

Attention All Special Education Initial License Students or SPED Graduate Students Who Do Not Hold a Regular Education License.

We have just received information from the Ohio Department of Education which will affect your ability to be employed in Ohio Public Schools as of September 2005.

The most important thing you must do to be hired in the Public Schools in Ohio in September 2005 is to:

TAKE THE READING ENDORSEMENT PRAXIS before September 2005, or before you apply for a job.

Here are the dates:

<i>TEST DATE</i>	<i>Application Deadline</i>
March 5, 2005	February 1, 2005
April 16, 2005	March 15, 2005
June 11, 2005	May 10, 2005

Code for this Praxis: 10200
 Passing Score: 540

To see practice questions for this test go to: ets.org/praxis and then go to “test at a glance”

1. Why do I have to do this?	Public School Administrators receive report cards from the State Department of Education as required by NCLB, and Administrators will lose points if they hire a teacher who is not considered HQT, and their school may lose funding.
2. Why am I not HQT now with my degree and license?	Being licensed and being Highly Qualified are two different things. You do partially meet the requirements on ODE Form A for HQT and on ODE Form D for HQT under sections 1 and 2. However, on Form D you do not yet meet the requirements in section 3 for HQT.
3. Why didn't Kent State prepare us for this?	The Universities have not been officially told how to prepare students for HQT by the State, however on Friday, January 21, 2005 we attended a training session for

	Public School Administrators, who were told this information, and who stated to us that they could not hire our graduates. This was our first notice.
4. Why the READING PRAXIS?	All SPED teachers must show that they are HQT in at least one content area in order to be hired. The area that SPED majors are best prepared to pass on the PRAXIS in regular education is the READING Praxis
How will employers know that I am employable, i.e., HQT?	Every SPED job applicant and every SPED teacher must fill out FORM A or Form D from the ODE annually to show that he/she is HQT. Your building administrator will keep your form, in case they are audited.
5. What happens after I am hired?	It will depend on your job assignment.
6. If you are hired at any level, and you are not the teacher of record.	You will be fine for now, until the IDEIA regulations come out next year. Then the ODE will provide more guidelines
7. If you are hired from grades 7-12, and you are a pull-out teacher, or if you are responsible for teaching a subject and giving a grade for that subject then...	After passing the READING PRAXIS in order to get hired for this position, then you will have two years to meet additional requirements in each subject that you teach, as shown on Form D from ODE. Your employer will provide information to you about how you will meet these requirements. Kent State University will work with school districts to offer courses which will assist you.
8. If you are a Moderate/Intensive Specialist and you only teach students who receive the Alternative Curriculum and Alternative Assessments then...	You are fine, once you have taken the READING PRAXIS and you have gotten hired
9. However...if even one of your students takes the Regular Statewide Assessments then...	You must follow the guideline in #7 above.
10. If you are hired SPED grades K-6	You are fine, once you have taken the READING PRAXIS and you have gotten hired.

To see this information on-line go to <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/teaching-profession/default.asp> and then scroll down to the Highly Qualified Principals' Reporting Materials.

If you still have questions please contact Dr. Penny Griffith or Dr. Lyle Barton at pgriffit@kent.edu or lbarton@kent.edu or see your advisor.

