

Describe artifact

The Praxis II was the last thing that I needed to do to get accepted into the School of Education. I was so nervous and wondering if I would pass. The time came and I took the exam then waited for the results. I was elated when I saw that I passed on the first time, and then I got to thinking, why did the School of Education require us to take this exam? I researched on the internet the importance of the Praxis II and discovered that this exam demonstrates that we are highly qualified to teach. I looked over my scores again and realized for the first time that this exam does show that I am able to teach. The Praxis II contains a variety of questions on writing, reading, and math through all grades in Elementary school. By passing this exam I have demonstrated that I am qualified to teach many different subjects and many different grade levels.

Alignment Reflection

Wisconsin Teacher Standard Alignment

The Praxis II is required because it demonstrates that we as teachers are highly qualified teachers. By taking and passing the Praxis II, I have shown that I know the subjects that I will be teaching; this is why my artifact best aligns with standard one on content. My success in passing the core subjects shows my ability to teach many different concepts and use many different approaches to teaching.

UW-Platteville School of Education Knowledge, Skill, Disposition Statement Alignment

My artifact best aligns with KSD 1.a, because I have demonstrated knowledge of content and pedagogy. This artifact best aligns with this KSD because the scores show that I am knowledgeable of elementary school subject matter. In passing my Praxis II, I have shown that I

am capable of teaching reading, writing, and math to elementary students. It also means that though I maybe knowledge enough to teach elementary children, I am still willing to learn and grow as prospective teacher.

Secondary Alignment

KS3.c Engages students in learning

Personal Reflection

What I learned about teaching/learning from this experience.

From this artifact I have learned the importance of taking the Praxis. At first, I wasn't thrilled to take the exam, because I thought it was an unnecessary requirement to complete. Now that I have completed it, and am applying to teaching jobs, I now see the importance. I never really considered the fact that my Praxis II will be something that is reviewed at an interview. I know now that this artifact demonstrates to prospective employers my ability to teach writing, reading, and math to any elementary student.

What I learned about myself as a prospective educator as a result of this experience/artifact:

In passing the Praxis II, I learned that I have enough knowledge of the subject matter to teach elementary students. When I began college I always worried that I didn't know enough to teach children, but after this exam I know that I can teach them. This artifact can be used to demonstrate my knowledge of content to future employers, and as a reminder to me that I am ready to educate children.