

# Spadoni College of Education



## PRAXIS I INFORMATION

All students seeking admission into the Spadoni College of Education Teacher Education Programs are required to take and pass all three sections of PRAXIS I, unless their SAT or ACT scores allow them to be exempt. Passing scores on the PRAXIS I tests are specified and mandated by the South Carolina State Board of Education. Students **must request** that their PRAXIS I scores be sent to CCU, even if they take the tests through the CCU testing center.

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### HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT PRAXIS I:

- Two ways to take the PRAXIS I: Computer-Based (CPPST) and Paper-Based (PPST)
- There are three required sections in the PRAXIS I:  
Reading (10710), Writing (20720), and Math (10730)
- Required passing scores are:  
**Reading = 175, Mathematics = 172, Writing = 173**
- Allow 4-6 weeks (minimum) for test scores to be sent to the Spadoni College of Education. Students **must** request that CCU be listed as a score recipient.
- CCU students: plan on taking the PRAXIS I **as soon as possible**. Students are encouraged to take the tests prior to or upon entering the university.
  - Transfer students: Plan to take the PRAXIS I prior to enrolling at CCU if possible, or early in your first semester at CCU.
- **THERE IS NO REASON TO WAIT TO TAKE THE PRAXIS I TESTS, TAKE THEM ASAP.**

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### SAT OR ACT SCORE EXEMPTION POLICY

Students with an SAT score of 1100 or higher (old SAT scores) or 1650 or higher (new SAT scores) may be exempt from the Praxis I exam.

Students with a composite ACT score of 24 or higher may be exempt from the Praxis I exam

Students are required to provide the Spadoni College of Education Academic Advising Office with official copies of SAT or ACT score reports, if not already on file through Coastal Carolina University.

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### HOW TO TAKE THE TEST

#### **COMPUTER-BASED TESTING**

- ☑ Can take each section of the PRAXIS I once every calendar month, up to 6 times per year
- ☑ Can set up test times by calling CCU Testing Center: (843) 349-4004
- ☑ Also available at any Sylvan Learning Centers w/ testing capabilities
- ☑ Unofficial scores are available for student viewing immediately after taking the Math and Reading portions of the test, but take 4-6 weeks for “official” copies to be received.

#### **PAPER-BASED TESTING**

- ✎ Offered multiple times a year. Test dates and locations provided on the ETS website, [www.ets.org/praxis1](http://www.ets.org/praxis1) . Registration deadlines are strictly enforced.

## TIPS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Take the **computer-based** version of the test. It offers greater flexibility with scheduling.
  - If possible, do not take all three sections of the test on the same day. Pick your best two areas and then take the third area on a separate day OR take each section on a different day.
  - Accommodations can be made for students with disabilities by special request, through ETS.
  - Fee Waiver- if you are receiving Financial Aid and are enrolled in the university, you **may** be eligible to receive a fee waiver, but you must apply well in advance through ETS.
  - **DO NOT FORGET**, students **MUST** request that their PRAXIS I scores be sent to CCU since this is not automatically done. An additional fee is charged to have official scores sent at a later date.
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## TEST-DAY TIPS

- Arrive at the test site **at least 30-minutes** prior to your test time. Late arrivals **are not** allowed to enter the testing room once the test has begun.
  - Test takers must bring all appropriate and required materials to the test. This includes (but not limited to): 2 appropriate forms of picture ID, pencils, sweaters/coats, etc.
  - Test takers are expected to be prepared and behave in a **professional** manner. CCU will not tolerate inappropriate or unprofessional behavior by exam test takers.
  - Read the question(s) first, before you begin reading the passage(s) - this allows you to know what information you need to look for. Make sure you know what the question is asking.
  - Take a watch, time yourself, and manage your time wisely
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## STUDY GUIDES & WORKSHOPS

Workshops- if funding is available: CCU offers PRAXIS I workshops when possible.

ETS Praxis Website: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis). Click on Praxis for information about the test, registration, etc. Also see: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxtest.html#ppst> for test descriptions and sample test questions.

Study Guides/Practice Books: Available in the CCU bookstore, websites (such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble), and through the CCU Library Reserves Area.

Other websites that allow you to take sample tests:

[http://www.testprepreview.com/praxis\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/praxis_practice.htm)

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

CCU TESTING CENTER: (All PRAXIS I Registration and test-oriented questions)

The PRAXIS I tests may be taken at the CCU testing Center, located in the Foundations Center, across the campus on the other side of HWY 501.

Testing is scheduled by appointment through the Campus Testing Center.

For registration or questions, please call the testing center at (843) 349-4004.

***Be sure to code CCU as a score recipient!***