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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: UWA Students Enrolled in Programs Requiring Praxis II for Certification

FROM: Dr. Courtney Vick, UWA Certification Officer

SUBJECT: Discontinuation of -1SEM Scores

On July 13, 2022, the ALSDE released a memorandum allowing Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to accept test scores that met a [-1 Standard Error of Measure \(-1SEM\)](#). This option was a temporary solution to offset the statewide teacher shortage. This option will expire on June 30, 2024.

Individuals seeking certification through an Alabama Educator Preparation Program must have met the following requirements in order to be recommended for certification using the -1SEM score:

- Must have been Unconditionally Admitted to the Educator Preparation Program on or before June 30, 2024.
For most programs, your unconditional admission date can be found on Self-Service Academics Test Summary Other Tests TEP Uncond Admission. If you are unable to find this information or have questions, please contact your advisor for assistance.
- Must have achieved the -1SEM score on the required Praxis on or before June 30, 2024.
- Must meet the required score on Foundations of Reading (where applicable) and edTPA.
- Must have a teaching field GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Your NAL (recommendation for certification) and application fee must be received in the Educator