b>Alt. Passed</b>	October 5, 2024
ELEM ED: MATHEMATICS SUBTEST (5003)	200	157	157	YES	✓ <b>Passed</b>	October 5, 2024
ELEM ED: SOCIAL STUDIES SUBTEST (5004)	171	155	155	YES	✓ <b>Passed</b>	October 5, 2024
ELEM ED: SCIENCE SUBTEST (5005)	192	159	159	YES	✓ <b>Passed</b>	October 5, 2024

1-yr. Pass Rate: Attending Institution Data  
 State/Agency: Connecticut Bureau of Educ Stds & Certification  
 Test:--All Tests Included--  
 Test Year: SEP-2024 TO AUG-2025  
 Test Taker Attempts: Highest Score  
 Include All Delivery Modes: Yes  
 Database was refreshed on: 12/03/2024 17:48:20 EST

Test Name	Testing Year: SEP-2024 TO AUG-2025				
	Total N	# Pass	% Pass	# Passed Using Passing Score	# Passed Using Praxis Bridge
Elem Ed: MS Mathematics Subtest (5003/0003)	22	18	81.82	13	5
Elem Ed: MS Reading Lang Arts Subtest (5002/0002)	4	•	•	•	•
Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081/0081)	24	15	62.5		
Special Ed: Foundational Knowledge (5355/0355)	4	•	•		

Notes:\* No data are displayed because the test taker count is fewer than 5.



Test Title	Deployment
<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001; subtests 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005)</b>	February 2025
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (7001; Subtests 7003, 7004, 7005)	
Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle—Mathematics, Social Studies and Science (5901; subtests 5903, 5904, 5905)	
<b>CORE Reading (5713)</b>	April 2025
<b>CORE Writing (5723)</b>	
<b>CORE Math (5733)</b>	

**Bold test titles are currently adopted by Tennessee.**



Test Title	Deployment
Elementary Education: Teaching Reading (7002)	July 2025
<b>Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205)</b>	
<b>PLT K-6 (5622)</b>	
<b>PLT 7-12 (5624)</b>	
<b>ELA: Content Knowledge (5038)</b>	
<b>Special Education: Foundational (5355)</b>	

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Test Title	Deployment
<b>Mathematics (5165)</b>	October 1, 2025
Social Studies (5581)	
<b>Early Childhood (5025)</b>	
<b>Middle School Mathematics (5164)</b>	
<b>Middle School ELA (5047)</b>	
<b>Middle School Science (5442)</b>	
<b>Special Education: Severe to Profound (5547)</b>	
<b>ParaPathways (5758/5759)</b>	
Elementary Education Fundamentals (8002-8006) – NEW TITLE	Spring 2026

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# Praxis Steps Modular Testing



## What is Praxis Steps?

- Praxis Steps is a modular approach to testing that enables candidates to take a Praxis test in smaller, focused sections, or “Steps,” so that they can test in the way they feel most confident to succeed.
- Candidates can choose to take a full test and retake just the Step they did not pass, or they can take one Step at a time, bank their scores and apply the highest results toward their overall test score.
- Praxis Steps will be introduced with the new Elementary Education Fundamentals tests in 2026.

# Benefits of Praxis Steps



Praxis Steps enables:



## Test Takers

- To take the test in smaller sections, or “Steps,” when they feel most prepared, reducing test anxiety
- Retake just the Step they did not pass rather than the full test, saving time and money
- Use their highest Step results toward their overall score



## States

- To provide more opportunities for candidates to pass their tests, which means more certified teachers enter the classroom
- Reduce barriers without lowering standards or sacrificing quality



