



Entry-to-Practice Examinations: School Psychologist Applicants

After you have been notified that your documentation is complete and in order, and that you have been approved to proceed to the examinations, you will be invited to register for the appropriate examinations. The College requires two licensure examinations for School Psychologist applicants: The Praxis School Psychologist Examination and the Readiness for Practice Examination ('RPE'), as outlined in College Bylaws, Schedule 6.

Applicants must successfully pass the Praxis Examination before proceeding to the RPE. The Praxis Examination does not require College approval and can be taken prior to application.

Once an applicant is deemed eligible to sit for the RPE, an invoice for the examination fee will be issued.

The College does not provide examination preparation materials beyond the information available on this website.

Praxis – School Psychologist

The Praxis School Psychologist Examination is required for candidates seeking licensure or certification as School Psychologists and assumes completion of a supervised practicum or internship.

Two versions were offered: 5402 and 5403. Version 5402 (passing score 147) was discontinued on August 31, 2023. The current version, 5403, requires a passing score of 155. The College will accept a passing score on either exam until further notice.

An official score report must be sent directly from ETS to the College. Applicants should select the College as a score recipient. For registration and exam information, visit the ETS website: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/site.html>

Readiness for Practice Examination (RPE)

The College requires applicants for School Psychologist licensure to successfully complete a written examination to verify their readiness and competence, to practice.

The examination may be taken twice in any application cycle. When applicants become eligible for the examination, sign-up instructions and other information about the examination process will be provided.



The examination is a closed book examination in a written form. No books or other materials are permitted to be used. A maximum of 3 hours is allowed for the examination.

Questions cover each of the following areas:

- *Description of practice of psychology and preparation for same*
- *Responding to matters that fall outside applicant's area of practice*
- *Mandate of the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC/understanding of legislation in relation to that role*
- *Informed consent*
- *Confidentiality*
- *Release of information as it pertains to the clinical record*
- *Responsibilities of a regulated professional and transition to becoming a licensee*
- *Dealing with conflict between the Ethics and Practice Standards and work expectations*
- *Identification of personal problems as a component of professional practice*
- *Dual relationships/professional boundaries*

Examination Accommodations

The College is committed to equitable access and provides reasonable accommodations for candidates participating in examinations. Decisions are made in accordance with the BC Human Rights Code and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you believe you may require an accommodation, please refer to the Accommodations Policy for more information.

Requests for accommodation must be submitted, in writing, with supporting documentation, at least 60 days before the date of the examination administration.

Accommodations for the Praxis – School Psychologist examination can be made directly with the testing centre (ETS).