

# S-AEA

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- What is the Praxis?
- Praxis Study options
- Changes to degree programs
- Joining S-AEA and the benefits.

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## Why Join S-AEA?

Joining S-AEA has so many reasons why you should join! Of course I think we all know that joining AEA provides us with liability insurance.

By joining AEA, you are joining an organization that supports you throughout your career in various ways. AEA provides various professional development opportunities. With Arkansas's requirements of 60 hours of continuing education, AEA gives you extra opportunities.

AEA also provides various financial opportunities. NEA Member Benefits ([www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com)) shows these benefits. Whether it's saving money while shopping on-line, needing extra insurance,

getting financial advice, or signing up for something like Digital Wish, you can find it through NEA Member Benefits.

Student AEA also has scholarship opportunities. Finding opportunities for money for college

career. You will be able to network and learn from those who are in the teaching profession!

If you have not already joined S-AEA you can join in several ways. You can go to <https://ims.nea.org/JoinNea/> or <http://>



is always important!

By being a part of S-AEA, you have a community of peers but more importantly mentors as you go through your collegiate

[www.aeaonline.org/about/how\\_to\\_join.asp](http://www.aeaonline.org/about/how_to_join.asp). You may also find any S-AEA member to get

## S-AEA Visits Atlanta!

From June 28 to July 1st, S-AEA was represented at the NEA's League of Extraordinary Educators national conference in Atlanta, GA. UALR, UAPB, Henderson, and PhilanderSmith students all attending the workshop. Members learned how to make their college chapters better as well as how to help the state chapter function better and be able to draw more members with college chapters. During their time

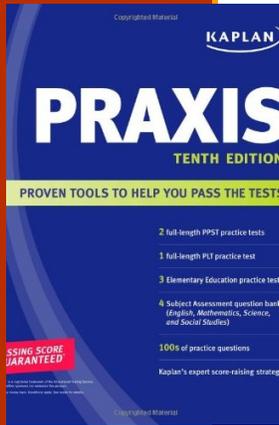
in Atlanta, members participated in Outreach To Teach. Individuals helped set up classrooms, paint murals, plant trees, work on bulletin boards, and much more. The biggest highlight was S-AEA won PAC Largest Number of Contributors, an award for raising the most money out of all other states to help fund PAC.

This was a great trip with lots of learning opportunities for the S-



AEA members who attended.





Example of text prep books available for teachers.

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*  
**Nelson Mandela**

# Praxis

The Praxis exam comes in several versions. The Praxis I, Praxis II: Content Knowledge, and the Praxis II: PLT.

According to ETS.org, Praxis I “measures basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. In addition to licensure, these tests are often used to qualify candidates for entry into a teacher education program.”

ETS.org also states that Praxis II tests “measure subject-specific content knowledge, as

well as general and subject-specific teaching skills, that you need for beginning teaching.”

The Praxis II test can be broken up into 3 sections. ETS.org defines these sections as follows:

**Subject Assessments** — Measure general and subject-specific teaching skills and knowledge. Tests include both multiple-choice and constructed-response (essay) questions.

**Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Tests** — Measure your general pedagogical knowledge at one of four grade level ranges: Early Childhood, K–6, 5–9 and 7–12. These tests feature multiple-choice questions and short constructed-response prompts based on information provided in case studies.

**Teaching Foundations Tests** — Measure pedagogy in four areas: Multiple Subjects, Mathematics, English and Sci-

# Praxis Prep

The Praxis can be a stressful test to take. There are several ways to prepare though to make it less stressful.

What test prep material are you using? Cliff Notes has a good line of books that can help you prepare for the test at various levels whether it is the Praxis I, Praxis II content knowledge, or the PLT!

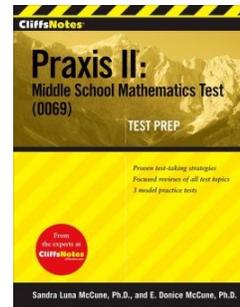
There are a multitude of options of test prep books besides Cliff Notes like Kaplan and ETS.org.

The S-AEA would like your feedback.

Please let us know if hosting Praxis study session would be a benefit to you.

The picture on the right shows

an example of the Cliff Notes test prep books.



# Register for the Praxis

You can take the Praxis one of two ways. The two options available to you are paper or via computer.

You can register for tests at either of the following sites

8114 Cantrell Rd #175, Little Rock, AR

[www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com)

Phone: 501-663-8280

Prometric Testing Center

Praxis

[www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)



# Education App of the Issue

Technology is becoming a huge part of our classrooms. There isn't a day that goes by either that our professors talk about how we plan to use various forms of technology. When you start going on job interviews, schools even ask how you plan to incorporate technology. Hopefully with this section you will be able to talk about various iPad apps that will help you in your classroom and impress those who are interviewing you.

Since we spend so much time talking about Blooms Taxonomy in

all of our classes, the graphic on the left shows various iPad apps based on the Blooms taxonomy level.

The graphic is surely a small number of apps that could be divided into the various levels.

You'll be able to include various Bloom's taxonomy verbs like identify or label (knowledge), paraphrase or predict (comprehension), illustrate or manipulate (application), test or calculate (analysis), create or design

(synthesis), or evaluate or interpret (evaluation). Of course there are a long list of other verbs that you can use.

By combining technology and Blooms Taxonomy,, you'll be sure to get a lot of administrators' attention!

**Bloom's Taxonomy for iPads**

<b>Creating</b>	
<b>Evaluating</b>	
<b>Analyzing</b>	
<b>Applying</b>	
<b>Understanding</b>	
<b>Remembering</b>	

Silvia Rosenthal Tolisano - GloballyConnectedLearning.com - adapted from Kathy Schrock's Blooming iPad

## Message from the S-AEA

S-AEA is committed to filling the needs of Education majors at any university. You can be at any point in your journey to join us.

In the coming semesters, we will be providing various opportunities. Education opportunities like classroom management seminars, Praxis test prep opportunities, interview

and resume help, and other opportunities.

S-AEA also wants to cater our program to the students of our state. We believe that ever campus has different needs, therefore we need to be aware of the needs of our campus.

Please contact either Amber Menard, Aaron Schafer, or Santana Coronado with what you would like to see S-AEA host or discuss!



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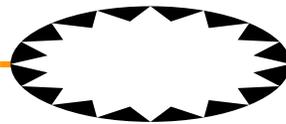
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Websites

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NEA — <http://www.nea.org/>

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well:  
AEA Student Group**



## Changes to Degree Programs

Act 969 of 2013 was recently approved with an emergency clause and became effective April 8, 2013.

For Fall 2013 graduates and forward, will be responsible for documenting completion of 2 hrs. of Child Maltreatment Training, 2 hrs. of Parental Involvement and 2 hrs. of Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention. Two (2) hrs. of Arkansas History professional development will also be required for teachers licensing ECH P-4, Elementary K-6, MCH 4-8 and 7-12 social studies, prior to receiving their initial licensure. This professional development will also be accessible on the Arkansas IDEAS portal as of September 1, 2013.

For more information you can contact your advisor or Ron Tolson who is the Educator Licensure Unit Coordinator for the Arkansas Department of Education. His contact information is as follows:

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Please also check with your advisor at your school for more information about Act 969.