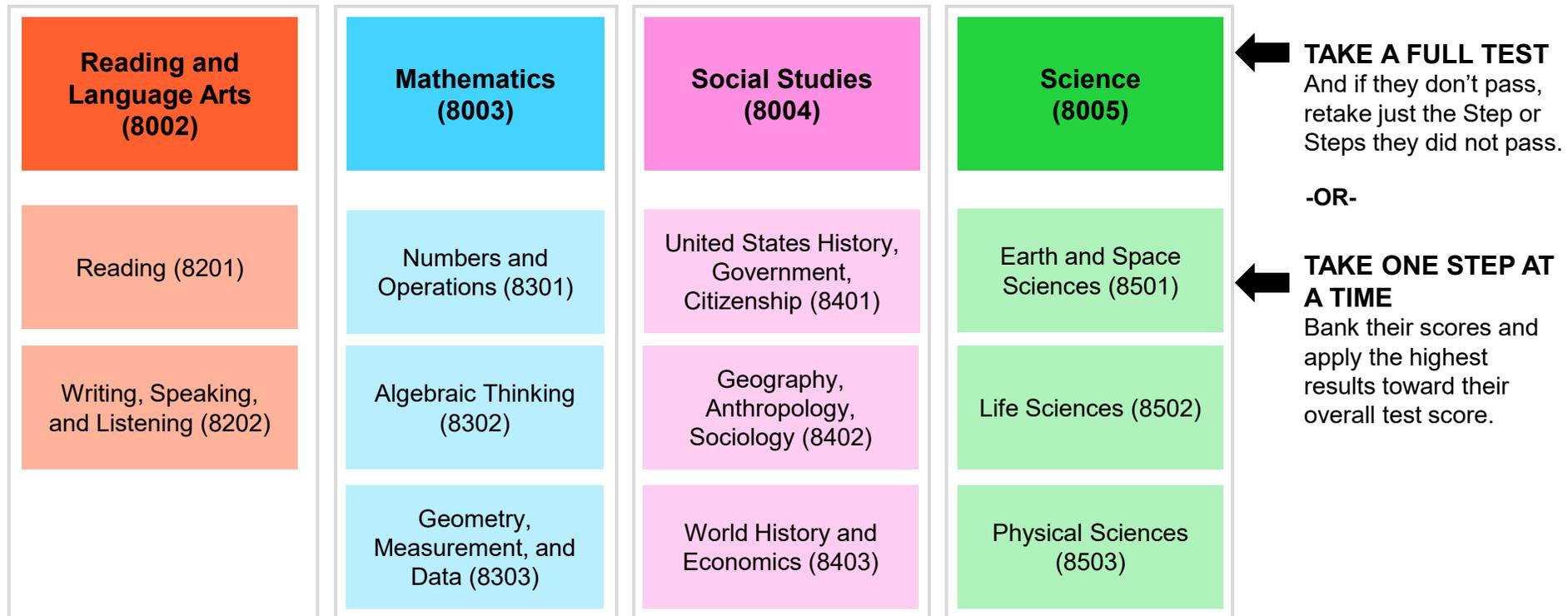
## Educator Preparation Programs

- To identify learning gaps early and provide targeted support in areas where candidates struggle
- Leverage more granular data to drive program improvements

