Key Licensure Assessment #1:  
Praxis II Art: Content Knowledge Test

Visual Arts Education  
Overview  
Graduate Initial Teacher Preparation Program  
Educator Preparation Unit  
Muskingum University

1. **Description of the Assessment and Its Use in the Program**

Key Licensure Assessment #1 is the Praxis II Art: Content Knowledge Test. The test is administered through Educational Testing Service (ETS) and is required by the State Board of Education of Ohio.

The content of the Praxis II Art: Content Knowledge Test consists of the following test categories:

1. Traditions in Art, Architecture, Design, and the Making of Artifacts  
2. Art Criticism and Aesthetics  
3. The Making of Art

The qualifying score for the Praxis II Art: Content Knowledge Test in Ohio is 157. A candidate is required to meet the qualifying score in order to (a) exit the licensure program at Gateway 4 and (b) be recommended to the Ohio Department of Education for licensure.

2. **Description of How the Assessment Specifically Aligns with the Multi-Age Visual Arts Modified Ohio/National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) Grades PreK-12 Program Standards (2007)**

The following matrix displays the alignment between the Praxis II Art: Content Knowledge Test and indicators of the Multi-Age Visual Arts Modified Ohio/NASAD Program Standards.

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| I. Traditions in Art, Architecture, Design, and the Making of Artifacts | • **Indicator 4.1:** understand how a work of art incorporates the style or characteristics of art work from a culture other than their own  
• **Indicator 4.2:** demonstrate knowledge of historical influences on works of art  
• **Indicator 5.2:** explain how form, subject-matter, and context contribute to meanings in works of art |
| II. Art Criticism and Aesthetics | • **Indicator 1.3:** identify and explain reasons to support artistic decisions in the creation of art work  
• **Indicator 2.3:** identify and analyze a variety of viewpoints on aesthetic issues and themes in visual art as they develop a personal point of view  
• **Indicator 5.1:** apply the strategies of art criticism to describe, analyze, interpret, and judge selected works of art  
• **Indicator 5.2:** explain how form, subject-matter, and context contribute to meanings in works of art  
• **Indicator 5.3:** apply art criticism methods to the artworks of peers and other artists on the basis of the formal, technical, and expressive aspects in the artworks |
III. The Making of Art

- **Indicator 1.1:** apply knowledge of a variety of materials, tools, media, techniques, and processes to communicate subject matter, themes, or ideas in a variety of visual forms

3. **Assessment Instrument**

   The *Praxis II Art: Content Knowledge Test* is a two-hour assessment focusing on those concepts that are considered central to the subject matter of art. The test code is 0133. The test consists of 120 multiple-choice questions.

   The test is administered through and graded by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

4. **Scoring Guide for the Assessment**

   The Institution is unable to provide the scoring guide for the assessment since the *Praxis II Art: Content Knowledge Test* is the property of Educational Testing Service (ETS).