

GENERAL INFORMATION

1 How does this option work?

This alternative allows eligible candidates to complete a professional learning module so that they can meet state licensure requirements without retaking the entire Praxis test.

2 Who is eligible?

- Candidates who have attempted any of the subtests within the Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) series at least once.
- Candidates who have scored within 1 SEM of the state passing score as defined by the CSDE.
- Candidates who want to teach in Connecticut.

3 How much does this cost?

The Alternate Passing Option is \$50, but Connecticut offers two free retests for eligible candidates that can be used for either a full test retake or the Alternate Passing Option. To take advantage of the free retake, test takers must complete and submit a [CT Retest Certificate](#).

4 What is the qualifying -1 SEM score for my state?

Test	5002	5003	5004	5005
CT Passing Score	157	157	155	159
CT -1 SEM Score	150	148	147	151

5 When and how will a test taker be notified?

Candidates who are eligible will receive an email notifying them of their eligibility. The option will also be visible in their Praxis account. For the initial roll-out (November 2024-January 2025), candidates will be notified within 1-to-3 business days of receiving their official Praxis scores. For the operational roll-out in February 2025, candidates will be notified when they receive their Praxis scores.

6 How does a candidate access the module once they purchase it?

Candidates will receive an email confirmation that has a link to the learning management system. That link will bring them to a page that lists any modules for which they have registered. Candidates will have access to that link and to the module for 6 months from the date of purchase.

7 How long do test takers have to complete the module?

The candidate will have 6 months from the date of purchase to complete the Alternate Passing Option.

8 If a candidate was not aware of this process and re-registered for a new test, can they receive a refund?

Yes, they will need to contact customer service to request a refund. For the initial roll-out, it is important that candidates are aware that their eligibility email will be delayed by 1-to-3 business days. If their report indicates they are within 1 SEM of the passing score, they should wait before re-registering for the test.

9 Will this option be available for other Praxis tests? If so, when?

Based on the success of the initial roll-out, ETS is considering extending this option to more test titles. The current plan is to roll out additional titles in September 2025.

10 Are other states participating in the initial roll-out?

Yes, the initial roll-out also includes West Virginia and Kansas. This option will become available for additional states in February 2025.

11 How does ETS identify the modules needed for the candidate?

ETS will be using two methods for determining the module that is presented to the candidate. The first method is a criterion-based approach based on the relationship between the content category score and the overall subject score. The second method is a norm-based approach that sets a threshold in relation to the testing population's mean or median. The standardized differences of each candidate's content category scores from their corresponding thresholds will be used to rank the benefits of professional development opportunity areas for a candidate.

Essentially, ETS will identify the content category on which the candidate scored the lowest.

12 What if a candidate does poorly across the content category areas?

Through statistical evaluations, ETS will establish the strength of the relationship between each category and the test based on the overall population data. In the case of a tie, ETS will prioritize the content category demonstrating the stronger or strongest relationship with the overall test (construct) and assign that module to the candidate.



MODULES

13 How long is the module?

Each module will take approximately 45 minutes to complete, but it is untimed. Candidates will have 6 months to complete the module from the date of purchase.

14 Why did you decide on 1 SEM and not 2 SEM?

In discussions with ETS assessment development, psychometric, and research staff, we determined that the 1 SEM threshold represented candidates who were very close to passing and, given differing circumstances or forms, could very well pass on another attempt. Candidates that are below this threshold likely need more test preparation or learning to ensure they understand the content.

15 What are the modules for 5001 Elementary Education?

The following list covers all modules that will be available at launch:

English Language Arts (5002):

- Reading
- Writing, Speaking, and Listening

Mathematics (5003)

- Numbers and Operations
- Algebraic Thinking
- Geometry and Measurement, Data, Statistics, and Probability

Social Studies (5004)

- United States History, Government, and Citizenship
- Geography, Anthropology, and Sociology
- World History and Economics

Science (5005)

- Earth Science
- Life Science
- Physical Science

16 Can candidates take breaks during the module? If so, for how long?

Yes. The modules can be completed at the candidate's convenience. The modules are not proctored and are asynchronous.

17 For the knowledge checks: if candidates don't score 100%, are the questions the same and in the same order?

Yes. Candidates are required to achieve a score of 75%-80% on the knowledge check. If they score lower than that percentage range, they will be routed to the questions that they got incorrect, and the system will provide hints for those items. Candidates will then have unlimited chances to answer the remaining items correctly before they can proceed.

18 Are candidates required to take all of the modules for a subject area?

No. Depending on the candidate's Praxis-test performance, ETS identifies the professional development module within that subject that represents the greatest area for growth. The candidate only has to complete that specific module.

19 Are the modules accessible?

The modules will conform to WCAG 2.1 requirements and will be digitally accessible / screen-reader capable. Closed captioning will be available for videos and audio where appropriate.

20 How many times can a test taker take the same module?

During the 6 months after purchase, a test taker can revisit the content as much as they need. If a test taker does not complete the module within 6 months they will need to re-register for a full Praxis retake.

SCORE REPORTING

21 What does a score report look like?

There will not be a score report for the Alternate Passing Module itself. The candidate will receive a Certificate of Completion upon successfully finishing the course. Candidates will also be issued an updated Praxis Score Report within 5 business days that will indicate "Alt. Passed" for the appropriate subject-area test(s). The passing designation data will be pushed to the organization's EDM account during the regular weekly updates.

22 How will this option impact Title II reporting?

Candidates who successfully complete the Alternate Passing Option will be designated as passed within the Title II reporting system.

23 Will we be able to disaggregate data from those that pass using the Alternate Passing Option versus those that pass via cut score in EDM?

Yes. Candidates who participate in the Alternate Passing Option will have a designation of "Alt. Passed."