# Praxis Steps for Elementary Education Fundamentals



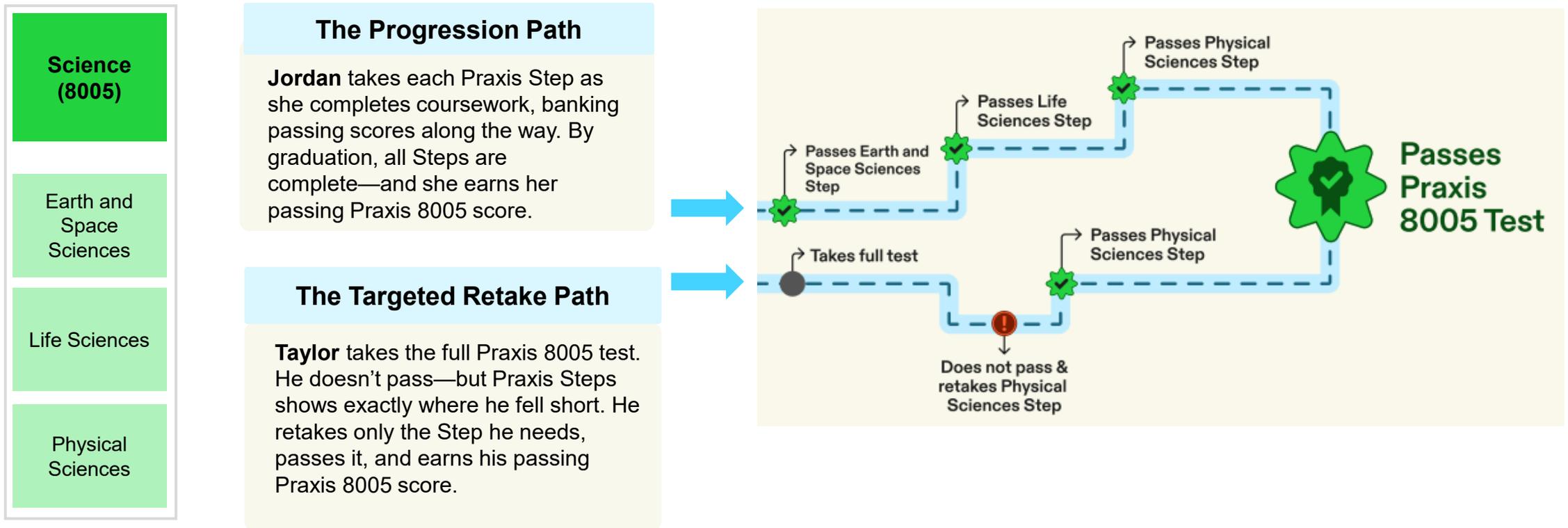
When Praxis Steps capabilities launch, test takers can:



# One Test. Multiple Paths to Success.



See how Jordan and Taylor each achieve success with the Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science (8005) test.



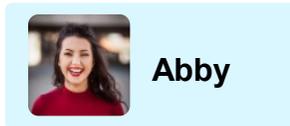
# A Flexible Path to Praxis Success



Test takers will have the flexibility to choose a path that will support their individual learning journey.

## Praxis Steps

### The Targeted Retake Path



Abby

Takes a full Praxis test



Does not pass

Retakes just the step she did not pass

Highest step score is applied.  
Passes the Praxis test.

### The Progression Path



Brian

Takes one step of a Praxis test at a time



Banks scores along the way

Completes and passes all steps

Passes the Praxis test

## Praxis Bridge

### The Near-Miss Path



Connie

Takes a full Praxis test



Does not pass within 1 SEM.  
Her state has adopted Praxis Bridge.

Takes the Praxis Bridge alternate passing  
module in the area she did not pass

Completes the module and Alt Passes the  
Praxis test

# Prepare for the New Tests



Official Praxis-Aligned Test Preparation Tools designed to help candidates prepare effectively for the new tests.

## Free Test Prep Resources

Available now at <https://go.praxis.ets.org/pdf-interest>

**Test at a Glance**

Test Name	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science																
Test Code	8005																
Time	90 minutes *Categories are not listed separately when taking the full test.																
Number of Questions	74 selected-response questions																
Format	The test consists of a variety of selected-response questions. You can review the question types in Understanding Question Types.																
Test Delivery	Computer-Delivered																
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Approximately 10-15% of the questions integrate a Science and Engineering Practice, and approximately 10-15% of questions integrate tests of Teaching Science.

**Study Companion:** Provides information about the test, content topics, discussion questions, sample questions with answers and rationales, and general assistance for the test.

Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science (8005) Study Plan

Test Content Categories	How well do I know the content? (rate 1-5)	What resources do I have/need for this content?	When can I find the resources I need?	Dates will study this content	Date completed
<b>I. Earth and Space Sciences (32%)</b>					
<b>A. Physical and Historical Geology</b>					
1. Knows the basic structure of Earth					
2. Understands the processes involved in rock and mineral formation					
3. Understands the processes and effects of weathering, erosion, and deposition, including wind, water, ice, and vegetation					
4. Understands the concepts of plate tectonics and the processes involved with earthquakes, volcanoes, and mountain building					
5. Understands how geologic history can be learned by identifying patterns in rock formations and fossils in rock layers that relate to changes over time					
6. Understands the human impact on land, water, air, and living things, and how to reduce negative human impacts					

**Study Plan:** Allows candidates to rate how well they know the test content, identify resources to study, set dates when they will study the content, and track their progress.

## Available Late February

**Begin Test**

Read the directions for each question carefully, as you may be asked to respond in a variety of ways, including selecting one answer from a group of answer choices, selecting multiple checkboxes, dragging and dropping answer choices onto on-screen targets, selecting a response from a drop-down menu, selecting parts of a sentence or graph, or typing your answer into an answer box.

**Note:** This interactive practice test is intended to provide you with the general experience of taking a computer-delivered Praxis test. However, some of the functionality may differ from what you will encounter when you take the actual test. For example, you may access questions you have not yet encountered from the Review screen in the practice test, while on the actual test, only questions you have previously encountered can be accessed from the Review screen.

- To take the full practice test, select the **Start Full Practice Test** button.
- To practice an individual Step, select the appropriate **Start Category** button.

Once you select a button, the timer will begin. If you exit before completing the test, your answers will not be saved.

Choose Test or Category	Title/Description	Standard Time	Number of Questions
<b>Start Full Practice Test</b>	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science (8005) - Form 1 Full Practice Test	90 minutes	74
<b>Start Category I</b>	I. Earth and Space Sciences	30 minutes	24
<b>Start Category II</b>	II. Life Sciences	30 minutes	25
<b>Start Category III</b>	III. Physical Sciences	30 minutes	25

**Interactive Practice Tests:** One full-length practice test is provided FREE with test registration. Simulates the test-taking experience and includes answers with explanations. Within the practice test, candidates can take a full test or an individual Step.



**Study.com Official Praxis Test Prep.** Updated courses feature bite-sized video lessons, personalized study schedule, and practice questions aligned with the new tests.



**The following resources are available to support EPPs and candidates.**

- Study Companions with test specifications
- Crosswalks of current tests to new tests
- Crosswalks of new tests to national standards
- Test Review videos and presentations
- Curriculum Crosswalks, Study Companions, and Study Plans (Download at <https://praxis.ets.org/epp/supporting-teachers-curriculum.html>)

# Noteworthy Extras

# Free After Three



## Supporting Persistence. Removing Barriers. Empowering Progress.

Free After 3 offers free retakes for candidates who have tested and not passed the same Praxis test three times.

### Eligibility Overview

- To Qualify, Candidates Must:
  - Have their first test attempt on or after October 1, 2025 (prior attempts are not eligible)
  - Have three or more registrations for the same test title
  - Have reported scores for each of those attempts
  - Be within five years of the date the third attempt's scores were reported



Learn more at <https://praxis.ets.org/free-after-three.html>



## Key Priorities

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### **Praxis Foundations**

- Reading, Writing and Mathematics Bridge
- InTASC aligned Durable skills (e.g., critical thinking, communication)
- InTASC aligned Dispositions (e.g., teamwork, self-regulation)
- AI literacy

### **Next Generation Performance Assessment**

- AI powered simulations focused on key InTASC performance indicators
- Modular approach allowing states to select simulations matching their candidate preparation priorities

### **Updated and expanded ProEthica**

- Revising current modules to reflect current context
- New modules covering key AI topics (e.g., using AI to create content harmful to peers, using AI inappropriately to complete work)
- Facilitators guide for Principals, Teacher Leaders, EPP Faculty, Mentors/Coaches, etc.

