

WHY A PRAXIS WAIVER?

Academically, it is clear that completion of PRAXIS I prior to enrollment at UMFK is a good idea. Doing so will enable you to focus on preparing for PRAXIS II (which you will need for Maine Certification, and for student teaching) while you are studying with us.

At the same time, we have discovered that registering for, and taking the PRAXIS exams is more complicated than we anticipated. It is clear that most students will not complete the PRAXIS process much before the start of the fall semester. That has placed both you and the University in the awkward position of not being able to move forward with acceptances and student decisions in a timely fashion.

In fairness to you we feel a need to inform you whether you would “otherwise” be accepted at UMFK so that you may proceed with your plans for the fall. The intent of the waiver is to permit you to complete the admissions process and begin your studies with us while at the same time making it clear that PRAXIS completion will be required during the semester.

We hope this process will enable the Admissions Office to process applications and allow you to move ahead with plans for the fall while still acknowledging that successful completion of both PRAXIS I and II are required for program completion, practice teaching, and ultimately for certification by the State of Maine Department of Education.

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Jill Cairns
Acting Director of Admissions