



# MARYLAND

## Certification Assessments for Educators

### Qualifying for a Maryland Certificate

All candidates applying for an initial certificate, except those meeting the experience requirement in Item 3 below, must present qualifying scores on state approved assessments. When there are no tests listed for the certification areas, only the ETS Praxis I (basic skills test) or the SAT, ACT, GRE option is needed.

To qualify for a professional certificate:

1. Complete a Maryland Approved Program (MAP) or out-of-state approved program; *or*
2. Complete a Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP); *or*
3. Hold a valid certificate in the area to be recognized for reciprocity from a participating state, and have taught in the subject area a total of three (3) years (27 months) within the past seven (7) years in any member state; *or*
4. Complete requirements outlined in MD certification regulations (transcript analysis).

### Assessment Information/Options

Educational Testing Service's (ETS) PRAXIS I and II:

Register online at the ETS website: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for Praxis I and II.

ETS offers several tests on the computer. See website for listing.

Register for Computer-Based testing by calling Prometric at 1-800-853-6773.

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL):

Register for the ACTFL foreign language tests at the website:

[www.languagetesting.com/acad\\_to\\_apply.htm](http://www.languagetesting.com/acad_to_apply.htm)

In place of Praxis I, MD will accept the following options from candidates:

- SAT taken after April 1995, math and verbal composite of 1100.
- SAT taken prior to April 1995, math and verbal composite score of 1000;
- ACT composite score of 24;
- GRE taken after Sept 2011, math and verbal composite score of 297.
- GRE taken before Sept 2011, math and verbal composite score of 1000.

The **SAT composite score** is the **sum of the math and verbal scores**.

Both tests must have been taken before April 1995 (score of 1000) *or* both must have been taken after April 1995 (score of 1100).

**ACT composite** score is the **average of 4 tests** with scores that range from 1-36: English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning (not writing).

The following are acceptable forms of documentation to be mailed to MSDE:

- Photocopy of the examinee's score report; *or*
- Official transcript (college or high school) which includes scores; *or*
- Scores sent from respective testing vendor to MSDE if listed as recipient of the score; *or*
- Letter from the college/university Dean or Director of Teacher Education for an individual student with scores and dates taken.

Mail to: MSDE; Certification & Accreditation; 200 W. Baltimore St; Baltimore MD 21201

### Testing for Persons with Disabilities

Both testing vendors, ETS and ACTFL, are committed to serving test takers with disabilities by providing services and reasonable accommodations deemed appropriate given the purpose of the test. To learn more or to request nonstandard accommodations check the website. **All candidates**, regardless of testing accommodations **must meet Maryland qualifying scores at the time of application.**

### Additional Information

Check the following website for more information:

Become a certified teacher in Maryland: [www.mdcert.org](http://www.mdcert.org)

Complete an application for MD certification online: [www.mdcert.org](http://www.mdcert.org)

List of Maryland Approved Programs (MAP) at Maryland colleges and universities:

<http://directory.msde.state.md.us/map/LocalFrames.asp>

To obtain specific teacher education information, contact the college of your choice.

List of Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Programs for career changers

and other liberal arts and sciences graduates at: <http://www.tttmaryland.org>.

As of January 1, 2011, MSDE no longer accepts NTE scores unless accompanied by a valid, out-of-state professional certificate. Qualifying scores for all assessments are subject to change; check [www.mdcert.org](http://www.mdcert.org) or [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) prior to registering.



# MARYLAND CERTIFICATION ASSESSMENTS

MD Testing vendors: Education Testing Service (ETS), for Praxis I & II;  
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL): foreign languages.

Test Code/delivery:	Paper	Computer	Test Name	Qualifying Score	Composite
*All beginning teachers	0710	5710	Pre Professional Skills Test: Reading	177	} 527
in all content areas must	0720	5720	Pre Professional Skills Test: Writing	173	
take Praxis I or option below.	0730	5730	Pre Professional Skills Test: Mathematics	177	

A combination of the two versions of the test is permissible to arrive at the composite score.

\*Option for Praxis I: Maryland will accept the SAT/GRE/ACT options described on the first page of this flyer.

