

PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS (formerly Praxis II) EXAM INFORMATION: **TESTING YEAR 2021-2022**

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, not the General Social Studies exam*
 - * 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 (effective January 2014)
** Exam is requirement of the Capstone class – 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.

ALL candidates, initial licensure candidates and those adding endorsements to an existing license, should register and take Praxis Subject Assessments tests the semester prior to student teaching.

**** Montana qualifying Praxis 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.

The teaching minor or major tests listed on page 4 of this handout, are **subject to change** as new Montana state Praxis test requirements are established and/or reviewed. Information is posted as soon as it becomes available.

Registration, Fees, Testing Schedules, and Locations

- Please visit the ETS Web site www.ets.org - access *The Praxis* link - for all information.
- Jennifer Burns will assist individuals with Praxis questions by email (jburns@msubillings.edu), call (406-657-2293), or by appointment. Please email 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 offered, including out of state

ETS now offers a *Test at Home* option for many required tests –

- For information on this testing option visit <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/praxis/at-home/>
- Verify you meet the [equipment and environment requirements](#) prior to registering. – Video available - [Here's How It Works](#)
- MSUB has a room designated for this option that is available most M-F 8:30 – 4:30. No test can begin prior to 8:30 am and all testing must conclude by 4:30 pm. For scheduling to use this room, see Administrative Associate in COE, Rm. 261 or 219.
- ETS created a new video to support the test taker when using the home testing option See What to Expect on Test Day <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/praxis/at-home/test-day/>

Attending Institution and Designated Score Recipient

- MSU-Billings' attending institution and score recipient code is: **RA4298**. You should always include MSUB as a score recipient. If you test in Montana, a copy of your scores will automatically be sent to the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Candidates *testing outside Montana* should add **Montana Office of Public Instruction (state code 8653)** as a score recipient.
- 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.
- Beginning October 6, 2017, additional score reports will be available online in your [Praxis account](#) for 10 years from the score report date. After 10 years, your score report will no longer be available. We recommend saving both an electronic and paper copy of your score report for future reference.

Praxis Test Requirements for Program Completion

- Both elementary and secondary teacher candidates with a major(s) and minor(s) in an endorsable subject/content area listed on the last page of this handout should **register and take Praxis Subject Assessments tests the semester prior to student teaching.**

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, as this can take about 6 weeks once the request and complete paperwork has been received and an additional 6 weeks if additional documentation is needed.
- Refer to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities/> for specific information.

Other resources for Praxis Subject Assessment Exam Preparation:

- 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.
- **MSUB Course - EDU 494 SM: Praxis Practice, contact David Blair for information regarding Praxis preparation: david.blair@msubillings.edu, COE Rm. 224**
- **ETS will provide one free interactive practice test for each test registration – to begin 7/12/2021**
- **Praxis Study Guides (older test versions) for checkout – COE Rm. 261**

What is the Praxis test?

The Praxis® tests measure teacher candidates' knowledge and skills. The tests are used for licensing and certification processes. The Praxis® tests are used by many of the state education agencies in the United States to make decisions regarding the licensing of new educators. Each state and licensing organization determines its own certification and Praxis passing score requirements.

What types of exams are they?

Praxis Subject Assessments feature selected-response and essay questions that measure the subject-specific 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 test fees vary but range from \$120 to \$160 with a \$10.00 price increase on most exams effective 7/12/2021. There are no additional fees for the Test at Home option.

Receiving score reports and why to save your score report?

*Score reports are available via your online PRAXIS account. You will receive an email when your score report has been posted. Review *When Will I Get My Scores* <https://www.ets.org/praxis/scores/get/>. The reporting dates vary based on the type of test you take.*

*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 (MACK) 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. No score receiving less than 2 points is accepted for licensure eligibility.

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. The test may only be retaken on a date that is at least 28 days after the previous test date.

How can I contact ETS about *The Praxis Series* tests?

