

PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS (formerly Praxis II) EXAM INFORMATION: **TESTING YEAR 2018 – 2019**

All MSU Billings undergraduate, graduate and post-baccalaureate education teacher licensure and endorsement candidates must take Praxis Subject Assessments (formerly Praxis II) content exam(s):

Elementary Broadfield Majors

- REQUIRED: # 5018 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge
- REQUIRED: Content Exam in the Teaching Minor if applicable, refer to test list on page 4 of this handout

K-12 and Secondary Majors

- REQUIRED: Content Exam in the Teaching Major, refer to test list on page 4 of this handout
- REQUIRED: Content Exam in the Teaching Minor, refer to test list on page 4 of this handout
 - * Broadfield Science Majors will take the General Science test
 - * Broadfield Social Studies Endorsement requires both the History and Government exams
 - * Political Science teaching major or teaching minor requires the Government exam

Teaching Minors

- REQUIRED: Content Exam in the Teaching Minor, refer to test list on page 4 of this handout

School Counselor

- REQUIRED: #5421 Professional School Counselor Exam – minimum required score 156
** Exam is requirement of the Capstone class - effective January 2014 – register to meet course deadlines **

All candidates are required to achieve a score on the required Praxis Subject Assessments exam(s) in order to demonstrate subject area knowledge by earning a qualifying score on the Montana Assessment of Content Knowledge Verification to be recommended for licensure. Refer to OPI letter on Page 5.

**** Montana qualifying Praxis Subject Assessments exam scores for all teaching majors and minors in your completed program are required before a licensure recommendation can be made to any state. ****

Pay close attention to the different testing requirements for each group. Email Jennifer Burns at jburns@msubillings.edu if you are unsure of what test is required.

If your teaching minor or major is not included on the test list on page 4 of this handout, you do NOT have to take a Praxis exam at this time. Please note **this is subject to change** as new test requirements are established and information is posted as soon as it becomes available.

Be Informed

- Read the Praxis web pages prior to registration at <http://www.ets.org/>

Registration, Fees, Testing Schedules, and Locations

- Please visit the ETS Web site www.ets.org - access *The Praxis Series Tests* link - for all information. The link Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions - http://www.ets.org/praxis/faq_test_takers/should_answer_your_questions.
- Jennifer Burns will assist individuals with registration questions, problems, or assistance by email (jburns@msubillings.edu) or by appointment. Please email or call (406-657-2293) to schedule an appointment.
- MSUB has no control over the testing dates or locations as they are determined and set by Educational Testing Services (ETS) at the national level.
- Candidates can take the exam anywhere, including out of state.

Attending Institution and Designated Score Recipient

- MSU-Billings' attending institution and score recipient code is: **RA4298**
- If you test in Montana, your score report will be sent automatically to the Montana Office of Public Instruction. If you test outside of Montana, select the **Montana Office of Public Instruction, state code R8653** as a score recipient when you register or on an additional score report request.
- Access the code link on the ETS Praxis Subject Assessment exam registration webpage if additional codes are needed.
- Carefully consider the process of designating score recipients at the time of registration. You are allowed four free score recipients as part of your initial registration. You cannot "bank" any score reports not sent. After registration, additional score reports are \$50 each.

Fall and Spring 2018-2019 Praxis Subject Assessment Series Test Sessions

- Both elementary and secondary teacher candidates with a major and minor in an endorsable subject listed on the last page of this handout should register and take Praxis Subject Assessments tests the semester **prior** to student teaching.
- The link to the Praxis Series Bulletin contains specific information about the exam and is located on the ETS Web site at www.ets.org/praxis in the "About the Test" link. Once at the Praxis home page you can obtain a wealth of information. Be sure to review the Study Companions for each exam found in the Preparation Materials.

Disability or Health-related Needs Accommodations

- Test takers requesting any accommodations must submit their requests and have their accommodations approved by ETS Disability Services before their test can be scheduled. Submit your request as early as possible, especially if you are requesting an alternate test format. Documentation review takes approximately six weeks once your request and complete paperwork have been received. If you must submit additional documentation, it can be another six weeks from the time the new documentation is received until the review is complete.
- When you have been approved, ETS will email instructions to you on how to register for the **Praxis**® test. Please wait for your email approval before registering for the test.
- Refer to the *Disability Accommodations* tab on the *Registration, Test Centers and Dates* section for specific information.

