

Policy Amendments to LICN-003 (Licensure Testing Requirements)

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LICN-003

- Foundations of Reading Test 090 Ending Date
- Pedagogy Assessment Clarification
- Vendor Updates

Foundations of Reading Test 090 Update

Foundations of Reading Tests fulfill the Elementary Education and Special Education: General Curriculum licensure areas.

Foundations of Reading Test 090 will be effective until July 31, 2023.

Praxis/ETS will retire the test and be replaced with Test 190.

All testing using Test 090 will be complete by July 31, 2023.

Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Clarification

- Pedagogy assessment requirement options are edTPA or PPAT
- PLT is only an option if the edTPA testing booklet for that licensure area is unavailable and the EPP is not using PPAT.
- Removal of Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Test 5624 for testing requirements for secondary licensure areas will reduce confusion in the field
 - Anthropology
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Economics
 - English
 - Geography
 - History
 - Mathematics
 - Political Science
 - Science (comprehensive)
 - Sociology

**edTPA testing workbooks are available for these secondary areas*

Vendor Updates

- Praxis 5545 Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications Test
 - *Special Education: Adapted Curriculum (ECAC)*
- Praxis 5354 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications
 - *Special Education: Cross Categorical*
- Praxis 5543 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications
 - *Special Education: General Education (ECGC)*

NOTE: A lower scaled cut score does not indicate a drop in standards but is due to the change in number of test items and the difficulty of those items.

Praxis Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications Test

- **Current Test 5545**
 - cut score: 158
 - effective until August 31, 2024
- **Updated Test Name/Code: Severe to Profound Test 5547**
 - cut score: 156
 - effective beginning September 1, 2023

Note: Licensure content exam for *Special Education: Adapted Curriculum* licensure area

Praxis Special Education: Core Knowledge Test

- **Current Test 5543**
 - cut score: 158
 - effective until August 31, 2024
- **Updated Test Name/Code: Foundational Knowledge Test 5355**
 - cut score: 145
 - effective beginning September 1, 2023

Note: Licensure content exam for *Special Education: General Curriculum* licensure area

Praxis Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications Test

- **Current Test 5354**
 - cut score: 151
 - effective until August 31, 2024
- **Updated Test Name/Code: Foundational Knowledge Test 5355**
 - cut score: 145
 - effective beginning September 1, 2023

Note: Licensure content exam for *Exceptional Children: Cross Categorical* licensure area (same test as ECGC from previous slide)

Summary

- Foundations of Reading Test 090 would retire on July 31, 2023. Foundations of Reading Test 190, updated reading subtest, is currently an option.
- Remove PLT from secondary licensure areas to align with edTPA and PPAT being the assessments to fulfill the pedagogy test requirement
- Update to Special Education Tests
 - 5545 => 5547
 - 5543 & 5354 => 5355 (*The 5355: Special Education Foundational Knowledge test was designed to replace the test for core knowledge and applications. The National Advisory Committee for the tests—a panel of Special Education teachers and teacher educators--after reviewing the standards and the redesigned test’s composition, concluded that the test’s content was also aligned with expected knowledge for candidates seeking mild/moderate licenses.)*

Questions

