

# TEACHER LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS

The following assessments are required for **teacher licensure**.

1. MOST teacher education candidates are required to complete (except Special Education, Dance, and Theater):
  - [PRAXIS Subject Assessment \(formerly Praxis II\)](#)
  
2. ONLY Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education endorsement areas require:
  - [PRAXIS Teaching Reading: Elementary](#)

For resources for test preparation, click here: <https://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc/assessment-resources.shtml>

## Registration Information for Teacher Licensure Assessments:

### 1. Praxis Subject Assessment (formerly Praxis II)

The Praxis Subject Assessment assesses content knowledge in the subject the teacher candidate will teach and is a requirement for initial licensure.

In addition, the Praxis Subject Assessment is a requirement for student teaching for certain JMU teacher education programs. Teacher education candidates will need to consult their education program advisor for Praxis Subject Assessment program requirements.

**Which test should I take for my program?** Changes in the specialty area tests may occur over the next several years. Teacher candidates should have the most recent information before registering for the test. Information on the Praxis Subject Assessment special area tests prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education can be found in the following link:

<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/39662/638108699319130000>

- [Praxis Subject Assessment Preparation from ETS](#)
- [PRAXIS Subject Assessment Information and Registration](#)

**JMU Test Code: 5392** - Use the JMU test code when registering for the PRAXIS Subject Assessment. JMU will not receive test scores unless the code is indicated.

**Note:** Please keep a paper copy of your score report to submit with your teacher licensure application.

There are a limited number of [fee waivers](#) available for ETS tests each year for those that meet all eligibility criteria.

## 2. Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary (formerly RVE)

The Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary test is a reading assessment prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education for individuals seeking the following endorsements:

- Early/Primary Education prek-3
- Elementary Education prek-6
- Special Education- General Curriculum K-12
- Special Education-Hearing Impairments
- Special Education-Visual Impairments

### [Registration for Praxis Teaching Reading](#)

#### Codes and Passing Scores for **Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary**

- Test Code: **5205**
- Passing Score: **159**

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[Note: an endorsement as a reading specialist, which is an advanced licensure program, requires **Praxis Reading Specialist Test** (test code 5302) with a passing score of **162**. **Do not take this test** unless you are in a graduate program resulting in a reading specialist endorsement.]