

# GUIDANCE DOCUMENT: ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT BASED ON CONTENT PROFICIENCY EFFECTIVE APRIL 23, 2026

As the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory is revised and ETS updates assessments, this list will also be updated. The exams and scores identified in this list do not supersede information found in the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory.

You can register for assessments on the [ETS website](#). Go to “The Praxis Series Tests” and select West Virginia for our state’s requirements. Click on the endorsement area (Elementary Education, Special Education, etc.) you are seeking and then find the registration information, assessment sites, and assessment dates.

The option to add endorsements based upon completing West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) required content Praxis exams is only available to individuals who hold a valid Professional Teaching Certificate, not a Provisional Teaching Certificate, Student Support Certificate, Administrative Certificate, or Permits of any type.

The ACTFL Exams for foreign language will only be valid for two years from the assessment date as per ACTFL.

## SECTION A: GENERAL EDUCATION SPECIALIZATIONS

*Candidates may use the Praxis Bridge option **for content assessments only** for which the Praxis Bridge option is available, and for initial licensure only. See the Praxis website for additional information.*

### ENDORSEMENT: 1950: ALGEBRA I (5-ADULT)

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5162	Algebra I	157

### ENDORSEMENT: 1550: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (PREK-ADULT)

#### *OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 1550: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (PRE-K-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
0634	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI)	Level 4

#### *OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1550: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (PRE-K-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
0634	Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI)	Advanced Plus

*Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 1550: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (PREK-ADULT):*

- A candidate who holds valid certification through the American Sign Language Teaching Association or valid National Interpreter Certification through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf is not required to satisfy the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (Gallaudet University) requirement.*

### ENDORSEMENT: 0300: ART (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT; 5-9)

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5134	Art Content Knowledge	158

**ENDORSEMENT: 2600: BIOLOGY (9-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5236	Biology Content Knowledge	154

**ENDORSEMENT: 0600 BUSINESS EDUCATION (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5101	Business Education	157

**ENDORSEMENT: 2700: CHEMISTRY (9-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5246	Chemistry	146

**ENDORSEMENT: 1275: CHINESE (5-ADULT)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 1275: CHINESE (5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5665	Chinese (Mandarin)	164

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1275: CHINESE (5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
ACTFL Exam	ACTFL Exam for Chinese (Mandarin)	Advanced Low

Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 1275: CHINESE (5-ADULT):

- Assessment Scores for the ACTFL Assessments are only valid for two years from the assessment date as per ACTFL, unless candidate was continuously enrolled in an approved program, and the assessment was eligible at time of enrollment. In such instances, scores will be valid for 12 months after program completion. The Advanced Low score is the minimum that must be scored on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIC) and the Writing Proficiency Assessment (WPT).

**ENDORSEMENT: 7213: COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (PRE-K-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5652	Computer Science	149

**ENDORSEMENT: 3601: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (K-4)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 3601: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (K-4)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5534	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content	163
5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (TREE)	159

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 3601: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (K-4)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5024	Education of Young Children (Until August 31, 2026)	160
5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (TREE)	159

Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 3601: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (K-4):

- Candidates who hold the Reading Specialist Endorsement and have successfully obtained a passing score on the 5302 Reading Specialist assessment are exempt from the professional assessment 5205: Teaching Reading Elementary Education.

**ENDORSEMENT: 3603: EARLY EDUCATION (PREK-K)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 3603: EARLY EDUCATION (PRE-K-K)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5531	Pre-K-Kindergarten Education (Until August 31, 2026)	155

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 3603: EARLY EDUCATION (PRE-K-K)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5533	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge	156

**ENDORSEMENT: 2910: EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5572	Earth and Space Science	154

**ENDORSEMENT: 3600: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 3600: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)  
(ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FUNDAMENTALS ASSESMENTS)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
8002	Reading and Language Arts	152
8003	Mathematics	152
8004	Social Studies	147
8005	Science	143
5205	Teaching Reading Elementary Education (TREE)	159

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 3600: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)  
(5001: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MULTIPLE SUBJECTS SERIES)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5002	Reading and Language Arts	157
5003	Mathematics	157
5004	Social Studies	155
5005	Science	159
5205	Teaching Reading Elementary Education (TREE)	159

*OPTION 3: ENDORSEMENT: 3600: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)  
(7811: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE FOR TEACHING SERIES (CKT))*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
7812	Reading and Language Arts	161
7813	Mathematics	150
7814	Science	154
7815	Social Studies	161
5205	Teaching Reading Elementary Education (TREE)	159

Please note, the following for ENDORSEMENT: 3600: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6):

- Assessments from Option 2 (5001: Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Series) and Option 3 (7811: Content Knowledge for Teaching Series (CKT)) may be combined to meet the four required assessment areas.
- Assessments from Option 1 (Elementary Education Fundamentals Assessments) cannot be combined with assessments from any other option to meet the four required assessment areas.
- Candidates who hold the Reading Specialist Endorsement and have successfully obtained a passing score on the 5302 Reading Specialist assessment are exempt from the professional assessment 5205: Teaching Reading Elementary Education.

