

Cleveland State University FAQ about Licensure Testing

Large testing companies that administer Ohio licensing examinations, including Pearson (OAE) and Educational Testing Service (Praxis) sites, have made the decision to close local testing centers. NBCC (which administers the National Counseling Exam) is exploring additional options for candidates to complete tests. Official press releases from each company are pasted below.

Cleveland State University does not require passage of licensure tests to receive grades in licensure courses or to complete degree programs. **Therefore, even if a licensure candidate has not yet received a passing score in one or more tests required for licensure in Ohio, it will not hinder the completion of an academic program or the earning of a degree.**

However, these licensure requirements have NOT been suspended to be endorsed for licensure, so at this time CSU cannot endorse teaching licenses for candidates who have not taken or passed all tests required for licensure.

Candidates are encouraged to share unofficial transcripts with potential employers to demonstrate satisfactory completion of an academic program while waiting to satisfy licensure testing requirements. The Educational Student Services Center is able to provide verification for employers, if requested, that candidates have completed an academic program although a license has not yet been issued.

Press releases from both companies are pasted below. CSU will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Press Release from Pearson Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE)

The Pearson OAE program web site home page was updated this morning with the following information: <http://www.oh.nesinc.com/>

As you know, we have been actively monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and implementing measures to help protect the health and safety of everyone who passes through our test centers. Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our employees and the millions of testing candidates we deliver exams to around the world.

The COVID-19 impact is presenting us with extraordinary challenges in providing a safe working and testing environment for our employees and candidates. In addition, we've started to run into difficulty supplying our test centers with the necessary hygienic items, such as hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and tissues.

In light of the recent announcements by President Trump and Prime Minister Trudeau, continued government guidance, and with careful consideration, *we have decided to temporarily close our company-owned U.S. and Canada-based Pearson Professional Centers (PPCs) starting March 16, 2020 for at least 30 days until April 16, or whenever conditions are deemed safe to re-open.* We will begin candidate cancellation notifications in

the afternoon of March 16 (CDT), which will provide instructions for scheduling new appointments on or after April 16, 2020.

As you know, this situation is incredibly fast-paced and fluid, with new information emerging daily. We are continually evaluating government guidance and the safety status of our testing operations in other regions and are currently evaluating Mexico, Central America, South America, EMEA and APAC conditions.

We also recognize that the threat of the virus may not be contained by the date we intend to reopen our U.S. and Canada-based testing centers (April 16, 2020). We will continue to monitor government guidance and notifications from public health officials to be sure we can safely serve our employees and candidates as soon as local conditions allow. While we encourage our third-party test centers to follow government guidance, test centers ultimately determine their test center operations independently of Pearson VUE.

This difficult decision was grounded in the belief that we have a responsibility to keep our candidates, employees, and communities healthy and safe amidst this unprecedented uncertainty. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we do what we can to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

**Press Release from Educational Testing Service (ETS)
Prometric Testing Sites (Praxis)**

We received news from Prometric that all testing [including Praxis series of tests] will be temporarily halted starting tomorrow, March 18, 2020. Prometric will be closing all its centers in the United States and Canada for a period of 30 days until April 16th, 2020.

As of now, our Strategic Testing Network (STN) centers – those operated independently at colleges, universities and other locations - are deciding on a case-by-case basis if, or when, they will close. We are closely monitoring the operational hours of these for changes.

In response to the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 response for our delivery platforms and partnerships, we are looking at solutions including:

- Emergency remote proctoring solutions. No timeline has been established for this work.

- Increasing the frequency of testing for most of our Praxis assessments. We have been working on a solution and will be deploying this change in service beginning in September.

Clients interested in learning more about the Prometric closures can visit the following site:

www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update

And of course, you can continue to monitor developments on the ETS website:

<https://www.ets.org/s/cv/praxis/the-america/>

Thanks again for your understanding as we navigate these rapidly evolving changes.

Press Release from NBCC

Many students in graduate counseling programs take their NCE as part of the Graduate Student Administration through their campus program. With many campuses closed and testing options limited, NBCC has moved quickly to open the testing window earlier for schools that remain open and are able to test more quickly, and we have designed a special summer testing cycle that will allow students who are unable to test by the end of May to complete their NCE during the summer.