Utah State Office of Education – Licensure Testing Update – June 2013

This document is intended to provide information to interested parties about upcoming changes to the required tests for Educator Licensure in Utah. Please share this information with all individuals at your institution who counsel licensure candidates as to the appropriate test for their program.

As the number of Praxis II tests available in computer-based delivery format has steadily increased, ETS has modified the test availability for the 2013-14 testing year. The length of computer-based testing windows has **increased to two weeks (Monday – Saturday)**. The number of computer-based testing windows for most Praxis II tests have **increased to 8 windows**. The number of computer-based testing windows for the World Language Tests **has increased to 5 windows**. The number of paper-and-pencil administrations has been **reduced to 4 administrations**. For more specific information on test availability dates, please see the ETS website at www.ets.org/praxis and select "Test Centers and Dates".

In the 2013-14 testing year one additional Praxis II test approved for use in Utah will be available as computer-based delivery. In all cases, the computer-based version of a test will have the same code as the current code except that it will begin with a 5 instead of a 0; for example the "5204" test is the computer-based version of the "0204" test. The majority of new tests and regenerated tests will now have the computer-based version as their primary availability and may only be available in paper-and-pencil format if accommodations for disabilities are necessary.

Test Number:	Test Name:	Available:
5221	Speech Communication: Content Knowledge	December 2013

The following tests have been regenerated and moved to the standard PRAXIS score scale. The new test will first be administered in **October 2013**. Changes to these tests were not significant enough to warrant a new standard setting and ETS has rescaled our current passing score as indicated. Candidates for these areas may be recommended with a passing score on either version of the test, but only the new version will be available to test takers after October 2013. The original test number and score are in parentheses.

Test Number:	Test Name:	Required for:	Qualifying Score:	Score Status:
5551 (0550)	Health Education	Health Education Endorsement	162 (670)	Final

The impact study for the following test was delayed. The new passing score did not go into effect on January 1 as had been previously announced. The passing score listed below will go into effect on **July 1, 2013**. Any individual recommended for licensure after that date must meet the new score.

Test Number:	Test Name:	Required for:	Qualifying Score:	Score Status:
5195	Spanish: World Language	Any Spanish Endorsement	168	Final

The following tests have been regenerated and have changed significantly enough that a new standard setting was required. The new tests will first be administered in **October 2013**. Utah has participated in a multi-state standard setting for each of these tests and convened a panel of Utah Educators in each area that has reviewed the results from these standard settings and has set a preliminary passing score for each test. An individual that has taken and passed the previously approved test prior to **9/1/2013** may be recommended for the indicated licensure. If an individual takes the test after that date, they must take the new test.

Test Number:	Replacing Test:	Test Name:	Required for:	Qualifying Score:	Score Status:
5038	0041	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	English Endorsement	162	Preliminary
5047	0049	Middle School English Language Arts	Option for Special Education licensure and Highly Qualified status	158	Preliminary
5161	0061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	Required for Math Endorsement Level 3 or 4 Option for Math Endorsement Level 2	160	Preliminary
5169	0069	Middle School Mathematics	Option for Special Education licensure and Highly Qualified status Option for Math Endorsement Level 2	165	Preliminary
5391	0390	Psychology	Option for Psychology Endorsement	154	Preliminary

The Utah State Office of Education will conduct Impact Studies for the following tests during the **Fall of 2013**. The purposes of these Impact Studies will be to review data on Utah candidates that have taken these tests and to set a final Utah Passing Score for each test. If you have staff members that may be interested in participating in one or more of these Impact Studies, please contact Travis Rawlings at (801) 538-7601 for more information. Licensure candidates that are recommended for licensure after **January 1, 2014** must meet the final passing score set during the upcoming Impact Study. Universities will be informed of the final passing score as soon as possible. Due to the nature of the PLT, the new score for this test will go into effect July 1, 2014.

Test Number:	Test Name:	Required for:	Qualifying Score:	Score Status:
0134/5134	Art: Content Knowledge	Visual Art Endorsement	158	Preliminary
0621/5621	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood	Upgrade to Level 2	160	Preliminary
0622/5622	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6	Upgrade to Level 2	160	Preliminary
0623/5623	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5-9	Upgrade to Level 2	160	Preliminary
0624/5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12	Upgrade to Level 2	160	Preliminary

The following tests have been regenerated, but have changed significantly enough that a new standard setting must take place. Utah is currently planning to participate in a multi-state standard setting for each of these tests during the 2013-2014 academic year. Preliminary qualifying scores for these tests will be announced as soon as possible. The first administration of these tests may vary, but will first be administered no earlier than **September 2014**. Candidates for these areas may be recommended with a passing score on either version of the test, but only the new version will be available to test takers after September 2014. **If you have personnel that may be interested in participating in one of the multi-state standard settings for these tests, please have them contact the USOE content area specialist or the USOE Educator Licensing Coordinator.**

Test Number:	Replacing Test:	Test Name:	Required for:	Qualifying Score:
5122	0121	Family and Consumer Sciences	Family Consumer Sciences (CTE/General) Endorsement	TBA
0701	0700	Agriculture	Agriculture (CTE/General) Endorsement	TBA
5402	0401	School Psychologist	School Psychologist (K-12) License Area	TBA
0952	0950	Sociology	Sociology Endorsement	TBA