**ENDORSEMENT: 1000: ENGLISH (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167

**ENDORSEMENT: 1030: ENGLISH (5-9)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164

**ENDORSEMENT: 1050: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (PRE-K-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5362	English to Speakers of Other Languages	155

**ENDORSEMENT: 1706: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5123	Family and Consumer Sciences	151

**ENDORSEMENT: 1100: FRENCH (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 1100: FRENCH (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5174	World Languages: French	160

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1100: FRENCH (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
ACTFL Exam	ACTFL Exam in French	Advanced Low

Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 1100: FRENCH (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)

- Assessment Scores for the ACTFL Assessments are only valid for two years from the assessment date as per ACTFL, unless candidate was continuously enrolled in an approved program, and the assessment was eligible at time of enrollment. In such instances, scores will be valid for 12 months after program completion. The Advanced Low score is the minimum that must be scored on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIC) and the Writing Proficiency Assessment (WPT).

**ENDORSEMENT: 1905: GENERAL MATH THROUGH ALGEBRA I (5-9)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5164	Middle School Mathematics	157

**ENDORSEMENT: 2900: GENERAL SCIENCE (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5436	General Science	141

**ENDORSEMENT: 2905: GENERAL SCIENCE (5-9)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5442	Middle School Science	152

**ENDORSEMENT: 1908: GEOMETRY (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5163	Geometry	148

**ENDORSEMENT: 1200: GERMAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 1200: GERMAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5183	World Languages: German	160

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1200: GERMAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
ACTFL Exam	ACTFL Exam for German	Advanced Low

Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 1200: GERMAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)

- Assessment Scores for the ACTFL Assessments are only valid for two years from the assessment date as per ACTFL, unless candidate was continuously enrolled in an approved program, and the assessment is eligible at time of enrollment. In such instances, scores will be valid for 12 months after program completion. The Advanced Low score is the minimum that must be scored on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIC) and the Writing Proficiency Assessment (WPT).

**ENDORSEMENT: 2205: HEALTH (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5551	Health Education	156

**ENDORSEMENT: 1250: JAPANESE (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 1250: JAPANESE (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5661	World Language: Japanese	156

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1250: JAPANESE (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
ACTFL Exam	ACTFL Exam in Japanese	Advanced Low

Please note the following for OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1250: JAPANESE (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT):

- Please note: Assessment Scores for the ACTFL Assessments are only valid for two years from the assessment date as per ACTFL, unless candidate was continuously enrolled in an approved program, and the assessment is eligible at time of enrollment. In such instances, scores will be valid for 12 months after program completion. The Advanced Low score is the minimum that must be scored on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIC) and the Writing Proficiency Assessment (WPT).

**ENDORSEMENT: 3300 JOURNALISM (5-ADULT; 9-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5224	Journalism	153

**ENDORSEMENT: 1300: LATIN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5601	Latin	131

**ENDORSEMENT: 0710: MARKETING (9-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5561	Marketing Education	153

**ENDORSEMENT: 1900: MATHEMATICS (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5165	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (Calculator Required)	159

**ENDORSEMENT: 2000: MUSIC (PRE-K-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5113	Music Content Knowledge (Contains Listening Section)	155

**ENDORSEMENT: 3700: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (5-ADULT; 9-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5221	Speech Communication	150

**ENDORSEMENT: 2210: PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT; 5-9)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	150

**ENDORSEMENT: 2500: PHYSICS (9-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5266	Physics	145

**ENDORSEMENT: 1400: RUSSIAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)***OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 1400: RUSSIAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5671	Russian: World Language	130

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1400: RUSSIAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
ACTFL Exam	ACTFL Exam for Russian	Advanced Low

Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 1400: RUSSIAN (PRE-K-ADULT; 5-ADULT):

- Assessment Scores for the ACTFL Assessments are only valid for two years from the assessment date as per ACTFL, unless candidate was continuously enrolled in an approved program, and the assessment was eligible at time of enrollment. In such instances, scores will be valid for 12 months after program completion. The Advanced Low score is the minimum that must be scored on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIC) and the Writing Proficiency Assessment (WPT).

