What do I need to Bring To the Test?

- You will only need your photo ID. Scrap paper and pencils are provided.

Where do I send my Scores?

On the registration form you may list 3 institutions or agencies to receive your scores. You must include Mount St. Mary’s (code: RA5421) AND the Maryland State Department of Education (code: R7403).

A code list for all additional agencies can be found on the Praxis Web site www.ets.org/praxis

Test Taking Strategies

- Allow plenty of time to get to the testing center.
- Read directions on each test completely.
- Pace yourself! Consider the time allotted for each test.
- Proofread your essay and make corrections. Essay scores want to see you can do this!
- Dress in layers! You never know what the temperature will be in the testing center.

How should I Prepare for the Test?

- Know the type of test you are going to take. (Multiple-Choice, Constructed Response, Essay, etc.)
- Be well rested!!
- Work through sample questions found online at www.ets.org/praxis

Gateway I Assessment Options

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You want to become a teacher. There is no more rewarding or important a career! As a future teacher of doctors, scientists, teachers and day laborers, it is important that you possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to teach and inspire all students to achieve their dreams. To that end, MSMU has established a Gateway Assessment System (GAS). The GAS includes certification regulations of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) since MSMU is a Maryland institution of higher learning. This brochure introduces you to Gateway I.

_What is Gateway I?_

Gateway I is admission to teacher education and is the first time that the department examines your knowledge, skills and dispositions. For undergraduate programs, this occurs prior to registration in 300-level education courses. MAT candidates are admitted up to nine credits beyond matriculation. The department uses multiple measures to aid us in our decision making. You will be asked to submit an admission portfolio that includes a statement of your philosophy of education; participate in a group admission interview; hold a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher; provide a self-assessment of dispositions aligned to the department’s conceptual framework; and submit passing scores on standardized measures of basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. MAT candidates must also submit qualifying Maryland Praxis II scores for content knowledge.

_What are acceptable measures of basic skills?_

- SAT taken after 2005, math and critical reading composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken between 4/95 and 2005, math and verbal composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken prior to 4/95, math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- ACT composite score of 24;
- GRE taken prior to 9/1/2011 math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- GRE taken after 9/1/2011 math and verbal composite score of 297;
- CORE Reading score of 156.
- CORE Writing score of 162.
- CORE Mathematics score of 150.

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_A photocopy of your qualifying SAT/ACT/GRE official report should be given to the Administrative Assistant in the Education Department, as well as sent to MSDE; Division of Certification & Accreditation; 200 West Baltimore Street; Baltimore, MD 21201-2595._

_Which CORE tests Do I take?_

All three Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) tests must be taken. All answers are multiple choice with the exception of the writing test where you will also have 30 minutes to select a topic and type the essay.

**Reading** Test Code: CORE 5712  
**Writing** Test Code:  CORE 5722  
**Mathematics** Test Code:  CORE 5732

_WHEN DO I NEED TO TAKE THE TESTS?_

_Undergraduates_ need to take the CORE tests as an entrance requirement, before enrolling in any 300 level courses

_Graduate Students_ need to complete CORE and the Praxis II, when applicable (content only for secondary education candidates) before they complete 9 graduate credits of coursework.

_WHAT IF I WANT TO TEACH IN A DIFFERENT STATE?_

You will need to fulfill Maryland's requirements plus the requirements for any other state in which you hope to teach. Some states require additional tests. For example, Pennsylvania requires a Principle of Learning and Teaching test for your grade interest. Additional information can be found on the ETS Praxis website.

_How do I register for a test date?_

You can register online or through a testing center.

_Where do I take the Tests?_

All testing centers in Maryland are listed on the Praxis Website (www.ets.org/praxis). A comprehensive list of convenient, computer-based testing centers is available. This list, which is updated continually, contains locations and contact information for Prometric Testing Centers (many Prometric Testing Centers are located inside Sylvan Learning Centers), some colleges and universities and ETS Field Offices.