**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program**

**Information on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators and Alternative Testing Options**

The Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. They are designed to measure academic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. A **passing score on each of the three Praxis Core subtests (Reading, Writing and Mathematics) is required** for teacher licensure by Maryland State Department of Education and required for admission to the MAT program. The qualifying scores for Praxis Core:

- 5712 Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading 156
- 5722 Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing 162
- 5732 Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics 150

**Candidates must achieve the qualifying score on each of the subtests; there is no composite score.**

All Praxis Core tests are delivered by computer and are given year-round. Tests will be available in a paper-delivered format as required for ADA accommodations. To register for the Praxis Core, access the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis). This website will also provide links to the location of the nearest testing center, testing dates, study materials and other Praxis Core exam information.

For general inquiries regarding the Praxis Core, contact:

**Phone:** 1-800-772-9476  
**Email:** praxis@ets.org  
**Website:** [www.ets.org/](http://www.ets.org/)

**Teacher candidates who have taken and passed subtests on the Praxis I may use these scores to help meet testing requirements. Towson University will accept mix and match scores (Praxis I and Praxis Core). Students must have passing scores on the Praxis I test(s) and passing scores on the Praxis Core test(s). THERE IS NO COMPOSITE SCORE FOR MIX AND MATCH TESTS. For example, a student may have passing scores on the Praxis I for reading and writing but not for Praxis I math. The student can then take Praxis Core in math and use a passing score on this test along with the passing scores on the Praxis I reading and writing tests to meet the testing requirement.**

In place of the Praxis Core, official documentation from one of the following tests is an approved testing alternative:

- **ACT** composite score of 24;
- **GRE** taken from September 2011 to present, math and verbal composite score of 297;
- **GRE** taken prior to September 2011, math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- **SAT** taken from April 1995 to present, math and verbal (or critical reading) composite score of 1100;
- **SAT** taken prior to April 1995, math and verbal composite score of 1000.
- **Praxis I (PPST)** taken prior to August 31, 2014, reading, writing and math composite score of 527.

**All test scores must be submitted electronically by the testing company (ETS or College Board). The code for Towson University is 5404.**