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**Important Notice to All Teacher Education Candidates
in the Department of Special Education at the University of Utah**

Praxis II 20353 Test-Required Prior to Recommendation for Level I Licensure

Effective July 1, 2005, the Utah State Office of Education instituted a testing requirement for teacher candidates applying for a teaching license in the state of Utah. Special education teacher candidates at the University of Utah in the areas of Mild to Moderate Disabilities, Severe Disabilities, Hearing Impairments, and Visual Impairments are required by the state to take the Praxis II 20353 Test (Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge). Additionally, the Department of Special Education is requiring that all teacher candidates in Early Childhood Special Education take the Praxis II 20353 Test prior to being recommended for a teaching license.

All teacher candidates in special education must take the Praxis II 20353 Test, prior to recommendation for Level I state licensure with a passing score of 155. Average test results for all special education teacher candidates at the University of Utah are reported by the state to the U.S. Department of Education to meet the requirements of Title II of the Higher Education Act.

The Praxis II 20353 Test must be taken at least eight weeks prior to the end of the semester in which you are enrolled for student teaching. This timeline is essential in order for the University to process your teaching application materials at the time of program completion. The Praxis II 20353 Test is a multiple-choice exam that is one hour in length and costs \$100 (\$40 registration fee and \$60 testing fee). ***The copy of your test results must be included in your Level I Utah State Special Education License application materials.***

For more information on the Praxis II 20353 Test, go to www.ets.org/praxis. On this page, you will see links for on-line test registration, test preparation, as well as testing dates and locations. A specific description of Praxis II 20353 Test can be found at <http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/PRAXIS/pdf/0353.pdf>. You can register online using a credit card Monday through Friday 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or Saturday 5:00 a.m. through Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time--- Or you can register by mail. Download and complete the current Praxis Registration Form and follow the instructions in the Information and Registration Bulletin. **You will be notified of the room number in MBH where the test is scheduled after you complete the registration process.**