

VSBPE

Date: 5/16/2023

Item: Praxis Multiple Measures

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve the revised rules and accompanying policies to establish a Multiple Measures option for Praxis Testing.

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE approve the revised rules and policies to establish a Multiple Measures option for Praxis Testing

BACKGROUND:**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES:**

5241.2 (B) Passing score on assessment of basic skills approved for educator licensure in any other U.S. State or Jurisdiction.

5242 Except as otherwise provided by Rule 5246, all applicants for initial or additional endorsements shall be required to meet the passing scores established by the Standards Board on the applicable Praxis II examination, other U.S. State or Jurisdiction content-based licensure examination, or other examination-required measures approved by the Standards Board in the endorsement area sought.

5247 Waiver of Praxis Core Testing Requirement

5247.3 (A) has undertaken additional efforts to acquire knowledge and skills necessary such as tutoring, and courses, or content-based coaching;

5247.3 (C) has taken the exam a minimum of ~~two~~ one times without being able to meet the required cut scores.

5247.4 If A - C are met and the VSBPE or the Office finds that the candidate is otherwise qualified, the Education Quality Division's Licensing Office will issue a license that is restricted to teaching in the Supervisory Union/District making the waiver request. Educators who have worked in Vermont under the Level I endorsement for three (3) years may seek a recommendation to remove the restriction when the licensed supervising administrator and superintendent of the restricted SU/SD attest the educator has demonstrated the basic skills and/or content area knowledge under the original waiver. Upon review of the Office, the restriction will be removed.

5247.5 (1) has taken the exam a minimum of ~~two~~ **one** times without being able to meet the required cut scores.

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**

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 sunset May 31st, 2025

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 Sche.

Programs are expected to track students recommended through

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 of the outstanding testing requirement;
- A superintendent submits a waiver for outstanding testing as per rule 5247, if applicable;
- an office review of transcripts identifies evidence of required GPA, student teaching, and portfolio completion;
- The graduation institution in “no objection” from EPP
- recency of study if more than **3? 5?** Years since graduation

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