**ENDORSEMENT: 3440: SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA (PRE-K-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5312	School Librarian	154

**ENDORSEMENT: 3000: SOCIAL STUDIES (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5581	Social Studies	153

**ENDORSEMENT: 3030: SOCIAL STUDIES (5-9)**

*OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 3030: SOCIAL STUDIES (5-9)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5589	Middle School Social Studies	149

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 3030: SOCIAL STUDIES (5-9)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5089	Middle School Social Studies (Until August 21, 2026)	151

**ENDORSEMENT: 1500: SPANISH (PK-AD; 5-ADULT)**

*OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 1500: SPANISH (PK-AD; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5195	Spanish: World Language	163

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 1500: SPANISH (PK-AD; 5-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
ACTFL Exam	ACTFL Exam for Spanish	Advanced Low

Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 1500: SPANISH (PK-AD; 5-ADULT):

- Assessment Scores for the ACTFL Assessments are only valid for two years from the assessment date as per ACTFL, unless candidate was continuously enrolled in an approved program, and the assessment was eligible at time of enrollment. In such instances, scores will be valid for 12 months after program completion. The Advanced Low score is the minimum that must be scored on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIC) and the Writing Proficiency Assessment (WPT).

**ENDORSEMENT: 0608: TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5053	Technology and Engineering Education	157

**ENDORSEMENT: 1055: THEATRE (PRE-K-ADULT-5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5641	Theatre	153

**ENDORSEMENT: 2250: WELLNESS (HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE)  
(PRE-K-ADULT)**

*OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 2250: WELLNESS (HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE)  
(PRE-K-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5857	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge	160

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 2250: WELLNESS (HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE)  
(PRE-K-ADULT)*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5091	Physical Education	150
5551	Health Education	156

## SECTION B: SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENTS

### **ENDORSEMENT: 4117: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (PRE-K-ADULT)**

#### **ENDORSEMENT: 4119 DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (PROFICIENT SIGNING SKILLS) LEVEL 2+ AND ABOVE ON ASLPI OR INTERMEDIATE AND ABOVE ON SLPI**

#### **ENDORSEMENT 4118: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (BASIC SIGNING SKILLS) BELOW LEVEL 2+ ON ASLPI OR BELOW INTERMEDIATE ON SLPI**

*OPTION 1: ENDORSEMENT: 4117: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (PRE-K-ADULT)*

*ENDORSEMENT: 4119 DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (PROFICIENT SIGNING SKILLS) LEVEL 2+ AND ABOVE ON ASLPI OR INTERMEDIATE AND ABOVE ON SLPI*

*ENDORSEMENT 4118: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (BASIC SIGNING SKILLS) BELOW LEVEL 2+ ON ASLPI OR BELOW INTERMEDIATE ON SLPI*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5272	Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	160
0634	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI)	Level 2+

*OPTION 2: ENDORSEMENT: 4117: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (PRE-K-ADULT)*

*ENDORSEMENT: 4119 DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (PROFICIENT SIGNING SKILLS) LEVEL 2+ AND ABOVE ON ASLPI OR INTERMEDIATE AND ABOVE ON SLPI*

*ENDORSEMENT 4118: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (BASIC SIGNING SKILLS) BELOW LEVEL 2+ ON ASLPI OR BELOW INTERMEDIATE ON SLPI*

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5272	Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	160
N/A	Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI)	Intermediate

*Please note the following for assessment 0634: American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI):*

- *ASLPI from Gallaudet University or the SLPI is not required for individuals continuously enrolled in a WVBE-approved preparation program prior to September 1, 2021.*
- *Successful completion of the ASLPI or SLPI Proficiency assessment is not required for Clinical Experience but must be completed before the endorsement is issued.*

### **ENDORSEMENT: 4112: EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL DISTURBANCE (EXCLUDING AUTISM) (K-6; 5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5355	Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145

*Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 4112: EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL DISTURBANCE (EXCLUDING AUTISM) (K-6; 5-ADULT):*

- *This endorsement is not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate or enrollment in WVDE Alternative Certification Programs or programs pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C) or W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(D).*

### **ENDORSEMENT: 4500: GIFTED (1-12)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5358	Gifted Education	157

### **ENDORSEMENT: 4113: INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (K-6; 5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5355	Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145

**ENDORSEMENT: 4115: MULTI-CATEGORICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION (BD, ID, SLD, DD) (K-6; 5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5355	Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145

**ENDORSEMENT: 4122: PRESCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS (PRE-K-K)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5692	Special Education: Early Childhood / Early Intervention	159

**ENDORSEMENT: 4104: SEVERE DISABILITIES (K-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5547	Special Education: Severe to Profound	156

**ENDORSEMENT: 4105: SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES (K-6; 5-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5355	Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145

*Please note the following for ENDORSEMENT: 4105: SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES (K-6; 5-AD):*

- This endorsement is not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate or enrollment in WVDE Alternative Certification Programs or programs pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C).*

**ENDORSEMENT: 4203: VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (PRE-K-ADULT)**

Assessment Number	Assessment Name	Minimum Score
5282	Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
0633	Braille Proficiency	169