

2

Disclosures

Chairperson for the Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association Student Affairs Committee

Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association member

American Speech Language Hearing Association member

Full-time employee of Encore Rehabilitation Services

Not affiliated with ETS, Advanced Review or any of their partnering organizations

3

Test Anxiety



According to ASHA, test anxiety is one of the top causes of low Praxis scores..

“Some test-takers become overly anxious, causing them to forget content, guess wildly, or lose concentration..”

My Tips for Combating Test Anxiety

- Prepare by familiarizing yourself with the test format, testing environment, and utilizing prep materials
- Do a “dry run” of the drive to the testing center/parking lot
- Hydrate and have a nutrient rich meal/snack before the exam
- Get a good night’s rest before, and days leading up to, the exam

4

The Praxis: Overview

Who

- YOU and anyone else working towards their CCCs and licensure

What

- Comprehensive, online exam containing questions from three content categories (e.g., Foundations, Evaluation, and Treatment) across the “Big 9” resulting in 132 total questions
- 150 minutes (2.5 hr) to complete the entire test.
- The testing format relies on multiple choice/select response style questions

Where

- Onsite at a partnering computer testing location, see https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/dates_centers/
- At home, online testing options may be available

5

The Praxis: Overview

When

ETS recommended that "individuals register and take the Praxis exam **no earlier** than the completion of their graduate coursework and graduate clinical practicum or during their first year of clinical practice following graduation, to better ensure that they have the knowledge base to pass the Praxis exam."

Why

- Licensing requirement in the state of MI, alongside completion of CF and graduation from an accredited master's program
 - Scores are reported on a 100-200 score scale in one-point increments.
 - The required score for ASHA and the state boards of examiners is 162

How

- Visit <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register>
- The test code for the *Praxis* Speech-Language Pathology test is 5331
- \$146, Fee waiver is available for those who qualify https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/fees/fee_waivers/

6

Registration

Additional Information

- Ensure that the name you use to register on the ETS website matches the name you will have on test day as it appears on your identification
 - If the name shown on your primary identification does not match the name on your registration record, you will not be permitted to test

You must have acceptable and valid ID with name, signature and photograph to be admitted to a test center

Acceptable forms of primary ID include:

Passport with name, photograph and signature

Passport Card (United States only – must be accompanied by valid supplemental ID)

Valid government-issued driver's license with name, photograph and signature

State ID issued by a motor vehicle agency with name, photograph and signature

National ID with name, photograph and signature

Military ID with name, photograph and signature

Special Service Fees

Service	Fee
Change to test center or test date	\$40
Phone registration	\$35
Additional score reports	\$50 per report

7

Preparation: Content

Practice Test for Purchase from ETS (\$19.95 per form):

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5331>

Free Prep Materials from ETS:

[Study Companion \(PDF\)](#): Includes 32 sample questions with answers and explanations

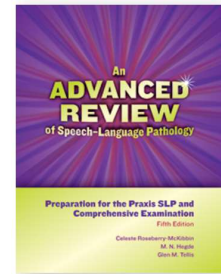
[Study Plan \(Word\)](#)

Practice Test/Prep Book for Purchase from Advanced Review (\$115.00):

<https://www.proedinc.com/Products/14800/an-advanced-review-of-speechlanguage-pathology-preparation-for-the-praxis-slp-and-comprehensive-examinationfifth-edition.aspx>

"An Advanced Review of Speech-Language Pathology" Free Question of the Day:

<https://advancedreviewpractice.com/question-of-the-day/>



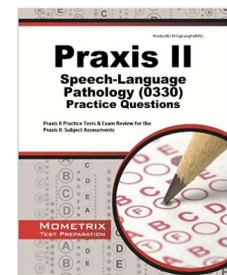
8

Preparation: Content

Study Tips from my Experience:

- Have confidence in your education; you've made it this far for a reason
- Review your comprehensive notes from across the Big 9
 - hearing; fluency; voice, resonance, and motor speech; speech sound production; social aspects of communication, including pragmatics; feeding and swallowing; augmentative and alternative communication; receptive and expressive language; and cognitive aspects of communication
- Budget Friendly Option with Two Short Tests and Explanations (\$27.60):

https://www.amazon.com/Praxis-Speech-Language-Pathology-Practice-Questions/dp/1627339213/ref=sr_1_9?crd=1SXQBME6XTNUE&dchild=1&keywords=slp+praxis+study+book&qid=1614828506&sprefix=SLP+praxis+study+%2Caps%2C182&sr=8-9



9

Preparation: Test Day

During registration, you may identify **up to four** institutions or licensing agencies to receive your *Praxis* scores **for free**.

