Introduction

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Cautions <u>A</u>

- A) The passing score must be attained or exceeded for Highly Qualified Teacher status, add-on and intern applications. The other GPA columns do not apply to these candidates.
- B) The other columns of the GPA Qualifying Score scale are applied only to applicants for PA certification, and only at the time of application. GPA scaled scores are based on the candidate's **final** GPA. The candidate for certification must be finished with his/her program before the GPA scale can be utilized. The final post-baccalaureate program GPA may be used only when a degree is not awarded. GPA's are illustrated up to three decimal places; no rounding is permitted. The qualifying score for each GPA range is based on a Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) for that test. PDE will make changes to this document as data on new tests becomes available. SEM information for other tests may be updated at five-year intervals.
- C) Act 24 of 2011 removed the requirement for pre-professional skills assessments, such as PAPA and PPST, for post-baccalaureate instructional certificate program candidates. Educational Specialist candidates who do not have a professional license or a PA Instructional certificate must take the basic skills assessments. Effective 7/1/2014, Vocational I candidates completing a post-baccalaureate program no longer need the basic skills reading and writing assessment for certification. The basic skill mathematics test is still required to meet the Vocational II assessment requirement.
- D) The content-specific test is found by clicking on the link to the test vendor found in the third column. Carefully check the test vendor site to make sure that you are selecting the correct test number for Pennsylvania certification.
- E) World Language certificate candidates may take either the PRAXIS or the ACTFL tests, when both are available. If the ACTFL option is selected, candidates should take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) or Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer (OPIc). The ACTFL Written Proficiency Test (WPT) is also required. Mandarin must be taken for the Chinese language assessment.
- F) All content test scores must be sent electronically to PDE directly from the test provider. Applicants may submit a copy of the test score report for informational purposes; certification cannot be granted based on the applicant's copy. ACT, SAT and scores that are unavailable from the vendor electronically may be submitted using the procedures outlined in the Testing Requirements by Certificate Type document available on the www.education.state.pa.us website.
- G) Official test scores are valid for life. Content area tests taken during a period in which the test was accepted for certification may meet the requirement if it meets the replaced test policy stated in CSPG # 21.

Instructional Certification Subject Area	CURRENT INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT TESTS	Test Provider	Qualifying Score 2.80-2.999 GPA	Passing Score	Qualifying Score 3.010-3.259 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.26-3.509 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.51-3.759 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.76-4.0 GPA
Agriculture	Agriculture (5701) effective 7/1/2014	<u>ETS</u>	155	147	146	145	144	141
All Subjects for PreK-12 Certificates	Fundamental Subjects Content Know. (5511/0511)	<u>ETS</u>	155	150	149	148†	146	145
Art	Art: Content Knowledge (5134/0134)	<u>ETS</u>	164	158	157	155	154	152
Biology	Biology: Content Knowledge (5235/0235)	<u>ETS</u>	152	147	146	145	143†	142†
Business Education	Business Education (5101/0101)	<u>ETS</u>	159	154	153	152	150	149
Chemistry	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245/0245)	<u>ETS</u>	160†	154	153†	151	150†	148
Citizenship Education	Citizenship Ed: Content Know. (5087/0087)	<u>ETS</u>	153	148	147	146	144	143
Communications	Speech Communication (5221) effective 7/1/2014 (replaced Communications 0800)	<u>ETS</u>	150	145	144	143	141	140
Cooperative Education	Cooperative Education (0811) limited offerings until discontinued 6/2016	<u>ETS</u>	169	161	160	159	157	156
Earth and Space Science	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (5571/0571)	<u>ETS</u>	162	157	156	155†	153	152
English	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge (5038)	<u>ETS</u>	173	167	166	164	163	162
Environmental Education	Environmental Education (0831) limited offerings until discontinued 6/2016	<u>ETS</u>	164	156	155	154	153	150
Family & Consumer Science	Family & Consumer Science (5121/0121) ends 2/28/2015	<u>ETS</u>	167	162	161	160	158†	157
Family & Consumer Science	Family & Consumer Science (5122) effective 3/1/2015 (replaces 5121)	<u>ETS</u>	160	153	151	150	149	146
General Science	General Science: Content Knowledge (5435/0435)	<u>ETS</u>	152	146	145	143	142	140†

