Theory into Practice: The Praxis Exams

One step toward becoming a professional teacher
“praxis”

- 1.a. Action or practice; *spec.* the practice or exercise of a technical subject or art, as distinct from the theory of it
- 1.b. Conscious, willed action, *esp.* (in Marxist and neo-Marxist thought) that through which theory or philosophy is transformed into practical social activity …
- 1.e. The performance of voluntary or skilful actions; purposive movement.

[Quoted from the online OED, an electronic reference book in the LeDoux Library]
FIND RESOURCES:

In the second-floor stacks: LB 1762
In the library’s electronic resources
www.ets.org/praxis
Questions students ask:

1. Where can I take the Praxis I? How much does it cost? Where is it offered? [www.ets.org]

2. Can I retake it? [Yes, but you must wait 21 days.]

3. Can I matriculate without Praxis scores? [No.]

4. Can I get certified without a successful Praxis score? [See number 3.]

5. Is it hard? [Yes. Preparation will make it easier on you.]
Advice from your peers:

- check out the Cliff Notes
- review heavily for the Content Knowledge tests
- take the real tests early so you can make up anything you missed.

--via Professor Leslie
Quick help:

- Test website: www.ets.org/praxis
- Louisiana state website for teaching preparation: www.teachlouisiana.net
- Your professors, your academic advisor, advisors at your transfer school, librarians
- LeDoux Library: Call number LB 1762 for review books.
Louisiana Title 28, EDUCATION—official state regulations

- Part CXXXI. Bulletin 746--Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel
  - §203, Introduction
  - §243, Praxis Exams and Scores (pp. 21-4).
  - Chapter 3, Teaching Authorizations and Certifications (pp. 25ff).

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- 20th-century American educational philosopher Boyd Bode believed that “a democratic society required a unique form of education...people had to think about such important aspects as the nature of the human mind and the criteria by which people make evaluations of social organizations.”
