

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Certification Test and Score Requirements

Instructional Certification Subject Area	INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT TEST NAME & CODE	Is Fundamental Subjects Required?	Qualifying Score 2.99 GPA	2.80-2.99 GPA Passing Score	Qualifying Score 3.01-3.25 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.26-3.50 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.51-3.75 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.76-4.0 GPA	Test Registration Link
	Fundamental Subjects Content Knowledge (5511/0511)		155	150	149	148	146	145	ETS
Agriculture	Agriculture (5701) effective 7/1/2014	Yes	155	147	146	145	144	141	ETS
Art	Art: Content Knowledge (5134)	Yes	164	158	157	155	154	152	ETS
Biology	Biology: Content Knowledge (5235)		152	147	146	145	143	142	ETS
Business-Computer-Information Technology	Business Education (5101)	Yes	159	154	153	152	150	149	ETS
Chemistry	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245)		160	154	153	151	150	148	ETS
Citizenship Education	Citizenship Ed: Content Knowledge (5087)		153	148	147	146	144	143	ETS
Communications	Speech Communication (5221) effective 7/1/2014 (replaced 0800)		150	145	144	143	141	140	ETS
Cooperative Education	Cooperative Work Education (5961 or 5962) (replaced ETS 0811 2016)		650	644	643	641	640	638	Contact Your Program Advisor
Earth and Space Science	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (5571)		162	157	156	155	153	152	ETS
English	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge (5038)		173	167	166	164	163	162	ETS
Environmental Education	Environmental Education (0831) may be discontinued 6/2017	Yes	164	156	155	154	153	150	ETS
Family & Consumer Science	Family & Consumer Science (5122) effective 3/1/2015 (replaced 5121)	Yes	160	153	151	150	149	146	ETS
General Science	General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)		152	146	145	143	142	140	ETS

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Grades 4-8: Modules 1, 2 and 3 <i>plus</i> at least one Subject Concentration are required for certification									ETS
Grades 4-8	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 1- Pedagogy (5153)		168	162	161	159	158	156	
Grades 4-8	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 2- English Language Arts & Social Studies (5154)		160	152	150	148	146	144	
Grades 4-8	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 3- Mathematics & Science (5155)		172	164	162	160	158	156	
Grades 4-8 English	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - English Language Arts (5156)		163	156	154	153	151	149	
Grades 4-8 Science	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - Science (5159)		163	156	154	153	151	149	
Grades 4-8 Social Studies	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - Social Studies (5157)		157	150	148	147	145	143	
Grades 4-8 Mathematics	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration -Mathematics (5158)		182	173	171	169	166	164	
Grades PreK-4: Modules 1, 2 and 3 are required for certification									ES Pearson
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 1: Child Dev, Assessment, Professionalism (8006)		227	197	190	182	175	168	
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 2: Lang, Social Stud, Arts (8007)		219	193	187	180	174	167	
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 3: Math, Science, Health (8008)		219	193	187	180	174	167	
Grades 5-6 may only be added to a Pennsylvania Instructional Grades PK-4 certificate. Modules 2 and 3 are required. GPA does not apply.									ETS
Grades 5-6 Add-on to Grades PreK-4	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 2- English Language Arts & Social Studies (5154)		N/A	152	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Grades 5-6 Add-on to Grades PreK-4	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 3- Mathematics & Science (5155)		N/A	164	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education Content Knowledge (5857) effective 3/1/2015 (replaced 5856)	<u>Yes</u>	167	160	159	158	156	155	ETS
Health Education	Health Education (5551) effective 9/1/2013	<u>Yes</u>	164	158	157	155	154	152	ETS
Library Science	Library Media Specialist (5311)	<u>Yes</u>	156	151	150	149	147	146	ETS
Marketing Education	Marketing Education (5561)	<u>Yes</u>	150	144	143	141	140	138	ETS
Mathematics	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)		170	160	160	157	155	152	ETS
Music	Music: Content Knowledge (5113)	<u>Yes</u>	163	158	157	156	154	153	ETS
Physics	Physics: Content Knowledge (5265)		146	140	139	137	136	134	ETS
Reading Specialist	Reading Specialist (5301)	†	170	164	163	161	160	158	ETS
Safety/Driver Education	Safety/Driver Education (0861)		559	520	510	501	491	481	PDE
Social Studies	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081)		162	157	156	155	153	152	ETS
Technology Education	Technology Education (5051)	<u>Yes</u>	164	159	158	157	155	154	ETS
Special Education PK-8: Modules 1 and 2 are required for certification									ES Pearson
Special Education PK-8	Spec Ed: PreK-8 Module 1 (8011)		243	220	214	208	202	197	
Special Education PK-8	Spec Ed: PreK-8 Module 2 (8012)		243	220	214	208	202	197	

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Special Education 7-12: Modules 1 and 2 are required for certification									ES Pearson
Special Education 7-12	Spec Ed: 7-12 Module 1 (8015)		242	220	215	209	204	198	
Special Education 7-12	Spec Ed: 7-12 Module 2 (8016)		239	220	215	210	206	201	
Special Education PK-12 Certificates									ETS
Hearing Impaired	Spec Ed: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (5272)	Yes	166	160	159	157	156	154	
Visually Impaired	Spec Ed: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (5282)	Yes	169	163	162	160	159	157	
Speech & Language Impaired	Speech Language Pathology (5331) effective 9/1/2014 (replaced 0330/5330)	Yes	169	162	161	160	158	157	
World Languages: When an ETS and LTI test exist for the same language, either test is accepted.									
All Languages*	ACTFL OPI/OPIc/ProFluent+ and WPT: World Languages	Yes	N/A	Intermediate High	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	LTI
American Sign Language	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (0634)	Yes	N/A	170	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	ETS
Chinese (Mandarin)	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665/0665)	Yes	170	164	163	161	160	159	ETS
French	French: World Languages (5174)	Yes	167	162	161	160	158	157	ETS
German	German: World Languages (5183)	Yes	168	163	162	161	159	158	ETS
Latin	Latin (5601) effective 8/1/2012	Yes	157	152	151	150	148	147	ETS
Spanish	Spanish: World Languages (5195)	Yes	173	168	167	166	164	163	ETS

* Language availability changes frequently. Please visit the ACTFL (LTI) website for oral and written test availability. Certification languages are listed on our website.

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School Counselor	Professional School Counselor (5421)	161	156	155	154	152	151	ETS
School Psychologist	School Psychologist (5402) effective 9/1/2014	155	147	146	145	144	141	ETS
Speech and Language Pathologist	Speech Language Pathology (5331) effective 9/1/2014	169	162	161	160	158	157	ETS
No tests are currently required for the following subjects.								
Dental Hygienist	PA State Dental Hygienist license is required							
Home & School Visitor,								
Instructional Technology								
School Nurse	RN license is required							