

VSBE

Date: 8/10/2023

Item: Praxis Multiple Measures

ITEM: Shall the VSBE approve a second read of the revised policies to establish a Multiple Measures option for Praxis Testing.

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve the revised policies to establish a Multiple Measures option for Praxis Testing

BACKGROUND:

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES:

Policy F3

Assessments Considered as Demonstration of Basic Competency

The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators recognizes meeting cut scores on any of the following assessments as demonstration of basic competency required for education licensure. Cut scores for specific assessments are reviewed annually and published online at www.education.vermont.gov.

- A. Praxis Core
- B. Praxis 1
- C. SAT
- D. ACT
- E. GRE
- F. ASVAB
- G. AP
- H. ~~TOEFL~~

The Office may consider additional assessments on a case-by-case basis if provided by an applying educator or EPP Licensing Officer. If the Office accepts said assessment, the office will notify the board at the next scheduled meeting to determine if an addition to Policy F3 is appropriate. This policy will be reviewed by the VSBE prior to May 31st, 2025.

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Policy N24

Multiple Measures for Praxis Examinations

ROPA approved EPP's may develop policies to recommend a candidate for licensure without a passing score on a Praxis examination if the candidate has made at least one attempt, and additional measures and/or supports are utilized as detailed below.

- Qualified: Cut score and above.
- Multiple Measures: within -2 SEM of cut score.
- Support Needed: below -2 SEM.

Candidates passing a Praxis examination may receive a recommendation as per VSBPE Rule.

Candidates scoring within -2 Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) may receive a recommendation with at least one additional measure demonstrating content knowledge **OR** at least one content-based support provided by EPP.

Candidates scoring below -2 SEM may receive a recommendation with at least one additional measure demonstrating content knowledge **AND** at least one content-based support provided by EPP.

Measures:

- GPA of 3.25 or higher in content area
- Advanced degree in content area with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- VLP scores of 3 on Standard 4: Content Knowledge and 5: Application of Content
- High performance in student-teaching evaluations
- Board approved Micro-credential
- Holistic Assessment based on Endorsement Competencies

Supports:

- Additional content coursework identified through Praxis II test taker score report
- Praxis based supports, such as ETS Learning Paths™ Program
- Student Accessibility Services, tutoring, peer mentoring, etc.
- Classroom-based mentoring or coaching as defined by VSBPE Mentoring recommendations.

ROPA approved programs are encouraged to develop and test additional measures or supports for candidates. Programs will submit proposed measures to the ROPA coordinator, who will review and make a recommendation to the VSBPE at the next Scheduled meeting.

Programs are expected to report students recommended through 1-year ROPA report.

Approval of this policy will allow for ROPA approved programs to recommend candidates, and the Office to approve applications for licensure, through multiple measures and other state content tests effective immediately. Additionally, it will delegate review and approval of district-based Praxis Core and Praxis II waivers to the Office under rule 5247 as amended by the VSBPE on 5/16/2023.

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Policy F5

Graduate Non-Completers

ROPA Annual reports indicate the primary reason for EPPs to decline to recommend a candidate for licensure is their inability to successfully complete Praxis examinations. Often these graduate non-completers will demonstrate a commitment to Vermont schools through work as unlicensed support staff or under a temporary license. A clear process for licensure is essential to better support these candidates and their supporting SU/SDs.

Candidates who did not receive a recommendation due to testing may seek licensure through the traditional route if:

- The candidate has at least one attempt on all testing requirements.
- A superintendent submits a waiver for testing as per rule 5247, if applicable.
- An Office review of the applicant's transcripts identifies evidence of required GPA, student teaching, and portfolio completion.
- The Office receives "no objection" from the graduating institution.
- The applicant complete recency of study if they graduated more than **5-years ago**.

If all the above is met after Office review, applicants may apply through the traditional route without a recommendation for licensure. This policy will be reviewed by the VSBPE prior to May 31st, 2025.