



Beginning spring 2013, candidates completing an accredited teacher preparation program in Montana must meet the content knowledge requirements described below to be recommended for licensure. This policy is the result of ongoing dialogue and consensus between the Montana Office of Public Instruction and the Montana Council of Deans of Education. This policy ensures consistency across state programs. It also assures Montana school districts that Montana teacher candidates meet the federal Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) requirements for Montana, as defined by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 2001.

Montana Assessment for Content Knowledge Verification

Educator candidates must earn at least 7 points on the Montana Assessment for Content Knowledge prior to recommendation for licensure by an accredited Montana educator preparation provider. The possible range for the Content Knowledge Score (CKS) is 0-10. Educator candidates earning fewer than CKS = 7 points or who score zero on any of the three multiple measures are not to be recommended for licensure

1. **Content Coursework GPA**

The range for awarding points is 0-4 and for the GPA in content coursework required in the academic endorsement area(s) The GPA will be calculated as follows:

<i>GPA</i>	<i>Points</i>
3.50 – 4.00	4
3.00 – 3.49	3
2.65 – 2.99	2
2.00 – 2.64	1*
Below 2.00	0

2. **Assessment of Content Knowledge Demonstrated During Student Teaching/ Clinical Practice**

The range for awarding points is 0-3 and will be calculated as follows:

<i>Descriptor</i>	<i>Points</i>
Knowledge is Advanced	3
Knowledge is Proficient	2
Knowledge is Basic	1*
Knowledge is Insufficient	0

Note: The assessment is completed by a cooperating teacher/ professional and a supervisor assigned by the educator preparation provider

3. **Assessment of Content Knowledge on appropriate Praxis II test**

The range for awarding points is 0-3 and will be calculated as follows:

<i>Score Range</i>	<i>Points</i>
Meets/Exceeds OPI score	3
At least 90 % of OPI score	2
At least 80 % of OPI score	1*
Below 80 % OPI score	0

For candidates who receive a score of 1 on rubric components 1, 2, or 3 above each Montanan educator preparation provider will conduct a further individualized review of the candidate’s content knowledge and teaching skills based on established policy to ensure that the candidate merits recommendation for licensure

Montana Score Ranges for Praxis II Content Knowledge Test

ART (5134)	
Score Range	Points
158 - 200	3
142-157	2
126-141	1*
<126	0

BIOLOGY (5235)	
Score Range	Points
151 - 200	3
136-150	2
121-135	1*
<121	0

CHEMISTRY (5245)	
Score Range	Points
149 - 200	3
133-148	2
118-132	1*
<118	0

EARTH SCIENCE (5571)	
Score Range	Points
151 - 200	3
136-150	2
121-135	1*
<121	0

ECONOMICS (5911)	
Score Range	Points
150 - 200	3
135-149	2
120-134	1*
<120	0

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (5018)	
Score Range	Points
163 - 200	3
146-162	2
130-145	1*
<130	0

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (0038/ 5038)	
Score Range	Points
167 - 200	3
150-166	2
133-149	1*
<133	0

FRENCH (5174)	
Score Range	Points
162 - 200	3
146-161	2
130-145	1*
<130	0

GENERAL SCIENCE (5435)	
Score Range	Points
152 - 200	3
136 - 151	2
121-135	1*
<121	0

GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (5081)	
Score Range	Points
155 - 200	3
139 -154	2
124-138	1*
<124	0

GEOGRAPHY (5921) Available 10/14	
Score Range	Points
155 - 200	3
140-154	2
124-139	1*
<124	0

GERMAN (5183) (5183)	
Score Range	Points
163 - 200	3
147-162	2
130-146	1*
<130	0

GOVERNMENT (5931)	
Score Range	Points
149 - 200	3
134-148	2
119-133	1*
<119	0

HISTORY (5941)	
Score Range	Points
146 - 200	3
131-145	2
117-130	1*
<117	0

MATHEMATICS (5161)	
Score Range	Points
160 - 200	3
144 - 159	2
128 - 143	1*
<128	0

PHYSICS (5265)	
Score Range	Points
135 - 200	3
122-134	2
108-121	1*
<108	0

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR (5421)	
Score Range	Points
156 - 200	3
140-155	2
124-139	1*
<124	0

SPANISH (5195)	
Score Range	Points
168 - 200	3
151-167	2
134-150	1*
<134	0

TEACHING READING (5204)	
Score Range	Points
159 - 200	3
143-158	2
127-142	1*
<127	0