*Visit the *Contacts for Test Takers* page – <https://www.ets.org/praxis/contact>*



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 (5701) | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 157 - 200 | 3 |
| 141-156 | 2 |
| 125-140 | 1* |
| <124 | 0 |

| ART (5134) | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 158 - 200 | 3 |
| 142-157 | 2 |
| 126-141 | 1* |
| <125 | 0 |

| BIOLOGY (5235) | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 151 - 200 | 3 |
| 136-150 | 2 |
| 121-135 | 1* |
| <120 | 0 |

| BUSINESS EDUCATION (5101) | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 154 - 200 | 3 |
| 139-153 | 2 |
| 123-138 | 1* |
| <122 | 0 |

| CHEMISTRY (5245) | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 148-200 | 3 |
| 133-147 | 2 |
| 118-132 | 1* |
| <117 | 0 |

| EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (5025) | |
|---|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 156 - 200 | 3 |
| 140-155 | 2 |
| 125-139 | 1* |
| <124 | 0 |

| EARTH SCIENCE (5571) | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 151 - 200 | 3 |
| 136-150 | 2 |
| 121-135 | 1* |
| <120 | 0 |

| ECONOMICS (5911) | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 150 - 200 | 3 |
| 135-149 | 2 |
| 120-134 | 1* |
| <119 | 0 |

| ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (5018) | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 163 - 200 | 3 |
| 147-162 | 2 |
| 130-146 | 1* |
| <129 | 0 |

| ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (5038) | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 167 - 200 | 3 |
| 150-166 | 2 |
| 134-149 | 1* |
| <133 | 0 |

| FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (5122) | |
|--|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 148 - 200 | 3 |
| 133-147 | 2 |
| 118-132 | 1* |
| <117 | 0 |

| FRENC (5174) | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 162 - 200 | 3 |
| 146-161 | 2 |
| 130-145 | 1* |
| <129 | 0 |

| GENERAL SCIENCE (5435) | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 152 - 200 | 3 |
| 137 - 151 | 2 |
| 122-136 | 1* |
| <121 | 0 |

| GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (5081) | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 155 - 200 | 3 |
| 140 - 154 | 2 |
| 124-139 | 1* |
| <123 | 0 |

| GEOGRAPHY (5921) | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 155 - 200 | 3 |
| 140-154 | 2 |
| 124-139 | 1* |
| <123 | 0 |

| GERMAN (5183) | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 163 - 200 | 3 |
| 147-162 | 2 |
| 130-146 | 1* |
| <129 | 0 |

| GOVERNMENT/ POLITICAL SCIENCE (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* |
| <123 | 0 |

| WORLD HISTORY (5941) | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 146 - 200 | 3 |
| 131-145 | 2 |
| 117-130 | 1* |
| <116 | 0 |

| INDUSTRIAL TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (5051) | |
|--|--------|
| Score Range | Points |
| 154 - 200 | 3 |
| 139-153 | 2 |
| 123-138 | 1* |
| <122 | 0 |



Montana Score Ranges for Praxis Subject Assessments

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* |
| <121 | 0 |

| LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS (5311) | |
|---|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 150-200 | 3 |
| 135 - 149 | 2 |
| 120 - 134 | 1* |
| <119 | 0 |

| MATHEMATICS (5161) | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 160 - 200 | 3 |
| 144 - 159 | 2 |
| 128 - 143 | 1* |
| <127 | 0 |

| MUSIC (5113) | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 152 - 200 | 3 |
| 137-151 | 2 |
| 122-136 | 1* |
| <121 | 0 |

| PHYSICS (5265) | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 135 - 200 | 3 |
| 122-134 | 2 |
| 108-121 | 1* |
| <107 | 0 |

| PSYCHOLOGY (5391) | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 154 - 200 | 3 |
| 139-153 | 2 |
| 123-138 | 1* |
| <122 | 0 |

| SOCIOLOGY (5952) | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 154 - 200 | 3 |
| 139-153 | 2 |
| 123-138 | 1* |
| <122 | 0 |

| SPANISH (5195) | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 168 - 200 | 3 |
| 151-167 | 2 |
| 134-150 | 1* |
| <133 | 0 |

| SPECIAL EDUCATION (5354) | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 159 - 200 | 3 |
| 143-158 | 2 |
| 127-142 | 1* |
| <126 | 0 |

| TEACHING READING (5206) | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 156 - 200 | 3 |
| 143-155 | 2 |
| 127-142 | 1* |
| <126 | 0 |

| THEATRE (5641) | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 148 - 200 | 3 |
| 133-147 | 2 |
| 118-132 | 1* |
| <117 | 0 |

| COMPUTER SCIENCE (5952) | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Score Range</i> | <i>Points</i> |
| 149 - 200 | 3 |
| 134-148 | 2 |
| 119-133 | 1* |
| <118 | 0 |