

West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory

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DIRECTORY DESCRIPTION AND AUTHORITY INFORMATION

This directory is a listing of all West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) required licensure exams for educator certification and for completion of West Virginia Board of Education approved programs leading to West Virginia licensure. This directory is maintained on the West Virginia Department of Education website and pursuant to rules for WVBE approved testing found in West Virginia State Code (ex. sections §18A-3-1 through §18A-3-2a) and WVBE Policies (ex. 5202, 5100 and 5901). In accordance with WVBE Policy 5202 information about time periods for test validity, tests and/or scores shall remain valid for twelve months after completion of an approved program for licensure where the applicant was continuously enrolled even if the test and/or score has changed. When tests or scores listed in the directory are changed, the validity period for the previously listed test and/or score shall be one year from the effective date of the new test and/or score.

EXAM REQUIREMENTS

All Applicants must meet the following testing requirements:

1. Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) – Applicants must pass three of the following exams, specifically one reading, one writing, and one mathematics exam; AND

Required Tests	Current Score
CASE	
5712 Reading (Available until August 31, 2020)	156
5713 Reading (Available Beginning September 1, 2019)	156
5722 Writing (Available until August 31, 2020)	162
5723 Writing (Available Beginning September 1, 2019)	162
5732 Mathematics (Available until August 31, 2020)	150
5733 Mathematics (Available Beginning September 1, 2019)	150

2. Praxis II Content Test - Review the applicable content test(s) and passing scores required for each endorsement area, in accordance with appropriate grade levels, in the specialization tables of this document; AND
3. Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) (see requirement details on the next page).

PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING AND TEACHING EXAM REQUIREMENTS

(Applicants must attain a passing score on the appropriate test, according to the programmatic level of the endorsement being sought, as described in the charts below)

ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMMATIC LEVEL	PLT 5622	PLT 5623		PLT 5624
Pre-K-Adult	X		OR	X
K-6	X			
5-9		X		
5-Adult				X
9-Adult				X

Praxis Test	Required Score
5622 Principles of Learning & Teaching (K-6) OR	160
5623 Principles of Learning & Teaching (5-9) OR	160
5624 Principles of Learning & Teaching (7-12)	157

The Professional Education Test is not required for an educator seeking West Virginia licensure in a student support or administrative specialization.

A note about the professional education testing requirement for individuals seeking more than one endorsement on an initial Professional Teaching Certificate:

If more than one endorsement is sought on an initial Professional Teaching Certificate (including the Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate), the individual must pass a minimum of one appropriate Principles of Learning and Teaching exams, in accordance with programmatic level of the endorsement being sought, as described in the tables above.

Test Score Validity:

The validity period for in-state and out-of-state tests and passing scores is ten years from the date on which the candidate passed the examination if such tests were the tests required in the WVBE policy (or out-of-state policy if applicable) effective at the time the tests were taken. In those circumstances where the WVBE has not altered either the required test or the passing score, the test and score shall remain valid beyond the ten-year period. Candidates whose test score(s) exceed the ten-year validity period at the time of application for licensure are required to satisfy current tests and passing scores.

Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) scores may be used beyond the ten-year limit and may be used to satisfy the pre-professional skills test requirement.

Failure to Apply for Licensure:

A candidate who fails to apply for licensure within 12 months from the completion of an approved program for licensure is required to satisfy any current and additional test requirement(s) and program components in effect at the time of application and to comply with conditions outlined for the validity period.

