
POLICY STATEMENT

Student Teaching Content Exams (ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT)

And

Grade Point Average (GPA)

To earn PA teacher certification, passing scores on the appropriate ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s) are required. It is recommended that these exam(s) be taken prior to the student teaching placement.

The specifics of this policy are:

- **It is recommended that teacher candidates take the required ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s) prior to the start of the student teaching placement.**
- **Candidates will not be eligible for PA teacher certification until they pass the appropriate ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s).**
- **All initial teacher certification degrees (Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, and Master of Education in Special Education) through Pennsylvania Western University require**
 - **successful completion of the required coursework for the program,**
 - **a 3.0 GPA at the time of graduation, and**
 - **successful completion of student teaching**
- **It is the teacher candidate's responsibility to pass the required ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exams and apply through T.I.M.S to receive PA Certification issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.**

I have read and understand that I must have a 3.0 GPA to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, or Master of Education in Special Education degree through Pennsylvania Western University AND I must pass the appropriate ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s) in order to receive a Pennsylvania Instructional I teacher certification.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____