

Revised Licensure Structure for North Carolina Educators (Effective April 2005)

The Praxis Series is the standard test requirement for licensing in North Carolina. At North Carolina State University, students must pass PRAXIS I, the reading, writing and mathematics test of the Pre Professional Skills Test (PPST) to be admitted to teacher candidacy.

As part of their teaching portfolios, students must demonstrate competence in the National Education Technology Standards for Teachers. In most programs, students include technology artifacts as part of the student teaching portfolio. The program coordinators or university supervisors must sign off on the current STTech Rubric, which must be on file prior to recommendation for an initial license.

As of April 2005, the licensure structure has changed. The State Board of Education and the NC Department of Public Instruction have redefined the former initial and continuing licenses.

The former initial license has been replaced with the Standard Professional License 1. To be issued the SP1, an individual must complete an approved teacher education program and meet the federal definition of “highly qualified” (have 24 semester hours in the content area). The SP1 is valid for 3 years of teaching. NOTE: new K-6 and Exceptional Children’s teachers must still pass a state test.

The former continuing has been replaced with the Standard Professional License 2. To be issued the SP2, an individual must (a) have 3 years satisfactory teaching experience, one of which must be in NC, (b) have the recommendation of the employing school system, (c) complete any professional development activities prescribed by the school system, AND (d) one of the following: (1) satisfy NC testing requirements (PRAXIS II), (2) document the ability to positively impact student achievement, OR (3) hold National Board Certification.

If students opt to take PRAXIS II during or shortly after student teaching, the NC DPI will hold scores for conversion from SP1 to SP2 if all other conditions for conversion are met.

A publication on required tests and scores for the programs offered at North Carolina State University is available from:

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NC Testing requirements can also be found at <http://www.ets.org>