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# SCHOOL LIBRARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

University of Pittsburgh  
Library and Information Science Program

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## APPLYING TO TAKE THE PRAXIS TEST ENDORSEMENT & INTERN OPTIONS

- **INTERN OPTION ONLY:** All SLCP Intern Option applicants seeking to obtain certification for Library Science, K-12, must submit passing Praxis scores for the five tests required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education with the PA Application for Certification. For each test, the applicant must achieve the current PDE qualifying score.
- **ENDORSEMENT OPTION:** All SLCP Endorsement Option applicants seeking to add another area of certification (second-field certification) to their current Instructional Level I or Level II certificate must submit a Praxis score for the School Library Media Specialist test (Code 10310) with their PA Application for Certification. A minimum score of 620 is the Pennsylvania qualifying score. If you do not score at least 620, you must retake the exam until this score is achieved.
- The cost of the Fundamental Subjects test and the Library Media Specialist test is \$75 each, with a registration fee of \$40. These two tests may be taken on the same day.
- Each computer-based PPST test costs \$75.\* However, if two tests are taken on the same day, the fee is \$110. If all three tests are combined on the same day, the fee is \$145. There is no registration fee for these tests.
- Computerized tests may be taken once per calendar month, and up to six times per calendar year.
- It is possible to apply for a fee waiver for financial reasons. Consult the Praxis Website for the Fee Waiver Request form and an explanation of eligibility.
- Consult the Praxis website at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for more information.

### When you register for PRAXIS:

1. Sign up to take the test at the University closest college or university to you. Register early because seating is limited.
2. Request that your test scores be sent to the University of Pittsburgh (Code RA2927) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Code R8033).
3. You must register for the test far enough in advance of your application for certification, so that your scores will be received in time to be included with your application.
4. Each term a Praxis review session for the Library Media Specialist test is held by Dr. Biagini for SLCP students.

**Required Praxis Tests (Intern Option):**

CODE	PPST TEST	CURRENT PA QUALIFYING SCORE	COMPOSITE TEST SCORE **
5710	Computerized PPST Reading*	172	171
5720	Computerized PPST Writing*	173	170
5730	Computerized PPST Mathematics*	173	171
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>518</b>	<b>521</b>
30511	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	150	N/A
10310	Library Media Specialist Test	620	N/A

\* These tests may also be taken in the pencil and paper version.

\*\* Effective September 15, 2005, students (in-state/out-of-state) being recommended for a PA Instructional I in any subject area can meet the Praxis I (PPST I), Basic Skills testing requirements through either of the following:

I. The present individual PPST I, Basic Skills score requirements:

- Mathematics, Test #730 (score of 173)
- Reading, Test #710 (score of 172)
- Writing, Test #720 (score of 173)
- **Current total required = 518**

II. A second method of accomplishing the basic skills testing requirements will now be available through achieving a composite/summary test score of 521 provided that the following individual PPST I test scores are met:

- Mathematics, Test #730 (score of 171 minimum)
- Reading, Test #710 (score of 171 minimum)
- Writing, Test #720 (score of 170 minimum)
- **Composite total required = 521**

**Required Praxis Tests (Endorsement Option):**

CODE	PPST TEST	CURRENT PA QUALIFYING SCORE	COMPOSITE TEST SCORE **
10310	Library Media Specialist Test	620	N/A

**Timing:** Paper tests may be taken over two testing dates, which may be over two terms. Consult the Praxis Website for test dates. If you are close to the Pitt campus, it is recommended that the three PPST tests be taken in computerized form at the University of

Pittsburgh, Office of Measurement and Evaluation. Contact the Office at 412-624-9103 to schedule an appointment for a Monday through Saturday. Other universities offer computerized testing of the PPST tests. Check the Praxis Website for locations.

**This is a suggested schedule:**

**TESTING DATE 1:**

Session 1: Math (10730) and Reading (10710) 1 hour each  
Session 2: Writing (20720) - 1 hour

**TESTING DATE 1 OR 2:**

Session 1: Fundamental Subjects (30511) 2 hours

**TESTING DATE 2:**

Session 1: Library Media Specialist (10310) 2 hours  
Session 3: Fundamental Subjects (30511) 2 hours

<p><b>NOTE:</b> In addition to the cost of the test, a \$40 basic registration fee is charged. If you take these tests on different dates, you will pay the \$40 registration fee for each date.</p>
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**After you take the test:**

1. Please alert Mary K. Biagini ([mbiagini@mail.sis.pitt.edu](mailto:mbiagini@mail.sis.pitt.edu)) that you have taken the test and the date you took the test.
2. You will receive your own paper copy of your test scores in the mail from Educational Testing Service. You will submit a photocopy of your test score to Dr. Biagini with your application for certification and you will make a copy of your score to give to Dr. Biagini.