# Q&A



# THANK YOU!



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# Appendix

# Reading and Language Arts (8002)



Current Test (5002)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
Reading (47%)	38
Writing, Speaking, and Listening (53%)	42
Total Questions	80
Test Time	90 min

New Test (8002)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
Reading (52%)	42
Writing, Speaking, and Listening (48%)	38
Total Questions	80
Test Time	100 min

## About the Test

- The 80 selected-response questions in this test focus on the broad knowledge of language arts and related competencies necessary to be licensed as a beginning teacher at the elementary school level.
- The test content is grounded in the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) standards and Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals from the International Literacy Association.
- Approximately ten to fifteen percent of questions call for application of reading and language arts (RLA) content and processes within a teaching scenario or an instructional task.
- Such questions—designed to measure applications of RLA knowledge to the kinds of decisions and evaluations a teacher must make during work with students, curriculum, and instruction—situate RLA content questions in tasks critical for teaching.

# Mathematics (8003)



Current Test (5003)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
Numbers and Operations (40%)	20
Algebraic Thinking (30%)	15
Geometry and Measurement, Data, Statistics, and Probability (30%)	15
Total Questions	50
Test Time	65 min

New Test (8003)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
Numbers and Operations (42%)	28
Algebraic Thinking (29%)	20
Geometry, Measurement, and Data (29%)	20
Total Questions	68
Test Time	100 min

## About the Test

- Designed to measure the knowledge and skills in Mathematics necessary for a beginning teacher of Elementary Education.
- The test is not designed to be aligned with any particular school mathematics curriculum but is intended to be consistent with the recommendations of national studies on mathematics education, such as the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) K-6 Elementary Teacher Preparation Standards and the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE) Standards for Preparing Teachers of Mathematics.
- Approximately ten to fifteen percent of questions call for application of mathematics content and processes within a teaching scenario or an instructional task. Such questions—designed to measure applications of mathematics knowledge to the kinds of decisions and evaluations a teacher must make during work with students, curriculum, and instruction—situate mathematics content questions in tasks critical for teaching.

# Social Studies (8004)



Current Tests (5004)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
United States History, Government, and Citizenship (45%)	27
Geography, Anthropology, and Sociology (30%)	18
World History and Economics (25%)	15
Total Questions	60
Test Time	60 min

New Test (8004)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
United States History, Government, and Citizenship (43%)	33
Geography, Anthropology, and Sociology (30%)	23
World History and Economics (27%)	21
Total Questions	77
Test Time	100 min

## About the Test

- Designed to measure the knowledge and skills in Social Studies necessary for a beginning teacher of Elementary Education.
- The 77 selected-response questions are grounded in the National Council for the Social Studies National Curriculum Standards.
- Approximately ten to fifteen percent of questions call for application of social studies content and processes within a teaching scenario or an instructional task. Such questions—designed to measure applications of social studies knowledge to the kinds of decisions and evaluations a teacher must make during work with students, curriculum, and instruction—situate social studies content questions in tasks critical for teaching.
- These tasks, identified based on the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards and research on social studies instruction, have been confirmed by a national committee of teachers and teacher educators as important for effective teaching of elementary social studies.

# Science (8005)



Current Test (5005)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
Earth Science (33%)	17-18
Life Science (33%)	18-19
Physical Science (33%)	18-19
Total Questions	55
Test Time	60 min

New Test (8005)	
Category (Approx % of Test)	Approx. # of Questions
Earth and Space Sciences (32%)	24
Life Sciences (34%)	25
Physical Sciences (34%)	25
Total Questions	74
Test Time	90 min

## About the Test

- Designed to measure the knowledge and skills in Science necessary for a beginning teacher of children in primary through upper elementary school grades.
- Test content is grounded in the National Science Education Standards (NSES), the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) standards, which include the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and the CAEP K-6 Teacher Preparation Standards.
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