

PREPARING FOR THE PLT

PLT stands for the Principles of Learning and Teaching test. Students may take the PLT at their discretion, but completing EDCEP 315 Educational Psychology before taking this test is a must. Educational Psychology instructors are familiar with the PLT and provide opportunities to prepare for the test in their classes. At the latest, the test should be taken before student teaching. The following list of resources can be helpful in preparation for this test:

ETS Website

1. Go to www.ets.org/praxis The PLT is also called the Praxis II test on the Educational Testing Service site. Click on “Test Preparation” for information about Tests at a Glance. This site provides the most up-to-date information to assist test takers in selecting the correct information for the test they need to take.

Hale Library

2. Barron’s How to Prepare for the PRAXIS, 2nd Edition This book has sample questions, answers, and explanations for all three test levels (grades K- 6, 5-9, 7-12). The book is at the Reserve Desk, and the course number is DED 000, Linda Rawdon, instructor. Students must use this resource in the library; it cannot be taken from the building, and no marks should be made in the test booklet. Users should write the answers on a separate sheet of paper.
3. ARCO, PRAXIS II EXAM This is another PLT practice test with sample questions, answer keys, and explanations. This book is also at the Reserve Desk, and the course number is DED 000, Linda Rawdon, instructor. Students must use this resource in the library; it cannot be taken from the building, and no marks should be made in the test booklet. Users should write the answers on a separate sheet of paper.
4. Study Guide, 2nd Edition, Principles of Learning and Teaching This “official” study guide is part of the Praxis series of study guides published by the ETS. The guide gives helpful tips as to how to take the PLT, how to answer constructed-response questions and multiple choice questions, and how to read a case study. In addition, the guide gives study topics, scoring guides, and sample responses. This resource is at the Reserve Desk, and the course number is DED 000, Linda Rawdon, instructor. A copy of this study guide is also available in the Center for Student and Professional Services, Blument 13. Students should not write in this resource.
5. Princeton Review’s Cracking the Praxis – This guide includes three PLT exams. In addition to practice exams, the source contains drills, explanations, and test-taking strategies for the PLT. (This book also contains PPST information as well as drills and practice tests for some of the content test areas.) This resource is at the Reserve Desk, and the course number is DED 000, Linda Rawdon, instructor. A copy of this study guide is also available in the center for Student and Professional Services, Blument 13. Students should not write in this resource.

KSU Counseling Services

6. Information about test stress and anxiety can be found on the KSU Counseling Services Web Page (www.ksu.edu/counseling/).
7. Students wishing to take advantage of individual appointments regarding stress issues can call Counseling Services at 532-6927.

If you are a member of KNEA-SP, you may also have access to study aids for the PLT.