

TMCC Syllabus
EDUC 235 Praxis I Review
Spring 2014

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Office Hours: 8:00 am-4:30 pm (M-Th) Fridays by appointment

Class Time: Monday 1:00-1:50

Room: 216

Semester Credits: 1

Prerequisite: none

Required Materials: The Praxis Series: Official Guide—PPST, PLT, Subject Assessments, ETS; laptop computer and access to internet-Northstar Learning

Course Description: This course provides students the opportunity to brush up on their reading, writing and mathematics skills in preparation for the Praxis I exam. Students will review basic grammar, organizational writing strategies as well as math skills. Students will also take practice tests, using North Star Learning, an online support program, which will help them with their test-taking skills in preparation for the exam.

Rationale: Students taking this course will prepare themselves to take the Praxis I exam, which is required to receive a teaching certificate by the state of ND. Students should plan to attempt the Praxis I exam at the conclusion of this course. The Praxis I exam is offered at TMCC in March and November, and possibly in the summer. Students may also choose to take the exam at a different testing site. For information on testing sites visit ets.org.

Your Rights & Responsibilities: If you have emergency medical information to share with me, if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, or if you need accommodations in this course because of a disability, please make an appointment with me. My office location and office hours are 8:00-4:30 Monday through Thursday, Friday by appointment. If you plan to request disability accommodations, you are expected to register with the TMCC Counselor (Rm. FA 103) 477-7947.

Attendance & Class Participation: All of the activities in this course will require your individual or cooperative participation. Your commitment to the process will be valued and honored. As such, your attendance at each class is mandatory. If you must miss a class, you must **notify the instructor** before the class begins so we can make arrangements. Please be on time for class. To limit class disruptions, **place your cell phone on silent mode during class, do not text in class and please do not bring your children to class.**

Cultural Content: Honesty: One of The Seven Teachings

During the course students will explore honesty in facing a possibly stressful situation—To prepare thoroughly for a test is to have respect for oneself and one’s efforts.

Late Work Policy: Late work will not be accepted without prior arrangement.

Honesty Policy & Your Rights: The TMCC policy on academic honesty applies to this course. (See TMCC Catalog).

Departmental Goals Reflected in this Course: Students will use the experiences they have in this course in order to help them develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions to pass the Praxis I exam.

Course Objectives:

By participating in this course students will:

1. develop grammatical and writing skills.
2. develop mathematical skills.
3. develop reading skills.

Students are expected to:

1. attend each and every class period.
2. complete assigned homework—I will check to make sure you’ve completed assigned work online.
3. actively participate in in-class activities.
4. complete all pre and posttests assigned.

Methods of Instruction

The class will utilize in-class activities and short lectures.

Grading

Active In Class Participation	--25%
Work Assignments-Northstar Learning	--50%
Practice Tests/Written Assignments	--25%

Grading Scale

Pass/Fail

NOTE: If you fail to attend class or fail to do the assignments you will FAIL this class!

Test costs: see ets.org

Tentative Schedule

Week 1 (January 13)--- Syllabus/Expectations **Writing & Grammar**

- North Star Learning- sign up
 - The Praxis Series: Official Guide, ETS
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Week 2 (January 20)---NO CLASS--- Martin Luther King Day

- North Star Learning-WORK ON OWN!
 - Writing assignment
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Week 3 (January 27)--- Writing & Grammar

- The Praxis Series: Official Guide, ETS
 - North Star Learning
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Week 4 (February 3)--- Writing & Grammar

- The Praxis Series: Official Guide, ETS
 - North Star Learning
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Week 5 (February 10)--- **Reading:** Praxis I Reading

- The Praxis Series: Official Guide, ETS
 - North Star Learning
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Week 6 (February 17)--- NO CLASS----Presidents' Day

- North Star Learning-WORK ON OWN!
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Week 7 (February 24)--- **Mathematics:** Praxis I Mathematics

- The Praxis Series: Official Guide, ETS
 - North Star Learning
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Week 8 (March 3)--- Mathematics

- The Praxis Series: Official Guide, ETS
 - North Star Learning
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Praxis Exam Saturday, March 8, 2014 @ TMCC

Register by February 6, 2014-online or paper

Registration deadlines: see ets.org