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Grades 4-8	Certification requires GPA qualifying scores on <i>each</i> of the three Modules (5153, 5154 and 5155), and a GPA qualifying score on at least one of the Subject Concentrations (5156, 5157, 5158 or 5159).									
Grades 4-8: All Concentrations	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 1 - Pedagogy (5153)	<u>ETS</u>	168	162	161	159	158	156		
Grades 4-8: All Concentrations	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 2 -English Language Arts & Social Studies (5154)	<u>ETS</u>	160	152	150	148	146	144		
Grades 4-8: All Concentrations	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Module 3 - Mathematics & Science (5155)	<u>ETS</u>	172	164	162	160	158	156		
Grades 4-8: Concentration	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - English Language Arts (5156)	<u>ETS</u>	163	156	154	153	151	149		
Grades 4-8: Concentration	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - Science (5159)	<u>ETS</u>	163	156	154	153	151	149		
Grades 4-8: Concentration	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration - Social Studies (5157)	<u>ETS</u>	157	150	148	147	145	143		
Grades 4-8: Concentration	Pennsylvania Grades 4-8: Subject Concentration -Mathematics (5158)	<u>ETS</u>	182	173	171	169	166	164		
Grades PreK-4	Certification requires GPA qualifying scores or	n <i>each</i> of the tl	nree Modules (800	6, 8007 and 8008).						
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 1: Child Dev, Assessment, Professionalism (8006)	ES Pearson	227	197	190	182	175	168		
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 2: Lang, Social Stud, Arts (8007)	ES Pearson	219	193	187	180	174	167		
Grades PreK-4	Pre-K-4 Module 3: Math, Science, Health (8008)	ES Pearson	219	193	187	180	174	167		
Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education Content Knowledge (5856/0856) ends 2/28/2015	<u>ETS</u>	151	146	145	144	142	141		
Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education Content Knowledge (5857) effective 3/1/2015 (replaces 5856)	<u>ETS</u>	167	160	159	158	156	155		
Health Education	Health Education (5551) effective 9/1/2013	ETS	164	158	157	155	154	152		
Library Science	Library Media Specialist (5311/0311)	<u>ETS</u>	156†	151	150	149	147†	146†		
Marketing Education	Marketing Education (0561)	<u>ETS</u>	150	144	143	141	140	138		

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Mathematics	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)	<u>ETS</u>	170	160	160	157	155	152
Music	Music: Content Knowledge (5113/0113)	<u>ETS</u>	163	158	157	156†	154	153
Physics	Physics: Content Knowledge (5265/0265)	<u>ETS</u>	146	140	139†	137	136†	134
Reading Specialist	Reading Specialist (5301/0301)	<u>ETS</u>	170	164	163	161	160	158
Safety/Driver Education	Private Driver Training Instructor test effective 7/1/2014	Contact: Scho	ool Safety Educatio	n Office, Pennsylvar	nia Department of I	Education, 3rd Floor	•	
Social Studies	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081/0081)	<u>ETS</u>	162	157	156	155	153	152
Special Education 7-12	Certification requires GPA qualifying scores on <i>each</i> of the two Modules (8015 and 8016).							
Special Education 7-12	Spec Ed: 7-12 Module 1 (8015)	ES Pearson	242	220	215	209	204	198
Special Education 7-12	Spec Ed: 7-12 Module 2 (8016)	ES Pearson	239	220	215	210	206	201
Special Education PK-8	Certification requires GPA qualifying scores or	n <i>each</i> of the t	wo Modules (8011	and 8012).				
Special Education PK-8	Spec Ed: PreK-8 Module 1 (8011)	ES Pearson	243	220	214	208	202	197
Special Education PK-8	Spec Ed: PreK-8 Module 2 (8012)	ES Pearson	243	220	214	208	202	197
Special Education: Hearing Impaired	Spec Ed: Educ of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (5272/0272)	<u>ETS</u>	166	160	159	157	156	154
Special Education: Visually Impaired	Spec Ed: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (5282/0282)	ETS	169	163	162	160	159	157
Speech & Language Impaired	Speech Language Pathology (5330/0330) ends 8/31/2014	ETS	626	600	594	587	581	574
Speech & Language Impaired	Speech Language Pathology (5331) effective 9/1/2014 (replaces 0881/5881/0330/5330)	<u>ETS</u>	169	162	161	160	158	157
Technology Education	Technology Education (5051/0051)	<u>ETS</u>	164	159	158	157	155	154