Information found on the ETS website www.ets.org/praxis, "For Test Takers" link

- **About the Tests** – includes *Frequently Asked Questions*, be sure to read the *Information Bulletin*
- **Register for a Test** – includes *registration info, test centers and dates*
- **Prepare for a Test** – includes *information on practice tests, webinars and videos for preparation*
- **On Test Day Overview** – includes *what to bring and video of what to expect*
- **Scores** – includes *how to get, send, and understand*

Accommodations for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs

Other resources for Praxis Subject Assessment Preparation:

- **MSUB Course - EDU 494 SM: Praxis Practice**, contact Alan Christensen for information regarding Praxis preparation: achristensen@msubillings.edu, COE Rm. 204
- **Praxis Study Guides (older test versions) for checkout** – COE Rm. 261
- http://education-portal.com/academy/subject/praxis.html?hq_e=el&hq_m=1627485&hq_l=2&hq_v=a554cfd3ce
- http://exampedia.org/wiki/Praxis_Core_Test
- <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/praxis-test/>

What are Praxis Subject Assessments?

The Praxis Subject Assessments are standardized, professional educator’s licensing exams. These tests are required by state departments of education and by colleges and universities to measure the academic achievement and proficiency of individuals entering or completing teacher preparation programs.

What types of exams are they?

Praxis Subject Assessments feature selected-response and essay questions that measure the content and pedagogical knowledge necessary for a beginning teacher. For details on the types of questions you’ll encounter on a specific test, please visit the <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/> page, select your test from the dropdown menu, and click on the Study Companion.

How much are the testing fees?

The Praxis Subject Assessments test fees vary but range from \$120 to \$160.

What can I bring into the testing session?

Please read all the information about your specific test and any communication you receive via email or postal mail from ETS. Some exams allow/require calculators and others do not. All cell phones, smart phones, smartwatches, and other electronic, photographic, scanning, recording and listening devices are strictly prohibited from the test center. There are also restrictions on the personal items you can...or cannot...have in the testing room with you. Your ticket and acceptable and valid ID are a must. Be sure and review the On Test Day Overview, Test Center Regulations and ID Requirements on the ETS website.

Receiving score reports and why to save your score report?

*Score reports are available via your online account. You will receive an email when your score report has been posted. For tests that are offered continuously, scores will be available 10-16 business days after your **test date**. For tests that are offered during testing windows, scores will be available 10-16 business days after the **testing window closes**, regardless of the specific date on which you tested within that window. The reporting dates vary based on the type of test you take. Scores are valid for 10 years. Beginning October 6, 2017, additional online scores are downloadable for 10 years from the score reporting date. After 10 years, your score report will no longer be available. Additional score reports cost \$50 per score recipient and are nonrefundable. We recommend saving a copy/print a copy of your score report for future reference. ** You will need this for licensure and employment. **MSUB will not provide copies of Praxis Score Reports to candidates.** ***

What is the Montana required Praxis score?

For those candidates completing a Montana Educator Preparation Program, a score that qualifies the candidate seeking licensure to meet or exceed the minimum required score on the three prong Montana Assessment of Content Knowledge Verification as described on Page 4 of this handout. The Montana Score Ranges for the Praxis Subject Assessments for all teaching majors and teaching minors are found on the attached table on Page 5-6.

Can I retake the exam?

Yes, any Praxis exam can be retaken, but “parts” of the exam cannot be retaken. If retaken, it will be the entire exam. Tests that are offered continuously may be taken once every 21 days, not including your initial test date.

How can I contact ETS about The Praxis Series tests?

Visit the [Praxis Contact Us](https://www.ets.org/praxis/contact) page – <https://www.ets.org/praxis/contact>



Beginning in the spring of 2016, 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:

<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, college or university supervisor, or faculty member.

3. Assessment of Content Knowledge on appropriate Praxis Subject Assessments

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

<i>Score Range</i>	<i>Points</i>
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



Montana Score Ranges for Praxis Subject Assessments

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

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION (5134)	
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

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 (5641)	
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)	
Score Range	Points
155 - 200	3
140-154	2
124-139	1*
<124	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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Worksheet to determine the Content Knowledge Score for Montana EPP teacher candidates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEATRE (5641)	
<i>Score Range</i>	<i>Points</i>
148 - 200	3
133-147	2
118-132	1*
<118	0