SUMMARY OF EXAM EXEMPTIONS

(Review WVBE Policy 5202 for complete details)

The following exemptions are established by the WVBE for required exams of professional licensure:

Pre-Professional Skills Tests

The requirement for passing WVBE-required tests for pre-professional skills may be exempted, provided the individual meets one of the following criteria:

- Holds certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS); or
- Holds or has held a West Virginia Professional Certificate; or
- Holds a Master's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education; or
- Has attained, a composite score of 25 on the American College Test (ACT) (prior to 1989); or
- Has an ACT enhanced (effective November 1989) combined score in English and Reading of 34 with a minimum score of 17 for each area and a minimum Math score of 21; or
- Has a 1035 on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) (prior to 1995); or
- Has a 1125 on the re-centered SAT (effective April 1995); or
- Has a 1170 on the revised SAT using the combined Critical Reading and Math score (effective March 2005); or
- Has attained a New SAT score of 480 using the combined Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and a score of 530 in Math (effective May 2016); or
- Has attained from a single administration a combined score of 800 verbal and quantitative (tested prior to November 2011) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); or
- Has attained from a single administration at least a 286 (November 2011 or after) on the GRE; or
- Satisfies a passing score in basic skills reading, writing and mathematics as required in the state where the preparation program is or was completed; or
- Holds a valid out-of-state certificate in the content area in which West Virginia certification is available and requested; or
- Holds an expired out-of-state certificate or equivalent, successfully converted that certificate or equivalent into a West Virginia Statement of Eligibility, sub-sequentially converted that Statement of Eligibility into a West Virginia Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate, and is seeking conversion from a West Virginia Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate to an initial West Virginia Professional Teaching Certificate; or
- Holds documentation of successfully completing three years of experience within the last seven years in one or a combination of specializations recognized on an out-of-state professional certificate, valid during those three years.

Content Specialization Test(s)

The requirement for passing WVBE-required test(s) for content specializations may be exempted, provided the individual meets one of the following criteria:

- Holds certification through the NBPTS; or
- Holds a valid and equivalent out-of-state license in the area in which West Virginia certification is available and requested; or
- Holds a Doctorate Degree in the content area for which West Virginia licensure is available and requested; or
- Holds a Master's Degree in the content area for which West Virginia licensure is available and requested, and five years of directly related work experience in the area; or
- Holds an expired out-of-state certificate or equivalent, successfully converted that certificate or equivalent into a West Virginia Statement of Eligibility, sub-sequentially converted that Statement of Eligibility into a West Virginia Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate, and is seeking conversion from a West Virginia Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate to an initial West Virginia Professional Teaching Certificate; or
- Has successfully completed three years of experience within the last seven years in one or a combination of specializations recognized on an out-of-state professional certificate valid during those three years.

Professional Education Test(s)

The requirement for passing WVBE-required test(s) for professional education may be exempted, provided the individual meets one of the following criteria:

- Holds certification through the NBPTS; or
- Satisfied a passing score on the appropriate professional education test as required in the state where the preparation program is or was completed; or
- Holds a valid out-of-state Professional Certificate; or
- Holds an expired out-of-state certificate or equivalent and is seeking conversion from a West Virginia Provisional Professional Teaching Certificate to a West Virginia Professional Teaching Certificate for the endorsement (at the appropriate grade levels) being sought; or
- Has successfully completed three years of experience within the last seven years in one or a combination of specializations recognized on an out-of-state professional certificate valid during those three years; or
- Provide evidence of successfully completing a valid, reliable, and nationally-normed performance assessment that demonstrates and measures the proficiencies in the professional roles and in the programmatic levels for which individual is being prepared. This assessment must be aligned with relevant national and West Virginia content and professional standards. The score on this assessment must be at a proficiency level within the acceptable range.
Complete details of this specific exemption may be found within WVBE Policies 5100 and 5901.

CONTENT SPECIALIZATIONS - SECTION A
General Education

0201: AGRICULTURE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5701 Agriculture	147	

1550: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (PreK-Adult)**			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	0634: American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (Gallaudet University)	Level 4 Superior Level	

**Note: 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.

0300: ART			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5134 Art: Content Knowledge	158	

2600: BIOLOGY			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5235 Biology: Content Knowledge	152	

0600: BUSINESS EDUCATION			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5101 Business Education	157	

0603: BUSINESS EDUCATION/MARKETING			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5101 Business Education AND	157	
	5561 Marketing Education	153	