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World Languages: All Languages	ACTFL OPI/OPIc and WPT: World Languages	<u>LTI</u>	N/A	Intermediate High	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
World Languages: Chinese	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665/0665)	<u>ETS</u>	170	164	163	161	160	159
World Languages: French	French: World Languages (5174)	ETS	167	162	161	160	158	157
World Languages: German	German: World Languages (5183)	<u>ETS</u>	168	163	162	161	159	158
World Languages: Latin	Latin (0601) effective 8/1/2012	<u>ETS</u>	157	152	151	150	148	147
World Languages: Spanish	Spanish: World Languages (5195)	<u>ETS</u>	173	168	167	166	164	163

^{*}Standard error data available in August 2015 if enough data is available

[†] Score corrections 8/2011 Effective for tests TAKEN on or after January 1, 2012

Supervisory, Administrative and Letter of Eligibility Certification Subject Area	CURRENT SUPERVISORY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY CONTENT TESTS	Test Provider	Qualifying Score 2.80- 2.999 GPA	Passing Score	Qualifying Score 3.010- 3.259 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.26-3.509 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.51-3.759 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.76-4.0 GPA
Administrative	School Leadership Licensure Assessment/SLLA (6011/1011) for Principals and Vocational Directors only	<u>ETS</u>	168	163	162	161	159	158
Letter of Eligibility	School Superintendent Assessment/SSA (6021/1021) effective 1/01/2013 for Superintendents and Intermediate Unit Directors	<u>ETS</u>	167	160	158	157	155	153
Supervisory	Educational Leadership: Admin & Supervision (5411/0411) for Supervisory Certificates only.	<u>ETS</u>	149	143	142	140	139	137

Educational Specialist Certification Subject Area	CURRENT EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST TESTS	Test Provider	Qualifying Score 2.80- 2.999 GPA	Passing Score	Qualifying Score 3.010-3.259 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.26- 3.509 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.51- 3.759 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.76-4.0 GPA
School Counselor	Professional School Counselor (5421/0421)	<u>ETS</u>	161	156	155	154	152	151
School Psychologist	School Psychologist (0401)	ETS	154	150	149	148	147	146
Speech and Language Pathologist	Speech Language Pathology (5331) effective 9/1/2014 (replaced 0881/5881/0330/5330)	<u>ETS</u>	169	162	161	160	158	157

Educational Specialist Certificate Areas with No Qualifying (Specialty) Test						
Dental Hygienist (PA State Dental Hygienist license required)	Instructional Technology					
Home & School Visitor	School Nurse (RN required)					

BASIC SKILLS ASSESSMENTS for Instructional, Educational Specialist, Supervisory and Administrative Candidates

I. Alternate Basic Skills Assessments for all Certificate Types

Test Name	Minimum Score per Section	Minimum Combined Score	Test Vendor
	Critical Reading 500;		
SAT Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing	Mathematics 500;	1550	College Board
	Writing 500		
ACT English/Writing and Mathematics	English/Writing 22;	23	ACT
ACT Eligibily Writing and Mathematics	Mathematics 21	25	<u>ACT</u>

II. Basic Skills Assessments - Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA):

Test Name	Test Number	Test Vendor	Qualifying Score	Minimum Composite Score
Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) Reading	8001	ES Pearson	220	193
Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) Mathematics	8002	ES Pearson	220	197
Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) Writing	8003	ES Pearson	220	192

