

Educator Preparation News... from ADE

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Praxis

Praxis State Reviews are continuing. State Reviews are being held prior to launch date of new Praxis exams. The purpose of these reviews is to give IHE faculty a chance to review the changes to ensure their programs of study are in alignment with what is tested. During the reviews, faculty will be given an overview of Praxis, review of the test study guides, and subject area competencies.

State reviews will not be conducted for School Psychologist and Speech Language Pathologist as these are ancillary licenses and are under the guidance their respective professional organizations.

Subject	Current Version	New Version	State Review Date	Arkansas Launch Date
Age 3-4 Endorsement	None	TBD	4/17/2014	*
Agriculture	700	5701	4/24/2014	9/1/2014
Early Childhood/SpEd Integrated(B-K)	None	TBD	4/17/2015	*
Elem Ed (K-6)	5031	5001	Fall 2015	9/1/2015
English (7-12)	5044	5039	4/23/2014	9/1/2014
Family Consumer Sciences	5121	5122	Fall 2015	9/1/2015
Gifted Education	357	5358	4/16/2014	9/1/2014
PE and Health	5856 & 5095	5857	2/27/2014	9/1/2014
Math (7-12)	5061	5161	4/22/2014	9/1/2014
Science (4-8)	0439	5440	4/18/2014	9/1/2014
Music	5114	5113	4/9/2014	4/10/2014
Physics	NA	5265	2/11/2014	*
School Psychologist	401	5402	NA	9/1/2014
Speech Language Pathologist	5330	5331	NA	9/1/2014

*awaiting PLSB and/or State Board of Education (SBE) approval

This year there are more Praxis changes as all tests are converting to computer format only. Remember paper testing will remain available for those students needing accommodations.

The Praxis website is the most up to date sources for IHEs and candidates to ensure the correct tests are being used. <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/requirements>

Music Test has been changed from 5114 to 5113 effective immediately. If a student has already registered for the 5114 they can continue with that test and their score will be used. If they would like to switch the test they will need to contact [Michael Rowland](#).

Content Competencies

<http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-licensure-unit/educator-preparation/educator-competencies>

Competencies will be updated this summer as standards change and new Praxis test alignments are added.

Next Generation Science Standards

The SBE voted to endorse the use of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as a basis for the next stage of ADE's work in the development of a new K-12 Arkansas Science Curriculum Framework.

Committees of Arkansas educators will dive deeper into the NGSS performance expectations for K-12 students, develop middle school pathways, and examine existing Arkansas standards and laws, as well as licensure needs, to create high school courses. The goal is to prepare Arkansas students to know and apply science concepts to real-world situations when they graduate from high school.

The work will take time. The first task for the ADE will be to develop a comprehensive roll-out plan, a detailed timeline, and a communication plan for new science curriculum frameworks. The Curriculum and Instruction Unit will work with representatives from K-12, career education, higher education, industry, community and informal science educators to complete this work. Opportunities will be provided for public input and comment.

Attached is the proposed implementation timeline.

Education Preparation Programs

The rule, entitled *Arkansas Department of Education Policies Governing Programs to Educator Licensure Offered by Institutions of Higher Education in Arkansas*, was presented to the SBE in April 2014. The rule covers unit accreditation requirements, program approval criteria, and requirements for candidates in educator preparation programs. The rule was passed by the SBE and will be reviewed by Legislative Council then filed with the Secretary of State. The rules will be effective September 1, 2014. The rules are attached.

The Educator Preparation Section is accepting proposals from the IHEs for new or revised programs of study in compliance with recent changes in licensure. In preparing their proposals, IHEs should follow the *Protocol* and use the *Template* found on the Educator Preparation page of the ADE website.

<http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-licensure-unit/educator-preparation>

Program proposals for a fall semester implementation must be submitted to by March 1 and programs for spring semester implementation must be submitted to by August 1. Refer to the rules to ensure deadlines are met for both ADE and ADHE submittals.

Education Preparation Program Reports (EPPRs)

Drafts of the state report and institution reports were distributed at the Dean's meeting on April 11, 2014 during the ArACTE conference. The reports will be published on the ADE website in May.

edTPA

A pilot for edTPA will begin in Fall 2014 with three programs in the state participating. The three programs are from: Williams Baptist College, Henderson State University and the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL). We greatly appreciate these three programs agreeing to participate.

Training sessions will continue for these programs. A one day training will be held on May 12 in Little Rock. A two day training session will be held June 4-5 in Little Rock. It is essential that faculty involved in the pilot attend the sessions. For more information contact [Joan Luneau](#).

UA Fort Smith has already been involved in a pilot with edTPA and will continue their pilot in the Fall.

Licensure

Reminder: Testing out of Early Childhood P-4 is not an option. The only candidates allowed to obtain P-4 Licenses are those enrolled in a P-4 program. They will take Early Childhood: Content Knowledge #5022 and PLT #5621.

New to professional development is the inclusion of Dyslexia Awareness for initial license. It is available through Arkansas Ideas.

Starting July 1, electronic fingerprinting will be available throughout the state at Educational Cooperatives and at the main ADE office. More information will be available on the website after July 1.

Fall licensure officer meeting is tentatively planned for September 19, 2014 in Little Rock. Please let Joan know if there are any major conflicts with that date. Also, let her know if you have any topics to recommend for the agenda.

Personnel News

Dr. Mike Lucas will be retiring from ADE effective June 30, 2014. We wish him good luck in his future endeavors.