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New Test Requirement for Elementary Education

Effective July 1, 2009 teacher candidates seeking certification for Elementary Education Grades K through 6 will be required to pass a new test, the Connecticut *Foundations of Reading* test, in addition to the Praxis II tests currently required.

The Foundations of Reading test reflects scientifically based reading research and tests the candidate's proficiency in and depth of understanding of the subject of reading and writing development. The test consists of 100 multiple-choice and 2 open-response (essay) items. Each multiple-choice item assesses knowledge or skills related to one of the three major areas of reading instruction:

- Foundations of Reading Development
- Development of Reading Comprehension
- Reading Assessment and Instruction

The open-response items require teacher candidates to apply their knowledge and understanding of content related to two or more of the above areas.

Testing Program Information

How can you learn more about the test?

A website is available at www.ct.nesinc.com. The site contains an overview of the program, a

description of the test, and information from the Connecticut State Department of Education. As additional program materials become available, such as test preparation materials, frequently asked questions, test dates and test sites, they will be added to the site. Ultimately, examinees will be able to visit the site to register for the test and to view unofficial test scores.

When with the test be available?

The test will be administered in Connecticut on up to five test dates annually at several locations throughout the state. It is anticipated that the first administration of the test will be in May 2009.

Summary of Test Requirements for Elementary Education

Prior to July 1, 2009:

- Praxis II Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (test code 0011)
- Praxis II Elementary Education: Content Area Exercises (test code 0012)

Beginning July 1, 2009:

- Praxis II Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (test code 0011)
- Praxis II Elementary Education: Content Area Exercises (test code 0012)
- Connecticut Foundations of Reading