The Composite Scoring Option for PAPA was initiated to enable a candidate who may excel in one area such as mathematics, but who is not strong in another PAPA area, to receive a passing score on the PAPA series. In order to qualify, a candidate must meet a minimum score in each test area (Mathematics, Reading, and Writing) and then exceed the passing score by an amount equal to the Standard Error of Measurement in one or two of the other test areas. The candidate's test scores are added together, and if the scores total 686, the candidate has passed the PAPA series. The Minimum Scores required for the Composite Scoring Option are shown below.

Minimum Composite Score Total: 686

Sum of the 3 PAPA tests must total or exceed 686. This total does not represent the sum of the 3 minimum scores. Candidates must achieve a Qualifying Score in at least one PAPA area **and** also reach the Minimum Composite Score Total of 686 when all three test scores are added together.

III. Alternate Basic Skills Assessments - Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (CORE) for Instructional, Educational Specialist, Supervisory and Administrative Candidates

CORE Test Option Effective 6/1/2014 for non-vocational certifications	Test Number	Test Provider	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	5712	<u>ETS</u>	156	148
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	5722	<u>ETS</u>	162	158
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics	5732	<u>ETS</u>	150	142

Composite Score Method for non-vocational I certification candidates – CORE Tests:

Minimum Composite Score Total: 475

Sum of the three CORE tests must total or exceed 475. This total does not represent the sum of the 3 minimum scores. Candidates must achieve a Qualifying Score in at least one CORE area and also reach the Minimum Composite Score Total of 475 when all three test scores are added together.

Basic Skills Assessment - Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (CORE) for Vocational I Certification Candidates							
CORE Test Effective 9/1/2014 for VOCATIONAL Candidates (Tests taken before 9/1/2014 are accepted)	Test Number	Test Provider	Vocational Passing Score	Minimum Vocational Composite Score			
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5712) for Vocational certifications 9/1/2014.	5712	<u>ETS</u>	148	140			
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5722) for Vocational certifications 9/1/2014.	5722	<u>ETS</u>	158	150			

Composite Score Method for Vocational I Certification Candidates – CORE Tests:

This method is used to assist a Vocational I candidate who scores high in one CORE area, but scores below the qualifying score in another CORE area. An average of the Reading and Writing scores must be equal or exceed 153. Note there are no minimum qualifying scores required for use of the Vocational I Composite Score Method.

Vocational I Composite Score Method Example:

An individual took the CORE Reading and Writing tests and scored as follows: CORE Reading score: 155 CORE Writing score: 153

When this individual's scores are averaged, they total 154 (155 + 153 \div 2 = 154). Therefore, this person qualifies for certification under the Vocational I Composite Score Method.

Vocational I candidates may also take the Mathematics test to use the Minimum Composite Score Total available to Vocational II applicants.

Basic Skills Assessment - Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (CORE) for Vocational II Certification Candidates

CORE Test	Test Number	Test Provider	Vocational Passing Score	Minimum Vocational Composite Score
Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (5732) for Vocational certifications 9/1/2014.	5732	<u>ETS</u>	142	132

Vocational Minimum Composite Score Total: 457

This total does not represent the sum of the three minimum scores. Candidates must achieve a Qualifying Score in at least one CORE area **and** also reach the Vocational Minimum Composite Score Total of 457 when all three test scores are added together.

Basic Skills Assessment - Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) for Vocational I Certification Candidates taken on or before 8/31/2014						
PPST Test for Vocational Candidates (Qualifying scores may be used by non-vocational candidates who took the PPST prior to 12/31/2012.)	Test Number	Test Provider	Vocational Passing Score	Minimum Vocational Composite Score		
PPST Reading (0710/5710) Replaced by Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading for Vocational certifications 9/1/2014.	5710	<u>ETS</u>	172	169		
PPST Writing (0720/5720) Replaced by Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing for Vocational certifications 9/1/2014.	5720	<u>ETS</u>	173	170		

Composite Score Method for Vocational I Certification Candidates – PPST Tests:

This method is used to assist a Vocational I candidate who scores high in one PPST area, but scores below the qualifying score in another PPST area. **An average of the Reading and Writing PPST tests must be equal or exceed 172.5**. Note there are no minimum qualifying PPST scores required for use of the Vocational I Composite Score Method.

