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Praxis Scores Below Passing Standard**

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Assistance for teachers provided with new alternatives for PRAXIS testing:

*While all educators are **encouraged** to prepare for the PRAXIS tests through studying, online practice tests, study groups, retaking of the tests, and courses, the Guam Commission for Educator Certification has been researching alternatives over the last few years to assist the educators in their path to achieve certification when the PRAXIS test standard scores are beyond their reach. The PRAXIS tests ensure quality educators are in the classrooms; however, test anxiety, lack of preparation, and additional costs have stopped some teachers from achieving their educator certificate. This Standard Operating Procedure is designed to assist those educators to achieve certification without removing the PRAXIS requirement identified in the law. Teachers who have scored 5 points below the standard have an option for a qualifying course grade to substitute for PRAXIS CORE. For PRAXIS Subject Assessment below the standard by 5 points, there is the option of a qualifying course grade or two consecutive years of exemplary observations in their content area. For more detailed information, contact the GCEC office or view the **PRAXIS CORE and PRAXIS Subject Assessment Steps** document on the GCEC Website.*

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