



## **What are the tests you must take for Education programs?**

### **1. Before Admission into the Teacher Education Program (TEP)**

Prior to formal admission into TEP, students must demonstrate basic competency in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. The Indiana Department of Education Division of Educator Licensing and Development has determined that teacher candidates may meet this criteria by successful passage of a group of exams called PRAXIS I. The cut-score in each area (reading, writing, mathematics) was established by the Indiana Department of Education Division of Educator Licensing and Development.

The responsibilities of the Division of Education are to detail to students how and when to complete these exams and to document successful scores on licensure applications.

It is recommended that students register for and take PRAXIS I exams at the beginning of their sophomore year because all cut-scores must be met prior to admission to TEP. However, the student is required to at least attempt PRAXIS I by the end of 45 credit hours and to complete successfully by the end of 60 credit hours.

### **2. After Admission into the Teacher Education Program (TEP)**

The methods courses within TEP are scheduled for three semesters (junior year and first semester of the senior year). These courses are titled Benchmark III thru Five. The student's last semester (second semester of the senior year) consists of student teaching, known as Benchmark VI. During the last month of Benchmark IV classes, it is recommended for students to register for and take another series of exams, called PRAXIS II. These exams are specific to the program of study and focus upon teaching methods and strategies for each licensure area. Again, the cut-score for each exam was established by the Indiana Department of Education Division of Educator Licensing and Development and will be documented on teacher license applications.