Vocational I Composite PPST Method Example:

An individual took the PPST Reading and Writing tests and scored as follows: PPST Reading score: 174 PPST Writing score: 171

When this individual's scores are averaged, they total 172.5 (174+ 171 \div 2 = 172.5). Therefore, this person qualifies for certification under the Vocational I Composite Score Method.

Vocational I candidates may also take the Mathematics test to use the Minimum Composite Score Total available to Vocational II applicants.

Basic Skills Assessment - Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) for Vocational II Certification Candidates taken on or before 8/31/2014					
PPST Test for Vocational II Candidates (Qualifying scores may be used by non-vocational candidates who took the PPST prior to 12/31/2012.)	Test Number	Test Provider	Vocational Passing Score	Minimum Vocational Composite Score	
PPST Mathematics (0730/5730) <i>Replaced by Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics for Vocational certifications 9/1/2014.</i>	5730	<u>ETS</u>	173	170	

GPA Method for Non-Vocational Candidates who took the PPST prior to 12/31/2012; Vocational II Candidates may use this method for the Math test						
PPST Test	Passing Score	• •	Qualifying Score			
		3.10-3.259 GPA	3.260-3.509 GPA	3.51-3.759 GPA	3.76-4.0 GPA	
PPST Reading (0710/5710)	172	171	171	170	169†	
PPST Writing (0720/5720)	173	172	172	171	170†	
PPST Mathematics (0730/5730)	173	172	172	171	170	

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Composite Score Option for the PPST (Praxis I) tests if taken by 12/31/2012 for Instructional applicants; by 8/31/2014 for Vocational applicants:

Candidates may use the PPST composite score method to meet the requirements for certification if they took or registered for the PPST (Praxis I) tests when the tests were accepted in Pennsylvania. The composite score method may assist a candidate who may excel in one area such as mathematics, but is not strong in another area. Two conditions must be met to use the composite score method: (1) the Minimum Composite Score on each Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) is achieved or surpassed; and (2) the sum of the three test scores must be at least 521. If any test is below the minimum shown below, the composite score may not be used.

Test Name	Test #	Praxis Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score	
PPST Reading or Computerized PPST Reading	0710 or 5710	172	169	
PPST Writing or Computerized PPST Writing	0720 or 5720	173	170	
PPST Mathematics or Computerized PPST Mathematics	0730 or 5730	173	170	
Minimum Composite Score Total: 521 (Sum of the three PPST Scores must total or exceed this number)	The total does not represent the sum of the three minimum scores. Candidates must achieve the Praxis Qualifying Score in at least one area and reach the Minimum Composite Score Total.			

Tests for HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS Purposes Only					
To be Highly Qualified in:	Tests for HQT Purposes Only – Certification is NOT available (Certificate discontinued 8/31/2013)	Test Provider	Passing Score For HQT		
Elementary Education	Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (5511)	<u>ETS</u>	150		
Middle School English	Middle School English (5049/0049) ends 8/312014 replaced by 5047	<u>ETS</u>	163		
Middle School English	Middle School English (5047) effective 9/1/2014	<u>ETS</u>	164		
Middle School Math	Middle School Math (0069/5069) ends 8/312014 replaced by 5169	<u>ETS</u>	151		
Middle School Math	Middle School Math (5169) effective 9/1/2014	<u>ETS</u>	165		
Middle School Science	Middle School Science (0439/5439) ends 8/312014 replaced by 5440	<u>ETS</u>	144		
Middle School Science	Middle School Science (5440) effective 9/1/2014	<u>ETS</u>	150		
Middle School Social Studies	Middle School Social Studies (5089/0089)	<u>ETS</u>	152		