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Teacher candidates completing an accredited Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) program in Montana must meet the minimum content knowledge requirements described below to be recommended for licensure/endorsement. This policy is the result of ongoing dialogue and consensus between the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and Montana EPPs. This practice ensures consistency across state programs. Montana Board of Public Education accredited schools must employ teachers with an active Montana license and assign those teachers to teach classes in their endorsed subject area(s).

Montana Assessment of Content Knowledge Verification

Teacher candidates must earn at least 7 points on the Montana Assessment of Content Knowledge prior to recommendation for licensure/endorsement by an accredited Montana EPP. The possible range for the Content Knowledge Score (CKS) is 0-10. Teacher candidates earning fewer than 7 CKS points or who score zero on any of the three rubric components shall not be recommended for licensure/endorsement. For candidates receiving a score of 1* on rubric components 1, 2, or 3, each Montana EPP 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/endorsement.

1. Assessment of Content Knowledge Coursework GPA

The range for awarding points is 0-4 and will be calculated as follows:

GPA	Points
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:

Descriptor	Points
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, college or university supervisor, or faculty member.

Assessment of Content Knowledge on appropriate Praxis Subject AssessmentsThe range for awarding points is 0-3 and will be calculated as follows:

Score Range	Points
Meets/Exceeds MT score	3
At least 90 % of MT score	2
At least 80 % of MT score	1*
Below 80 % of MT score	0

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Montana Score Ranges for Praxis Subject Assessments

Worksheet to determine the Content Knowledge Score for Montana EPP teacher candidates

AGRICULTURAL	
EDUCATION (5701)	
Score Range	Points
157 - 200	3
141-156	2
125-140	1*
<125	0

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

BUSINESS EDUCATION (5101)	
Score Range	Points
154 - 200	3
139-153	2
123-138	1*
<123	0

CHEMISTRY	
(5245)	
Score Range	Points
148-200	3
133-147	2
118-132	1*
<118	0

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EARLY CHILDHOOD	
EDUCATION (5025)	
Score Range	Points
156 - 200	3
140-155	2
125-139	1*
<125	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
147-162	2
130-146	1*
<130	0

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (5038)	
Score Range	Points
167 - 200	3
150-166	2
134-149	1*
<134	0

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (5122)	
Score Range	Points
148 - 200	3
133-147	2
118-132	1*
<118	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
137 - 151	2
122-136	1*
<122	0

GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (5081)	
Score Range	Points
155 - 200	3
140 -154	2
124-139	1*
<124	0

GEOGRAPHY (5921)	
Points	
3	
2	
1*	
0	

GERMAN (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

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (5857)	
Score Range	Points
155 - 200	3
140-154	2
124-139	1*
<124	0

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

INDUSTRIAL TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (5051)	
Score Range	Points
154 - 200	3
139-153	2
123-138	1*
<123	0

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LATIN	
(5601)	
Score Range	Points
152 - 200	3
137 - 151	2
122-136	1*
<122	0

LIBRARY MEDIA	
SPECIALISTS (5311)	
Score Range	Points
150-200	3
135 - 149	2
120 - 134	1*
<120	0

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

MUSIC (5113)	
Score Range	Points
152 - 200	3
137-151	2
122-136	1*
<122	0

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

PSYCHOLOGY (5391)	
Score Range	Points
154 - 200	3
139-153	2
123-138	1*
<123	0

SOCIOLOGY (5952)	
Score Range	Points
154 - 200	3
139-153	2
123-138	1*
<123	0

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION (5354)	
Score Range	Points
159 - 200	3
143-158	2
127-142	1*
<127	0

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

THEATRE	
(5641)	
Points	
3	
2	
1*	
0	