

PRAXIS II™ Elementary Education
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Course Description:

This course is designed for elementary education majors, teachers, and teacher candidates preparing to take **one or more** of the following Praxis II™ exams necessary for state licensure:

Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment (0011)

Elementary Education: Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (0511)

Elementary Education Content Knowledge (0014)

Principles of Learning and Teaching: K-6 (0522)

Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12 (0524)

The course provides information from a variety of resources that concentrate on the specific subject areas covered on the exams. Practice exams and questions as well as tips and strategies for test-taking and anxiety are available in the course. Students complete assignments and practice on a week-to-week basis. Praxis II™ courses with Butler County Community College are instructed by Pennsylvania certified teachers.

Text:

Praxis II™ (Elementary Education #0011, #0511, #0014, PLT)

ETS Study Guide for your appropriate exam (used as a guide for test components and the review course online)

Additional Suggested Course Materials: *(your instructor may suggest)*

- **For Elementary Education Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Fundamental Subjects Content Knowledge: REA The Best Teachers' Test Preparation for Praxis Elementary Education Test Codes 0011 & 0014**

Chat sessions: (These require students to be online at a specific time, but are not mandatory)

Chat sessions are offered in the evenings, on different days for question/answer sessions with the instructor. Participation is not mandatory, chat sessions **provide essential information for each exam in the form of a lecture** that also allows students to ask questions and receive answers that will help them increase their score. Students who cannot participate live have the opportunity to review recordings as their schedule allows. The instructor is always available to answer your questions or concerns via email or posting to the discussion board.

All course work and exams are completed online.

Internet Student Resources:

Before classes begin, go to BC3 Online Learning – www.bc3.edu/onlinelearning for the

- System check – check your computer equipment and Internet connection
- Personality test – check your chance of success
- Orientation schedule – **all NEW Internet students MUST attend an orientation session.**

Objectives:

The student will:

- A. Review content for the major components of their appropriate PRAXIS II™ exams through texts, additional posted resources, practice questions and exams, chat sessions, and discussions in discussion board forums.
- B. Review websites pertinent to content areas.
- C. Complete and score practice Praxis questions, examinations, and skill quizzes.
- D. Identify lower and higher order thinking skills in the subject areas covered on the PRAXIS II™ Elementary Content Knowledge Test, CIA test or Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Tests. Categories in the Cognitive Domain of Bloom's Taxonomy (knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation) will be used. Critical thinking skills will be improved.
- E. Interact through assignments, chats, and discussion boards with certified teachers in their specialty area using cooperative/collaborative learning, including peer review and problem based learning and inquiry.

Course Mechanics/Schedule:

This 5-week course is based on the components of the Praxis II *Test at a Glance* components for the exams listed above. The online format offers flexibility to busy students and professionals. Group chats and discussion board forums allow class participants to communicate with each other and the instructor throughout the course. Praxis instructors for Butler County Community College are Pennsylvania certified teachers.

Additional Information:

More detailed course information is available online within the course.

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