
Re: Praxis Core Program Info, Fall 2025

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WoW! This is wonderful! Thanks to All. Teamwork makes the dream work! Can't wait until we have the Praxis completion rate we're dreaming off. Great start!!

Best wishes,
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Subject: Praxis Core Program Info, Fall 2025

Hello all,

I hope the first few days of the fall semester has treated you well! Daniel and I have already visited several classes for the rollout of our new Praxis Core program in all of our education classes this semester. So far, we have had 93 students already submit to our Blackboard Center for Literacy Org Site verification their ACT or Praxis Core scores showing they do not need to take the entire test.

(Please note that in the event you are teaching a dual credit section, you may disregard this email!)

I know this 5% score for the Praxis Core in all education classes is a new thing we have never done before, but based on the responses we've already received from students, I truly believe this will make a big difference in preventing students from making it to the end of their teacher prep journey without completing this requirement. It is our hope that in a few years, it will be a rare student past the Core classes who hasn't passed this exam.

I am still happy to come speak to any class, whether it is on Connect or in-person. Please email me if you'd like me to come speak to your class. I am also attaching a 9:44 long video I made. I encourage you to share this on your Blackboard site even if I have already come to your class, as it could be a good refresher for students who have questions.

<https://mediasite.wku.edu/Mediasite/Play/c577158bc1b24aafa6041d37042e4b4f1d>

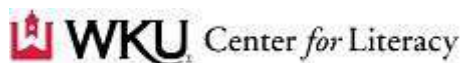
Dr. Stephanie Jernigan made a fantastic PDF with screenshots and directions of how students can access and navigate the Org site, which is tremendously helpful! Thank you very much Stephanie for doing this for our students!

Thank you all for being such valuable colleagues. I am so grateful for the effort and heart you put into helping our students become educators.

Thanks,
Jeremy

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Re: Praxis Language Update

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Thanks, Jeremy. Greatly appreciate all your work on this. Please feel free to reach out for backup!

Thanks,
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Subject: Praxis Language Update

For those who would like to include the Praxis language in the syllabus (with date), here is a link: <https://bit.ly/WKUPraxis> I'll update this each semester so the link doesn't have to change. (It is case sensitive.)

Conversely, if you'd just like to put the date, all requirements are due by November 14th.

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Subject: See You Soon!

Greetings, STE Team,

It's hard to believe we are just a week away from the start of the 2025-26 academic year! We look forward to getting together and continuing our great work! As a reminder, faculty are expected to return to work next Monday, August 11. We'll have a busy first week with the following scheduled:

Monday (August 11) – Faculty return to work. Convocation begins at 10:00. For those wanting to walk up the hill, let's plan to meet in the STE office at 9:30.

Tuesday (August 12) - Faculty workday/data day from 9:00–2:30. Lunch provided.

Wednesday (August 13) – Faculty workday with regional campus colleagues from 9:00–2:30. Lunch provided.

Thursday (August 14) – LADDER Training – 9:00–11:00. Informational session serving as a refresher for some and new information for others to learn about our new dispositions model.

As part of our workday on Wednesday, we'll be discussing the new individualized Praxis Core completion plan for our undergraduate students. The Praxis team, led by Jeremy and Daniel, have developed excellent supports that will lead to improved Praxis Core completion rates. As a reminder and expansion from an earlier email, as you complete your undergraduate syllabi and upload to TopNet, please be sure to include the following language regarding Praxis Core (and make be sure the points are reflected accordingly):

Praxis Core Preparation Requirement (5% of Course Grade)

To support your entry into the teacher preparation program, 5% of your course grade will be based on your participation in Praxis Core preparation activities coordinated through the WKU Center for Literacy. These activities are required for all students who have not yet achieved Praxis Core completion (via passing scores, ACT equivalency, or qualifying GPA combination). If you have already met the Praxis Core requirement, upon verification, you will automatically receive full credit for this portion of the grade.

You are not required to pass the Praxis Core to earn these points, only to engage in and make consistent progress through the preparation process, which may include practice testing, tutoring plans, and test registration. The specific steps are outlined on the Center for Literacy Org site on Blackboard and will be explained by your instructor and/or Center for Literacy staff.

Happy to answer any questions.

Best wishes,
Sue

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Applause for the PRAXIS Core Assignment

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H Jeremy,

I wanted to let you know what a positive response I had from my IECE 421/422 students today about the new PRAXIS Core assignment that we are rolling out. Daniel came to speak to the students this morning, and he did an amazing job blending the seriousness of the situation with the willingness of the School of Teacher Education to support the students. The class is full of students who are scheduled to student teach this spring or next fall. Only 2 out of 7 students have met the requirements, and it is crunch time for the rest.

All of the students, including those who know that they are in a serious predicament at this point, were grateful for this change. They acknowledged that they have needed something like a grade to work toward, and they felt supported for the first time in this PRAXIS Core process. One student even stated that she wishes she had had this all along. All of this showed me that we are on the right track.

I just wanted to share and let you know that we are off to a great start. I hope the majority of the students feel the same way as you visit classes over the next couple of weeks.

Gratefully,
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Online Classes Outreach

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Hi all,

Jeremy, I just wanted to check in to see if we had a specific way of communicating with students taking online sections of classes? Kierra and McKenzi are teaching EDU 350 online this semester and I want to make sure their students are clear on the new Praxis guidelines. Is there a statement that online classes could post?

Thanks!

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