2700: CHEMISTRY			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5245 Chemistry Content Knowledge	157	

1275: CHINESE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Test Required	N/A	

7213: COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5652: Computer Science	149	171
			5651 Computer Science

2050: DANCE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	No Test Required	N/A	

0900: DRIVER EDUCATION			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	No Test Required	N/A	

Must have 1) held a valid motor vehicle operator’s license for the past three years without interruption; 2) provide evidence of a satisfactory driving record by submitting a certified copy of the applicant’s driving record from the Departments of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in each state where he or she has been licensed during the past three years; 3) has not accumulated nine or more points on the applicant’s driving record from a DMV at any time during the past three years; 4) has not been convicted of and/or had a DMV suspension or revocation of license, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, any other drugs or the combination thereof, or by clear and convincing evidence, including but not limited to, positive breath or blood test or field sobriety results, has not operated a motor vehicle under the influence of same; AND 5) has completed training in defensive driving.

3601: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (K-4)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5024 Education of Young Children AND	160	
	5203 Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (Available until September 1, 2020) OR	162	
	5205: Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (Available after September 1, 2019)	159	

***A Passing Score on the PRAXIS EXAM #5301 or 5302 Reading Specialist exempts this additional teaching reading exam requirement. Educator must have the Reading Specialist Endorsement.**

3603: EARLY EDUCATION (PreK-K)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		5531 PreK-Kindergarten Education	155

2910: EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE (5-AD)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		5571: Earth and Space Science: Content Knowledge	147

3600: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score Effective September 1, 2015	<i>Previous Score Effective Until August 31, 2015</i>
	5001: Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	**Must obtain a passing score in each subsection	<i>5031 Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects**</i>
	5002: Reading and Language Arts	157	165 <i>5032 Reading and Language Arts</i>
	5003: Mathematics	157	164 <i>5033 Mathematics</i>
	5004: Social Studies	155	155 <i>5034 Social Studies</i>
	5005: Science AND	159	159 <i>5035 Science</i>
	5203: Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (Available until September 1, 2020) (*A passing score on the 5301 or 5302 Reading Specialist exam exempts this additional teaching reading exam requirement. Educator must have the Reading Specialist Endorsement)	162	
5205: Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (Available after September 1, 2019) (*A passing score on the 5301 or 5302 Reading Specialist exam exempts this additional teaching reading exam requirement. Educator must have the Reading Specialist Endorsement)	159		

1920: ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS SPECIALIZATION (K-6)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Test Required	N/A	

1940: ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST (K-6)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	Test To Be Determined	TBD	
**Requires a Master's Degree in Elementary Math Specialist			

1000: ENGLISH (5-Adult)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5038 English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167	

1030: ENGLISH (5-9)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5047 Middle School English Language Arts	164	

1050: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (PreK-Adult)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score Effective September 1, 2016	Previous Score Effective until August 31, 2016
	5362: English to Speakers of Other Languages	155	137
			5361: English as a Second Language

1706: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score Effective September 1, 2015	<i>Previous Score Effective until August 31, 2015</i>
		5122 Family and Consumer Science	153

1100: FRENCH			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		5174 World Languages: French	160

1950: ALGEBRA I (5-Adult) (Previously General, Integrated Mathematics 5-AD)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		5162: Algebra I	157

1905: GENERAL MATH THROUGH ALGEBRA I			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		5169: Middle School Math	165

2900: GENERAL SCIENCE (5-Adult)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		5435 General Science: Content Knowledge	153

2905: GENERAL SCIENCE (5-9)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5440 Middle School Science (Available until August 31, 2021) OR	150	
	5442 Middle School Science (Available after September 1, 2020)	152	

1908: GEOMETRY			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score <i>Effective September 1, 2019</i>	Previous Score
	5163 Geometry	148	

1200: GERMAN			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5183 World Languages: German	160	

2205: HEALTH			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5551 Health Education	156	

0615: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Test Required	N/A	

1250: JAPANESE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Test Required	N/A	

