

Taking the PRAXIS – Colorado

Approximately one year prior to student teaching, MSU Denver Music Education students must take a licensing test. The currently approved licensure test is Praxis (5113).

The Praxis Subject Assessment exam is a content area exam accepted for meeting content competency requirements for certain Colorado endorsements. Information about the Praxis Subject Assessment can be found at www.ets.org/praxis.

- Upon accessing the website, it is recommended that the candidate choose Colorado from the dropdown menu and then Go!
- On the upper left side of the page, please choose the “Test Requirements” link.
- Click on the plus sign in the All Grades category. Music is about halfway down the list indicating that licensure candidates must take content test 5113 and earn a score of 161 or better. The test is a “selected response” (or multiple choice) test.
- Click on “Music: Content Knowledge” to go to more information about the test.
- On the Music: Content Knowledge page, there is a PDF of free materials that anyone can download. There are free interactive resources on the same page. In addition, there are some priced resources that students can choose to purchase, if desired.
- On the left side of this page, there is a link with “Prepare for a Test” that has additional materials that licensure candidates may find useful.

Once a candidate is ready to sign up for the test, they should choose the blue “Register Now>” button on the right side of the page. Candidates can create a username and password and sign-up for a testing location and time that suits their schedule. The test is offered continuously throughout the year and there are no specific dates on which a student must depend.

The current cost of the test is \$120.00.

Be sure to review all pertinent information in the “On Test Day” link to ensure that the candidates have all the required documentation and information to take the test.

Unofficial scores will be available at the end of the testing session. Official scores are sent 10-16 business days following the test.

Music Education students must have a passing Praxis score prior to student teaching.

If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Aguilar (caguil13@msudenver.edu).