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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: UWA Students Enrolled in Program Requiring the Special Education Praxis II

FROM: Dr. Courtney Vick, UWA Certification Officer

SUBJECT: Updated Praxis II

On April 11, 2024, members of the Alabama State Board of Education (SBOE) approved a resolution to adopt a new special education Praxis subject assessment. This assessment will replace the current assessment, which is expiring.

The following chart provides the new Praxis test name and code, along with information that will be used for implementation. The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Assessment Policies Manuals are also being updated to reflect information about this test.

New Test Name and Code	Required Score for New Test	Effective Date	Test to be Discontinued Name and Code	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge 5355	145	09/01/2024	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications 5354	153	08/31/2024

Individuals seeking initial certification in the subject area through an Alabama Educator Preparation Program:

- **Discontinued Test (Praxis 5354):**
    - Individual must be unconditionally admitted to an Alabama Educator Preparation Program **prior to September 1, 2024**.
    - Test must be taken and passed prior to **September 1, 2024.**
    - Application **must** be received in the Educator Certification Section within 48 months of the date of unconditional admission.
    - If the application is not received in the Educator Certification Section within 48 months of the date of unconditional admission, a passing score on the new test (Praxis 5355) is required.

- **New Test (Praxis 5355)**
    - **Must** be taken and passed **September 1, 2024,** and thereafter.
    - **May** be taken and passed prior to the effective date in lieu of the expiring test (Praxis 5354).

For additional information regarding Praxis II requirements, please contact certification@uwa.edu.

Thank you!

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