3900: JOURNALISM			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Test Required	N/A	

1300: LATIN			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5601 Latin	131	

0710: MARKETING			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5561 Marketing Education	153	

1900: MATHEMATICS (5-Adult)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5161 Mathematics: Content Knowledge (Calculator Required)	160	

2000: MUSIC			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5113 Music Content Knowledge (Contains Listening Section)	155	

3700: ORAL COMMUNICATION			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5221 Speech Communication	150	

2210: PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5091 Physical Education: Content Knowledge	150	

2500: PHYSICS			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5265 Physics: Content Knowledge	126	

3606: PRESCHOOL EDUCATION (PreK-PreK)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Test Required	N/A	

4301: READING EDUCATION			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Test Required	N/A	

4300: READING SPECIALIST¹			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5301 Reading Specialist (Available until August 31, 2021)** OR	164	
	5302 Reading Specialist (Available after September 1, 2020) **	165	
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

1400: RUSSIAN			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	No Required Test	N/A	

3440: SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5311 School Library Media Specialist	138	

3000: SOCIAL STUDIES (5-Adult)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5081 Social Studies: Content Knowledge	148	

3030: SOCIAL STUDIES (5-9)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5089 Middle School Social Studies	151	

1500: SPANISH PK-AD			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5195 World Languages: Spanish	163	

0608: TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5051 Technology Education	159	

1055: THEATRE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	No Test Required	N/A	

2250: WELLNESS (PreK-Adult) Health and Physical Education Comprehensive			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5857: Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge OR	160	
	5091: Physical Education AND	150	
	5551: Health Education	156	

¹A Master's Degree is Required

CONTENT SPECIALIZATIONS - SECTION B
SPECIAL EDUCATION

4116: AUTISM			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5354 Special Education: Content Knowledge & Applications OR	151	
	5543 Education of Exceptional Students: Mild to Moderate	153	
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

4112: BEHAVIOR DISORDERS (Excluding Autism)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5372 Special Education: Teaching Student with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances AND	154	
	5354 Special Education: Content Knowledge & Applications	151	

4117: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5272: Deaf and Hard of Hearing	160	
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

4500: GIFTED			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5358: Gifted Education	157	

4113: MENTALLY IMPAIRED (MILD/MODERATE)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5354 Special Education: Content Knowledge & Applications	151	

4115: Multi-Categorical Special Education (BD , MI, SLD, EXCLUDING AUTISM)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5543 Education of Exceptional Students: Mild to Moderate	153	

4122: PRESCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS (PreK-K)			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5691 Preschool/Early Childhood	159	

4104: SEVERE DISABILITIES			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5545 Special Education Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications	158	

4105: SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	Previous Score
	5383 Education of Exceptional Students: Learning Disabilities, AND	151	
	5354 Special Education: Content Knowledge & Applications	151	

4203: VISUAL IMPAIRMENT			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score Effective July 1, 2016	<i>Previous Score Effective until June 30, 2016</i>
		5282 Teaching Students with Visual Impairments AND 0633: Braille Proficiency	163 169
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SPECIALIZATIONS –
SECTION C**

0015: PRINCIPAL¹			
0006: SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUCTION¹			
0001: SUPERINTENDENT¹			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5412 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146	141 5411 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

0005: SCHOOL COUNSELOR¹			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5421 School Guidance and Counseling (Contains Listening Section)	156	
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

3302: SCHOOL NURSE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	No Test Required	N/A	
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			
	Valid West Virginia RN Licensure		

3800: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST¹			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5402 School Psychologist	147	
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

5005: SOCIAL SERVICES/ATTENDANCE			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		No Test Required	N/A
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

2311: SPEECH ASSISTANT			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
		No Test Required	N/A
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

2310: SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST¹			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	<i>Previous Score</i>
	5331 Speech Language Pathology	162	
**This endorsement is not eligible to be added to a professional certificate under the option for adding and endorsement based upon content proficiency in WVBE Policy.			

¹A Master's Degree is Required