Accommodations Guideline for Pre-Service Teacher Candidates

Welcome to Teacher Education! Prior to student teaching placement, you will need to pass Praxis exam/s based on the content you will be teaching. Praxis requirements are laid out in your program path, but this guideline is to support you in case you need additional accommodations.

Please consider the following scenarios:

Scenario 1: You have a confirmed disability, submitted your paperwork to CDAR (<u>https://www.uidaho.edu/current-students/cdar</u>) and have documented accommodations for your coursework.

- ETS will provide similar accommodations, but it must be applied for ahead of time:
 - \circ $\;$ You need current disability documentation/ eligibility within the last 5 years.
 - You will need to apply through ETS (<u>Praxis website</u>) at least 8 weeks before you are hoping to register for the exams.
 - You have been using accommodations through CDAR for at least one semester prior to applying to ETS for Praxis accommodations.
 - * CDAR can support you in the application process, but it is paramount you have current documentation, and you plan ahead.

Scenario 2: You do not have a current, confirmed diagnosis or accommodations on file but you suspect you would qualify and benefit from such supports.

- Schedule an appointment with CDAR to learn about options for assessment and support.
- This option takes a variable amount of time in addition to the timeline in scenario 1.

Here is the timeline to keep in mind:

- 1) You must apply to student teach a year in advance.
- 2) Student teaching application must include Praxis scores or exam dates.
- 3) Thus, if you need accommodations approved by ETS, you will need to begin this process 14-16 months prior to student teaching *if you are in a Master's program please begin this process immediately after admission to the program.
- 4) Please be aware that Praxis exams require a 28-day waiting period after any failed exam. For this reason, you should build in time for retakes, should they be necessary.