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Re: Reducing licensure test from two to one for Early Childhood Special Education Integrated (B-K) license

# Licensure Tests

Current Early Childhood Special Education Integrated (B-K) Tests	Proposed Early Childhood Special Education Integrated (B-K) Test:
Praxis® Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023) and Praxis® Education of Young Children (5024)	Praxis® Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023) Current Cut Score: 160
	Effective July 1, 2020

# Rationale

Since September 2014, the licensure tests for Early Childhood Special Education Integrated (Birth-K) have been the Praxis® Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023) and the Praxis® Education of Young Children (5024).

Educational Testing Service facilitated a state test review of the two licensure tests on February 10, 2020, in Little Rock. The focus of the review was to provide Arkansas practitioners an opportunity for feedback on reducing the B-K licensure test requirement from two tests to one. The review collected content-related validity evidence to confirm the importance of the content specifications for entry-level early childhood special education integrated (B-K) teachers. Through discussion, the group's consensus was to require only one licensure test for the B-K license, the Praxis® Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023).

The 5023 contains 100 multiple-choice questions covering four content areas: Growth and Development of Young Children Across the Spectrum of Development (24 questions); Educational and Service Requirements for Children with a Range of Abilities and Special Needs (19-20 questions); Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for Young Children (26-27 questions); Play and Learning Environment for Young Children (24 questions); Collaboration with Families and Colleagues (14-15 questions); and Professionalism and Growth through Professional Development (11-12 questions).

Effective July 1, 2020, for the Early Childhood Special Education Integrated (B-K) license, the Department recommends requiring one licensure test instead of two: remove the Praxis® Education of Young Children (5024) but continue the Praxis® Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023) test with current cut score of 160.