- For ASHA certification, exam results must be sent directly to ASHA from ETS (Code: R 5031).
- It is recommended that you have your score sent to your academic institution (e.g., for Western Michigan University, Code: A 1902)

https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/attending_inst_recipient_codes.pdf

- Select a state licensing board, if appropriate (e.g., for the Michigan Board of AuD/SLP Code: 7430)

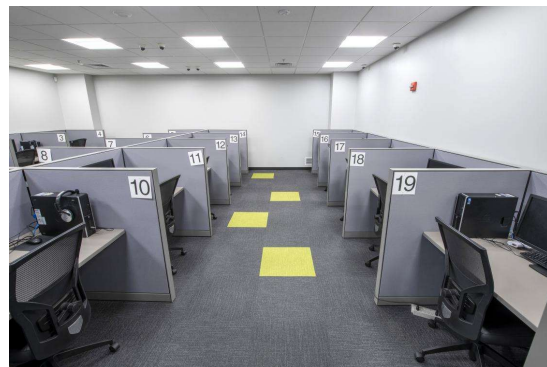
https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/praxis_state_agency_codes_list_d.pdf

10

Testing Environment

Computer Based Testing Center

- Wear Comfortable clothing
 - Leave non-sentimental jewelry at home
 - Limit number of pockets if possible
 - Wear closed toed shoes (I do not recommend flip flops)
- Signing In
 - Provide your identification
 - Verify test (5331)
 - Use the restroom (breaks are allowed if necessary)
 - Store personal belongings in locker (free)
 - Security check (metal detector, show ankles, BTE)
 - Picture and signature
- At your desk
 - Computer, OTE headphones, pencil/paper



11

Scoring

Prior to reviewing your unofficial score, you the option to report or cancel your score. Once you have chosen to report the score, it cannot be canceled.

Raw (Unofficial) Score

- Appears on the screen after the exam (Foundations, Evaluation, and Treatment)
- Raw points awarded equate to the number of correct answers

Scaled (Official) Score

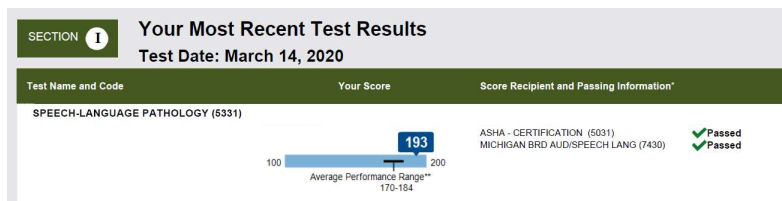
- Computed from your total number of raw points in a way that adjusts for the difficulty of the questions
- 100-200 scale

Note Only questions answered correctly count toward your score. It is better to guess than leave an answer blank.

12

Score Interpretation

162



Visit ETS to determine the score reporting date for your specific testing date:

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/scores/get/>

- Official score reports will be available through your Praxis account on your score reporting date
- You will receive an email when your score report has been posted

Read [Understanding Your Praxis Scores](#) on the ETS website

13

Statistics for Nerves

Test Year	Count	Mean	Standard Deviation	Pass		Fail	
				Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
2018-2019	9178	175	11	8214	89.5%	964	10.5%
2017-2018	8833	176	11	8082	91.5%	751	8.5%
2016-2017	9682	176	11	8791	90.8%	891	9.2%
2015-2016	9132	176	11	8264	90.5%	868	9.5%
2014-2015	8454	176	12	7634	90.3%	820	9.7%

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/uploadedfiles/PraxisScoresSLP.pdf>

14

Sources

<https://advancedreviewpractice.com/>

<https://www.ets.org/praxis>

<https://www.asha.org/certification/praxis/>

https://www.asha.org/certification/praxis/praxis_scores/

https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/understanding_your_scores_20_21.pdf

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/uploadedfiles/PraxisScoresSLP.pdf>

15