## Praxis II: Subject and Pedagogy Assessments

Certification areas not listed only require Praxis I. **Tests listed in red are new/revised for 2012-2013 academic year.**

Certification	Test Code/delivery:	Paper	Computer	Test Name	Qualifying Score
Art (PreK-12)	0135	5113	Art: Content and Analysis	161	
Biology (7-12)	0235	5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	150	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Business Education (7-12)	0101	5101	Business Education	154	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Chemistry (7-12)	0245	5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	153	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)	0022	5022	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge <i>or</i> 5022 for computer version	160	
	0621	5621	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood	157	
Earth/Space Science (7-12)	0571	5571	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (calculators prohibited)	152	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Elementary Education (1-6)	NA	5015	Elementary Education: Instructional Practice and Analysis <i>Computer only</i>	161	
	0622	5622	Principles of Learning and Teaching: K-6	160	
English (7-12)	0044	5044	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content and Analysis	166	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
<b>Environment Education</b>	<b>0831</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Environmental Education</b>	<b>156</b>	
ESOL (PreK-12)	0361	NA	English to Speakers of Other Languages	149	
Family and Consumer Sciences (7-12)	0121	5121	Family and Consumer Sciences	159	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
**French (7-12)	NA	5174	World Language: French <i>Computer only</i>	162	
	0841	NA	**World Language: Pedagogy	158	
Geography (7-12)	0086	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
**German (7-12)	NA	5183	World Language: German <i>Computer only</i>	163	
	0841	NA	**World Language: Pedagogy	158	
Health (PreK-12)	0550	5550	Health Education	630	
History (7-12)	0086	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Latin (7-12)	0600	NA	Latin (formerly score was 610)	152	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
<b>**Mandarin Chinese</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>5665</b>	<b>World Language: Mandarin Chinese <i>Computer only</i></b>	<b>164</b>	
	0841	NA	**World Language: Pedagogy	158	
Mathematics (7-12)	0061	5061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (graphing calculator required)	141	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
**Middle School Ed: English Language Arts (4-9)	0049	5049	Middle School English Language Arts	160	
	0623	5623	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 5-9	160	
**Middle School Ed: Social Studies (4-9)	0089	5089	Middle School Social Studies	154	
	0623	5623	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 5-9	160	
**Middle School Education: Mathematics (4-9)	0069	NA	Middle School Mathematics (calculator allowed)	152	
	0623	5623	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 5-9	160	
**Middle School Education: Science (4-9)	0439	NA	Middle School Science	145	
	0623	5623	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 5-9	160	
<b>Music (PreK-12)</b>	<b>0114</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Music: Content and Instruction</b>	<b>162</b>	
Physical Education (PreK-12)	0095	5095	Physical Education: Content and Design	169	
Physical Science (7-12)	0070	NA	Chemistry, Physics, and General Science (calculator prohibited)	520	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Physics (7-12)	0265	5265	Physics: Content Knowledge (calculator prohibited)	143	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Political Science (7-12)	0086	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	154	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Social Studies (7-12)	0086	5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	153	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
**Spanish (7-12)	NA	5195	World Language: Spanish <i>Computer only</i>	168	
	0841	NA	**World Language: Pedagogy	158	
Special Education (all areas and levels)	0354	5354	Special Education Core Knowledge and Applications	151	
Technology Education (7-12)	0051	NA	Technology Education	159	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	
Theater (7-12)	0640	NA	Theater ( <i>former score 560; new score is equivalent Praxis score</i> )	151	
	0624	5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12	157	

### Reading Requirement Option

Reading Requirement	0201	5201	Reading Across the Curriculum: Elementary	173
Applicants/current certificate holders w/certification in early childhood, elementary, or special ed. <i>may test out of the 12 semester hr reading requirement w/ this test.</i>				
School Psychologist	0401	NA	School Psychologist	161

### School Leaders Licensure Assessment

Administrator II (Principal)	NA	6011	School Leaders Licensure Assessment <i>Computer only</i>	165
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Requires 2 content tests:

*Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)*

*Written Proficiency Test (WPT)*

### American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Italian, Russian, Spanish.

Passing Score for all ACTFL tests: **Intermediate High**

\*\*French, German, Spanish & Chinese candidates have the option of taking either the ETS Praxis II World language test or the two ACTFL language tests.

Candidates who graduate from in-state MD Approved or out-of-state approved foreign language programs or the 4 Middle School content programs are not required to take a pedagogy test. Alternative (MAAPP) and transcript analysis candidates must take a pedagogy test.