

Certification Information

Resource: Mississippi Department of Education/ Office of Educator Licensure
<https://www.mdek12.org/OEL>

ELEMENTARY K-6 / Required Licensure Tests:

Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):

- Elementary Education (K-6) [Test Code 5017]
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT K-6 [Test Code 5622]
- Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements> to register

Foundations of Reading Exam (ONE TEST):

- Foundations of Reading
- Go to <http://www.ms.nesinc.com> to register

*All three tests listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Elementary Education.

SECONDARY EDUCATION 7-12 / Required Licensure Tests:

Praxis II Tests (TWO Tests):

- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
- Take the Praxis II exam **in your degree program area**. The different content area tests are listed below:
 - Biology* [Test Code 5236]
 - Chemistry* [Test Code 5246]
 - English Language and Literature* [Test Code 5038]
 - Mathematics* [Test Code 5165]
 - Physics* [Test Code 5266]
 - Social Studies* [Test Code 5081]
- Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements> to register

*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Secondary Education.

Early Childhood Education / Required Licensure Tests:

Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):

- Child Development [Test Code 5024]
- Principles of Learning and Teaching/ PLT Pre-K/K [Test Code 5621]
- Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements> to register

*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Early Childhood Education.

Health and Physical Education / Required Licensure Tests:

[Note: UM HPE graduates qualify for both Physical Education and Health Education]

Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):

- Physical Education (K-12) [Test Code 5091]
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT
Select **ONE** of the grade levels only—Grades K-6 [Test Code 5622]; or Grades 4-6 [Test Code 5623]; or Grades 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
- Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements> to register

*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Health and Physical Education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12/ Required Licensure Tests:

[Note: UM SPED graduates qualify for Mild/Moderate & Severe/Profound Disabilities]

Praxis II Tests (TWO Tests):

- Special Education [Test code 5355] – new test code effective 9/1/2023
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT
Select **ONE** of the grade levels only—Grades K-6 [Test Code 5622]; or Grades 4-6 [Test Code 5623]; or Grades 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
- Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements> to register

Foundations of Reading Exam (ONE TEST):

- Foundations of Reading
- Go to <http://www.ms.nesinc.com> to register

*The PLT, SPED content area tests & Foundations of Reading Exam listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Special Education.

Praxis II Test – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Special Education Fundamental Subject HQ [Test code 5511]
- Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements> to register
[Note: The Fundamental Subject Test allows SPED teachers to be licensed to teach in a broader range of classroom settings--- self-contained, inclusion, etc. This test is not required to receive an initial license but maximizes your job opportunities]

Contact Information:

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