#### ASSESSMENT WEBSITE INFORMATION

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# **DATA SAY:**

We study our PRAXIS PLT and PRAXIS CONTENT licensure test scores each year. Over the past 3-4 years, we have discovered a pattern of writing weakness or of students not finishing the written requirements on the PLT exam, which include constructed responses to educational case scenarios.

Additionally, we also noticed lower scores on the social studies portion of the CONTENT licensure test.

### SO WHAT:

So, for the patterns we noticed from the PLT, we decided our students needed rehearsal with the constructed response portion of the test, as well as a more complete understanding of how to approach a timed test.

We also realized a lack of content knowledge in social studies.

## **HOW WE CHANGED:**

We began a 3-hour December PLT Writing Seminar for middle level majors. In regard to the social studies content, we now advocate that middle level majors take an additional social studies elective rather than an extra ELA elective.

# WHAT WE GOT:

We have conducted two of these so far, and with only year of data to examine, our PLT scores have risen. It's important to add that the PLT test format has since shifted to include less writing responses.

We have not examined results of this social studies elective change yet.



