



# Teacher Education Updates

Minnesota State University Moorhead

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\*SARTE applications are due this Friday, October 9. Please fill out the Advisor's portion of the SARTE application online at [www.mnstate.edu/edhuman/edmajor.cfm](http://www.mnstate.edu/edhuman/edmajor.cfm). Click on SARTE on the left hand side. Then click on Click Here for SARTE Online Application. Enter your Dragon ID and password. A list of your advisees will come up. Click on the advisee for whom you want to enter information. You will need a copy of the advisee's DARS to verify information. If you missed the training for advisors concerning this process, contact Lynn Mahlum for an individual training.\*

Minnesota Board of Teaching Updates

September 2010 is a date to remember!

## New Standards

The Minnesota Board of Teaching has adopted new standards that will go into effect September 2010. Many Reading standards have been added to most programs. Technology standards have been added to the Standards of Effective Practice, which involve all programs.

Link to new standards:

[http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Teacher\\_Support/Board\\_of\\_Teaching/Institutional\\_Reports/Report\\_Grids/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Teacher_Support/Board_of_Teaching/Institutional_Reports/Report_Grids/index.html)

## Testing

Pearson will soon replace ETS as the testing vendor for the State of Minnesota's teacher candidates. The Praxis tests will be available until July, 2010. For teacher candidates who have already taken and passed the tests or will take and pass them by July, the Praxis tests will be valid until December 31, 2015.

The new Pearson tests, MTLE (MN Teacher Licensing Exam) will begin to be administered in September 2010. These tests will be designed around MN BOT standards. The new Reading and Technology standards will be addressed in the content and pedagogy (formerly Praxis II) tests. There will also be new basic skills (formerly Praxis I or PPST) tests, which are described as being more rigorous than the Praxis tests.

Pearson tests will be less costly for teacher candidates. The Board of Teaching says they will be half the cost of the current Praxis tests.

## Middle Level Endorsements

The Elementary license currently includes a specialty area in Math, Social Studies, Science, Spanish or English. These specialty areas extended the license through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Specialty areas will be "decoupled" from the Elementary license and the license will be K-6. Each content area is encouraged to develop a Middle Level Endorsement, which will license teacher candidates, to teach middle school. The new rule goes into effect in September 2010.

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