

Praxis Exam Guide

Selecting a Subject Area of Focus and the Corresponding Praxis Exam

To apply to an MfA Fellowship, applicants must select a subject area of focus and take the corresponding Praxis Content Knowledge exam.

Teachers may choose any of the listed subject areas of focus for their application, regardless of the science or mathematics subject they teach. The choice of subject area of focus in an application is significant because it determines the following:

- The Praxis Exam you will take
- The content of your Pedagogy Exercise
- The content and group you will be assigned in your Finalist Interview

Please take these factors into consideration when selecting a subject area of focus.

Praxis Exam Names and Codes

Below are the subject areas applicants may choose, and the corresponding Praxis Exams accepted for each.

Middle School and High School

Subject Area of Focus	Corresponding Praxis Exam(s) and Code
Biology	Biology: Content Knowledge (5235)
Chemistry	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245)
Earth Science	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (5571)
General Science	General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Mathematics	Math: Content Knowledge (5161) (0061/5061 will also be accepted)
Physics	Physics: Content Knowledge (5265)
Computer Science*	Math: Content Knowledge (5161) or Computer Science (5652) (5651 will also be accepted)

Elementary School

Subject Area of Focus	Corresponding Praxis Exam and Code
Mathematics	Middle School Mathematics (5169)
Science	Middle School Science (5440)

**NOTE: Only High School teachers may apply under the Computer Science Subject Focus and must be scheduled as an assigned computer science teacher (not mathematics) for 60 percent of their teaching schedule.*

Registering for the Praxis Exams

The Exam

All Praxis exams are computer-based and must be taken at an ETS test center. To register, visit www.ets.org/praxis

If you have already taken the exam, please request an official report to be sent to MfA using our institutional code (7779) or provide us with the original score report. If you have previously submitted official scores to MfA, there is no need to re-send your score.

Pick a Date

Each month, there is a two week testing window in which teachers can take their respective exams. The test is not offered in February or June. Physics and Earth Science are the only subjects that are not offered every month. We encourage you to find more dates and details for the Praxis Exam online at www.ets.org/praxis