



MARYLAND

Certification Assessments for Educators

Qualifying for a Maryland Certificate

All candidates applying for an initial certificate, except those meeting the experience requirement in Item 3 below, must present qualifying scores on state approved assessments. When there are no tests listed for the certification areas, only the ETS Praxis I (basic skills test) or the SAT, ACT, GRE option is needed.

To qualify for a professional certificate:

1. Complete a Maryland Approved Program (MAP) or out-of-state approved program;
or
2. Complete a Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP).
or
3. Hold a valid certificate in the area to be recognized for reciprocity from a participating state, and have taught in the subject area a total of three (3) years (27 months) within the past seven (7) years in any member state;
or
4. Complete specific requirements outlined in Maryland certification regulations (transcript analysis);

Assessment Information/Options

Educational Testing Service's (ETS) PRAXIS I and II: Paper and Pencil Tests

Register online at the ETS website: www.ets.org/praxis for Praxis I and II.

ETS's PRAXIS I: Computer-Based Testing

Register for the Praxis I: Computer-Based Test, call Prometric, a division of Thomson Learning Candidate Services, at 1-800-853-6773.

In place of Praxis I, MD will accept the following options from candidates:

- SAT taken after 3/05, math and critical reading composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken between 4/95 and 2005, math and verbal composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken prior to 4/95, math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- ACT composite score of 24;
- GRE math and verbal composite score of 1000.

NOTE: The **SAT composite** score is the *sum* of math and verbal (not writing); the **ACT composite score** is the *average* of 4 tests with scores that range from 1-36: English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning (not writing).

A photocopy of your SAT/ACT/GRE official report should be sent to MSDE; Division of Certification & Accreditation; 200 West Baltimore St.; Baltimore, MD 21201-2595.

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL):

Register for the ACTFL foreign language tests at the website:

www.languagetesting.com/acad_to_apply.htm

Testing for Persons with Disabilities

The Praxis Series program is committed to serving test takers with disabilities by providing services and reasonable accommodations deemed appropriate given the purpose of the test. To request nonstandard accommodations, follow the directions at website: www.ets.org/praxis. **All candidates, regardless of the testing accommodations, must meet Maryland qualifying scores.**

Additional Information

Check the following website for more information:

Become a certified teacher in Maryland: www.mdcert.org

Complete an application for MD certification online: www.mdcert.org

List of Maryland Approved Programs (MAP) at Maryland colleges and universities:

<http://directory.msde.state.md.us/map/LocalFrames.asp>

To obtain information about specific teacher education programs, contact the college or university of your choice.

List of Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Programs: <http://www.tttmaryland.org>

for career changers and other liberal arts and sciences graduates.

Or call the Maryland Certification Information line:

Toll free: 1-866-772-8922 or (410) 767-0412



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Educational Testing Service (ETS): PRAXIS I (or the SAT, ACT, or GRE option), PRAXIS II
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

Certification Area	Test Code	Test Title	Qualifying Score	Composite** Score
*Praxis I: Academic Skills Assessments				
A combination of the paper and computerized test version of Praxis I is permissible				
*All beginning educators in all content areas must take Praxis I or option below.	0710	PPST Reading or 5710 Computerized PPST Reading (177)	}	527
	0720	PPST Writing or 5720 Computerized PPST Writing (173)		
	0730	PPST Math or Computerized PPST Math (calculators prohibited) (177)		
*In place of Praxis I, Maryland will accept the SAT/GRE/ACT options described on the first page of this flyer.				
Praxis II: Subject and Pedagogy Assessments				
Art	0133	Art: Content Knowledge (159)	}	304
	0132	Art: Content, Traditions, Criticism, and Aesthetics (145)		
Biology	0235	Biology: Content Knowledge	150	
	0234	Life Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	144	
Business	0100	Business Education (calculator allowed)	590	
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12	162	
Chemistry	0245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	153	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Early Childhood Education	0022	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge	160	
	0521	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood	169	
Earth/Space Science	0571	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	152	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Elementary Education	0014	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (calculator allowed)	142	
	0012	Elementary Education: Content Area Exercises (calculators prohibited)	150	
English	0041	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge	164	
	0043	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Pedagogy	155	
English to Speakers of Other Languages	0360	English to Speakers of Other Languages (contains listening section)	570	
Family and Consumer Sciences	0121	Family and Consumer Sciences (see footnote on revised score.)	159	
***French	0173	French: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)(161)	}	331
	0171	French: Productive Language Skills (contains speaking section)(170)		
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12		
Geography	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
***German	0181	German: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)(153)	}	317
	0182	German: Productive Language Skills (contains speaking section)(164)		
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12		
Health Education	0550	Health Education	630	
History	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
Latin	0600	Latin	610	
Mathematics	0061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (graphing calculator required)	141	
	0065	Mathematics: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	145	
Middle School Ed: English Language Arts	0049	Middle School English Language Arts	160	
Middle School Ed: Social Studies	0089	Middle School Social Studies	154	
Middle School Education: Mathematics	0069	Middle School Mathematics (calculator allowed)	152	
Middle School Education: Science	0439	Middle School Science (calculators prohibited)	145	
Music	0113	Music: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)(154)	}	301
	0112	Music: Analysis (contains listening section)(147)		
Physical Education	0091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	153	
	0093	Physical Education: Movement Forms- Video Evaluation (contains video section)	155	
Physical Science	0070	Chemistry, Physics, and General Science (calculators prohibited)	520	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Physics	0265	Physics: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	143	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Political Science	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12	162	
School Psychologist	0401	School Psychologist (see footnote on revised score.)	161	
Social Studies	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
***Spanish	0193	Spanish: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)(162)	}	330
	0192	Spanish: Productive Language Skills (contains speaking section)(168)		
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12		
Special Education	0353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge(148)	}	295
	0352	Special Ed: Applications of Core Prin. Across Categories of Disability(147)		
Technology Education	0050	Technology Education (calculators prohibited)	580	
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12	162	
Theater	0640	Theater	560	
**A composite score is the sum of two content tests, resulting in a single qualifying score				
For Endorsement Only: i.e., candidate already holds professional certification				
Middle School Education	0049	Middle School English Language Arts	160	
	0069	Middle School Mathematics (calculator allowed)	152	
	0439	Middle School Science (calculators prohibited)	145	
	0089	Middle School Social Studies	154	
Reading Option				
Reading	0201	Reading Across the Curriculum: Elementary	173	
Applicants or current certificate holders with certification in early childhood, elementary, or special ed. at the early childhood and elementary levels <u>may test out</u> of the reading requirement (12 semester hours) by meeting the qualifying score on the above Praxis II assessment.				
School Leaders Licensure Assessment				
Administrator II (Principal)	1010	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	157	
For each language 2 tests are required:				
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)	Arabic	Russian	Passing Score for all ACTFL tests: Intermediate High	
and	Italian	***French		
Written Proficiency Test (WPT)	Japanese	***German		
	Mandarin Chinese	***Spanish		
***French, German, and Spanish candidates take either the 2 Praxis content or the 2 ACTFL tests. Candidates who graduate from in-or out-of-state approved programs or Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Programs do not need to take the pedagogy tests, (Principles of Learning and Teaching) for foreign language certification. Those certified through transcript analysis must take the pedagogy test.				
NTE qualifying scores for tests taken prior to June 30, 2000 may be accepted for in-state and out-of-state candidates; additional tests may be required. Qualifying scores for assessments and additional assessments are subject to change without notice. Check: http://www.mdcert.org				
Effective September 2008, the code number and passing score has been updated to the Praxis scale for Family and Consumer Sciences and School Psychologists				