

## Measure 3: Candidate Competency at Program Completion (Initial Licensure Programs)

**Purpose of Assessment:** The Praxis II is one of the licensure exams required of candidates for certification. This proprietary licensure exam addresses content, professional, and pedagogical knowledge.

Everyone issued a certificate in Kentucky must pass the required certification tests.

The Praxis II is given at an Educational Testing Services (ETS) approved test center as an exit criterion for the EPP.

**Assessment Scoring:** Educational Testing Services (ETS) is responsible for scoring the assessment.

**Use for Candidate & Program Progress:** For recommendation for certification, Praxis II must be passed. For recommendation for Boyce EPP completers, the Praxis II must be taken. This assessment data is documented in order for candidates to exit the program. The data is reviewed by the EPP advisor and used for recommendations for the candidate's professional development following graduation.

**Reliability and Validity:** For each test (Praxis II and PLT), a job analysis survey was conducted to determine what a representative group of teachers and teacher educators believe that a newly licensed or certified teacher should know to perform his or her job competently. Based on the results of the job analysis, as well as any national disciplinary standards that may apply, an Advisory Committee of teachers and teacher educators define the content areas that should be covered on the test. Test specifications are then created to guide the development effort. ([Technical Manual for Praxis Tests, 2015](#))

### Reliability

The state of Kentucky and the Boyce EPP uses the Praxis II as one indicator that teachers have achieved a specified level of mastery of academic skills, subject area knowledge, and pedagogical knowledge before being granted a teaching license. The content matter of the Praxis Assessments is defined and validated by educators in each subject area tested. Educational Testing Services (ETS) gather the assessments from the test takers and report the scores of the teacher candidates to the state and the EPP.

**Supervisors/Scorers Training:** Educational Testing Services (ETS) gathers the assessments from the test takers and reports the scores of the teacher candidates to the state and the EPP. This instrument is compared to other test takers and is standardized and nationally normed.

### Validity

**Face Validity:** The state of Kentucky and this EPP uses the Praxis tests as one indicator that teachers have achieved a specified level of mastery of academic skills, subject area knowledge, and pedagogical knowledge before being granted a teaching license. The content matter of the Praxis Subject Assessments is defined and validated by educators in each subject area tested.

TEST CATEGORY	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		3 Year	
	N=	% Pass	N=	% Pass	N=	% Pass	N=	% Pass
PRAXIS II	4	93.33%	10	93.21%	9	59.58%	23	82.04%
PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING & TEACHING	2	100.00%	5	100.00%	10	87.50%	17	95.83%