



Praxis: The Standard for Educator Assessments

Rigorous development process ensures quality and relevance

Praxis assessments are developed through a process that prioritizes quality, fairness, and relevance to real-world teaching. ETS and Praxis follow guidelines detailed in the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing. These standards involve diverse committees of practicing educators and college faculty that ensure the tests align with national and state standards.

Large-scale surveys of practicing educators confirm these statements so that tests reflect necessary classroom skills. This approach guarantees that Praxis tests provide states and districts with a reliable tool for gauging content knowledge.



HOW ETS DEVELOPS ITS TESTS

Development of Test Specifications



Facilitation of Committee Meetings



Development of Items and Reviews



Assembly of Test Forms and Reviews



Administration of the Test



Statistical Analysis



How ETS Praxis minimizes bias

- Questions are evaluated according to ETS's fairness guidelines.
- Multi-stage reviews ensure that test items are not offensive and lack racial, gender, socioeconomic, or other biases.
- If we discover that a question might not be performing correctly, we omit it from scoring.
- Differential Item Functioning (DIF) analysis helps find questions that may be unfairly difficult for specific groups of test takers.
- We combine DIF analysis with expert test-content reviews and ongoing fairness research to minimize assessment bias.

Validity and reliability: keys to trustworthy assessments

Validity means that tests measure the knowledge and skills necessary for effective teaching. ETS provides extensive evidence to support the validity of Praxis assessments, including content validity through the development process and through sensitivity to differences in backgrounds.

Reliability, or test-score consistency, is another strength of the Praxis. Reliability coefficients range between 0 and 1 and capture the proportion of test-score variance due to the variance of the construct measured versus any error variances. Recent studies show high reliability coefficients for Praxis tests in Reading & Language Arts and Math, with values above 0.70 and 0.80, respectively. This level of reliability gives states and districts the confidence that Praxis scores measure educator competence.



Praxis assessments offer states and districts a valuable tool for ensuring educator quality. Through rigorous development processes, comprehensive fairness measures, and strong validity evidence, Praxis sets the standard for fair and effective educator assessment.



Let's talk about why Praxis is the right choice for your educators.

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