



# 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 Tests  
Register online at the ETS website: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for Praxis I and II.

ETS's PRAXIS I: Computer-Based Tests

Register for Computer-Based Praxis I by calling Prometric at 1-800-853-6773.

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](http://www.languagetesting.com/acad_to_apply.htm)

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

- SAT taken from April 1995 to present, math and verbal (*or critical reading*) composite score of 1100;
- SAT taken prior to April 1995, math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- ACT composite score of 24;
- GRE math and verbal composite score of 1000.

*The SAT composite score is the sum of the math and verbal scores.*

Both tests must have been taken before April 1995 (score of 1000) or both must have been taken after April 1995 (score of 1100).

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).

The following are acceptable forms of documentation to mailed to MSDE:

- Photocopy of the examinee's score report; *or*
- Official transcript (college or high school) which includes scores; *or*
- Scores sent from the respective testing vendor to MSDE if listed as recipient of the score; *or*
- Letter from the college/university Dean or Director of Teacher Education for an individual student with scores and dates taken.

Mail to: MSDE; Certification & Accreditation; 200 W. Baltimore St; Baltimore MD 21201

### Testing for Persons with Disabilities

Both testing vendors, ETS and ACTFL are committed to serving test takers with disabilities by providing services and reasonable accommodations deemed appropriate given the purpose of the test. To learn more or to request nonstandard accommodations, check the website. **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](http://www.mdcert.org)

Complete an application for MD certification online: [www.mdcert.org](http://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 specific teacher education information, contact the college of your choice.

List of Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Programs for career changers and other liberal arts and sciences graduates at: <http://www.tttmaryland.org>.

Or call the MD certification information line toll free: 1-866-772-8922 OR 410-767-0412.

Certification Area	Test Code	Test Title	Qualifying Score	Composite** Score
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## \*Praxis I: Academic Skills Assessments

Pre-Professional Skills Test: This test is offered in a paper (PPST) and computerized version (C-PPST). A combination of the two versions of the test is permissible to arrive at the composite score

*All beginning educators	0710	PPST Reading or 5710 Computerized PPST Reading (177)	}	527
in all content areas must	0720	PPST Writing or 5720 Computerized PPST Writing (173)		
take Praxis I or option below.	0730	PPST Math or 5730 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 (PreK-12)	0133	Art: Content Knowledge (159)	}	304
	0132	Art: Content, Traditions, Criticism, and Aesthetics (145)		
Biology (7-12)	0235	Biology: Content Knowledge	150	
	0234	Life Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	144	
Business (7-12)	0100	Business Education (calculator allowed)	590	
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12	162	
Chemistry (7-12)	0245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	153	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)	0022	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge	160	
	0521	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood	169	
Earth/Space (7-12)	0571	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	152	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Elementary Education (1-6)	0014	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (calculator allowed)	142	
	0012	Elementary Education: Content Area Exercises (calculators prohibited)	150	
English (7-12)	0041	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge	164	
	0043	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Pedagogy	155	
English to Speakers of Other Languages (PreK-12)	0360	English to Speakers of Other Languages (contains listening section)	570	
Family and Consumer Sciences (7-12)	0121	Family and Consumer Sciences (see footnote on revised score.)	159	
***French (7-12)	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		
			162	
Geography (7-12)	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
***German (7-12)	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		
			162	
Health (7-12)	0550	Health Education	630	
History (7-12)	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
Latin (7-12)	0600	Latin	610	
Mathematics (7-12)	0061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (graphing calculator required)	141	
	0065	Mathematics: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	145	
Middle School Ed: English Language Arts (4-9)	0049	Middle School English Language Arts	160	
Middle School Ed: Social Studies (4-9)	0089	Middle School Social Studies	154	
Middle School Education: Mathematics (4-9)	0069	Middle School Mathematics (calculator allowed)	152	
Middle School Education: Science (4-9)	0439	Middle School Science (calculators prohibited)	145	
Music (PreK-12)	0113	Music: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)(154)	}	301
	0112	Music: Analysis (contains listening section)(147)		
Physical Education (PreK-12)	0091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	153	
	0093	Physical Education: Movement Forms- Video Evaluation (contains video section)	155	
Physical Science (7-12)	0070	Chemistry, Physics, and General Science (calculators prohibited)	520	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Physics (7-12)	0265	Physics: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	143	
	0483	Physical Science: Pedagogy (calculators prohibited)	151	
Political Science (7-12)	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
School Psychologist	0401	School Psychologist (see footnote on revised score.)	161	
Social Studies (7-12)	0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	154	
	0084	Social Studies: Pedagogy	164	
***Spanish (7-12)	0191	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		
			162	
Special Education (varies, see web)	0353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge(148)	}	295
	0352	Special Ed: Applications of Core Prin. Across Categories of Disability(147)		
Technology Education (7-12)	0050	Technology Education (calculators prohibited)	580	
	0524	Principles of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12	162	
Theater (7-12)	0640	Theater	560	

\*\*A composite score is the sum of two content tests, resulting in a single qualifying score

## Reading Option

Reading	0201	Reading Across the Curriculum: Elementary	173
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Applicants or current certificate holders with certification in early childhood, elementary, or special ed. at the early childhood and elementary levels may test out 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
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For each language 2 tests are required:				American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)	
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)	Arabic	Russian			
and	Italian	***French			
Written Proficiency Test (WPT)	Japanese	***German			
	Mandarin Chinese	***Spanish			

Passing Score for all ACTFL tests: *Intermediate High*

\*\*\*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 and alternative education programs; additional tests may be required. Qualifying scores for assessments and additional assessments are subject to change without notice and for grade bands for Special Education, 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 Psychologist.