

COURSE OUTLINE

EDUC-101

Praxis I Review Course – Reading/Writing Tests

1 Semester Hour

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

This Praxis I Review Course is designed to help students prepare for the Praxis I Reading/Writing Test. Passing scores on a basic skills test are required for: 1) an AAT degree, 2) admission to a four-year Teacher Education program, and 3) teacher certification in Maryland and most other states. Passing scores of basic skills tests are: Praxis I – 177 in Math, 177 in Reading, 173 in Writing or total composite score of 527; or, SAT – composite score of 1100 in Math and Verbal (prior to 4/95, the SAT score equivalent is 1000); or, ACT – composite score of 24; or, GRE – composite score of 1000. **Students must pass the Praxis I exam if they have not received passing scores on another basic skills test.** Students majoring in the Teacher Education transfer programs are required to submit scores from Praxis I or other approved basic skills tests (SAT, ACT, GRE) to the Social Sciences Division Office prior to the completion of the 30th credit hour. Credit count certification individuals, conditional teachers, and teacher education majors could benefit from this course. (Campus Web course)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Learn the structure, format and content of the Praxis I PPST Reading and Writing tests
2. Use reading comprehension strategies and techniques
3. Recognize new vocabulary words
4. Recognize common grammatical errors at the sentence level
5. Develop the ability to plan, organize, and write a 30-minute essay
6. Practice tests under simulated test conditions
7. Learn and apply testing and test-anxiety strategies

Major Topics

- I. Format, structure and requirements of the Praxis I Verbal Test
- II. Reading comprehension techniques and strategies
- III. Recognizing common grammatical errors
- IV. Planning, organizing and writing essays
- V. Practice testing

Course Requirements

1. Internet Explorer, MS PowerPoint or viewer, and MS Word or viewer required
2. Course is sequential; each section must be completed in order
3. Specific timeline for the completion of each class assignment
4. Pretest to be completed in test center
5. Content modules online and during weekly on-campus meetings
6. 11 pre-quizzes and post-quizzes within the units of instruction
7. Post-test to be completed in the test center