

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

Information Sheet and Guidelines for Taking Praxis Exam

Background: The Praxis Exam (formerly the National Examination in Speech Pathology and Audiology, or the ASHA exam) is currently the comprehensive examination for students wishing to be awarded the master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. It is also the culminating examination that must be passed as part of the process of receiving the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from ASHA.

Guidelines for Taking the Praxis Examination:

- A) The exam should not be taken prior to your final semester (generally Spring Semester of the second year of full-time study).
- B) A Notice of Intent to take the Praxis Exam must be filled out by each student and signed by his/her advisor and Department Chair by the end of the semester preceding that in which you intend to take the examination.
- C) If, for any reason, you need to postpone taking the exam, you must notify the Executive Secretary within 48 hours of not taking a previously scheduled exam. (You also need to reschedule your exam with the Praxis Center within 2 weeks, or you will lose any fees you have already paid.)

You are required to list the University of Utah Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders as a facility to receive a report of your score. Be sure to use the Department Code, 0308. DO NOT USE THE UNIVERSITY CODE. This request must be made at the time of initial registration for the exam. If this guideline is not followed, your graduation may be delayed and additional expenses will be incurred for having Praxis scores sent again.

If You Pass the Praxis Exam:

Congratulations! You have passed your departmental comprehensive examination.

If You Fail the Praxis Exam:

Students who fail the exam on their first attempt will have one opportunity to retake the exam following the above guidelines. Students who fail the exam twice must petition the Department faculty with a proposed plan for taking some form of a

comprehensive exam in order to comply with Graduate School policies for graduation. This might include options such as re-taking the Praxis exam again, or some other written or oral exam. All such circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis to determine an appropriate course of action. In order to become ASHA-certified, it is ultimately necessary to pass the Praxis exam at some point.

If You Have Any Questions:

Ask your advisor or the Executive Secretary any questions early. Ignorance of any procedure or guideline will not excuse the violation of any of the guidelines listed above.

I acknowledge receiving the information listed on the notice "Information Sheet and Guidelines for Taking Praxis Exam." I understand the procedures for taking the Praxis Examination and acknowledge my rights and responsibilities emanating from those procedures.

Signature of Master's Candidate