

COE Frequently Asked Questions

What about testing requirements?

1. Rising Fifth Year Students and Post-Bacc Students going into their Internships in the Fall 2020

Due to health and safety concerns for test takers and test center staff stemming from the coronavirus outbreak, ETS is closing some of their testing sites. Information about when they will reopen and how candidates can reschedule their test session will be posted here: <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/praxis/the-americas/> under “Test Center Closures.” If you are scheduled to take a test at a center that closes or wish to reschedule, you may do so by calling ETS at 800-772-9476. ETS is waiving the fee for rescheduling. If a center closes where you are scheduled to take the test, you will receive an email from ETS with a link to reschedule. There will be no additional fee to reschedule the test.

For the VCLA, Pearson-VUE testing centers in the U.S. and Canada are suspending testing until April 16, 2020. If you already have a scheduled exam, you will receive an email cancellation notice and further instructions from Pearson-VUE. The scheduling and rescheduling of exams will begin on April 16th. You can keep up-to-date with center closures and rescheduling information here: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update>.

At this time, students who will be going into their fifth year and post-bacc students going into their internships in fall 2020 will now have until September 1, 2020 to turn in their test scores.

2. Students who are reaching the credit limit for provisional acceptance

Undergraduate students who have provisional acceptance to COE will have their testing requirements waived until the end of the Fall 2020 semester. Post-bacc graduate students have until the end of summer 2020 to complete their testing.

Will I go back to my practicum placement?

Students should not expect to return to their placements for the rest of the semester and should plan on completing alternate practicum assignments given by their course instructor.

How will practicum work for the rest of the semester?

Students should not expect to return to practicum in a classroom due to the closure of local school districts. Students will be assigned alternate practicum assignments by their course instructor. Successful completion of practicum hours and/or alternate practicum assignments are necessary to pass the practicum requirement for all practicum-bearing courses. An hours-log will be required to document how the student meets the requirements for the

course. This log will be submitted to the course instructor by the end of the semester. Students may take a picture of the log and send it via email to their course instructor.

How will evaluations work for practicum?

Practicum evaluations will not be required for Spring 2020. Students have the option of having mentor teachers complete them if they would like the feedback. Successful completion of the practicum requirement will be determined through hours completed in the classroom and/or completion of alternate practicum assignments as determined by the specific practicum-bearing course.

How will evaluations work for my internship?

Evaluation processes for the internship are being determined. Every intern will have the information by Friday, March 27th.

What about my capstone research project?

Questions about your research project should be directed to your research supervisor.

What about licensure?

The College of Education will be able to request modifications to licensure requirements for interns who have completed the majority of their weekly and hourly requirements. Based on recent conversations with VDOE leadership, these requests will be granted.

What about advising?

If you haven't already, please contact your COE advisor before you register for classes to review your course of study. *Please note new registration times.* If you are not able to reach your advisor, please contact Dr. Courtney Clayton at cclayton@umw.edu.

Can I still participate in Praxis Core Math tutoring?

Yes, virtual tutoring sessions will be available with Dr. Brecht. Please contact her directly for more information at abrecht@umw.edu

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