

# 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).

## 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
Core Academic Skills for Educators	
<b>5713 Reading</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>5723 Writing</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>5733 Mathematics</b>	<b>150</b>
<i>If you wish to take all three computer-delivered Core exams (5713, 5723, 5733) at the same time, select Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test (5752) when registering. Scores will be reported by individual test (5713, 5723, 5733).</i>	Individual scores as stated above

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)*

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

<b>Praxis Test</b>	<b>Required Score</b>
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.*

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.

## **ALLOWABLE EXAM EXEMPTIONS**

*(As per WVBE Policy 5202)*

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

### **Pre-Professional Skills Tests**

***Individuals may be exempt from the WVBE-required tests for pre-professional skills (Reading, Writing, Mathematics), provided they meet 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 from a single administration of 25 on the American College Test (ACT) (prior to 1989); 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 from a single administration 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.

### ***For exemption from the Reading and Writing Pre-Professional Skills Test only:***

- Has attained a minimum combined score of 34 on the ACT enhanced exam (effective November 1989) in both English and Reading with a minimum individual score of 17 for each individual subject (English and Reading). Eligible scores for English and Reading on the ACT enhanced exam may be combined from multiple administrations of the exam; or

### ***For exemption from the Mathematics Pre-Professional Skills Test only:***

- Has attained a minimum individual score of 21 on the ACT enhanced exam (effective November 1989) in mathematics during any administration of the test; or

### **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, if such assessment has been officially adopted by the preparing institution/state. 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**

<b>0201: AGRICULTURE</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5701 Agriculture	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.			

<b>0201: Algebra II</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required		
<i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i>			

<b>1550: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (PreK-Adult)**</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current 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.			

<b>0300: ART</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5134 Art: Content Knowledge	158	

<b>2600: BIOLOGY</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5235 Biology: Content Knowledge	152	

<b>0600: BUSINESS EDUCATION</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5101 Business Education	157	

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

<b>2700: CHEMISTRY</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5245 Chemistry Content Knowledge	157	

<b>1275: CHINESE</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	

*Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate*

<b>7213: COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5652: Computer Science	149	

*Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate*

<b>2050: DANCE</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i>			

<b>0900: DRIVER EDUCATION</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i>			
<p>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.</p>			

<b>3601: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (K-4)</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5024 Education of Young Children <b>AND</b>	160	
	5205: Teaching Reading: Elementary Education	159	
(*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)			

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

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

<b>3600: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score Effective September 1, 2015	
	5001: Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	<b>**Must obtain a passing score in each subsection</b>	
	5002: Reading and Language Arts	157	
	5003: Mathematics	157	
	5004: Social Studies	155	
	5005: Science <b>AND</b>	159	
	5205: Teaching Reading: Elementary Education  (*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	

<b>1920: ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS SPECIALIZATION (K-6)</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i>			

<b>1940: ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST (K-6)</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	Test To Be Determined	TBD	
<b>**Requires a Master's Degree in Elementary Math Specialist. <i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i></b>			

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



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

<b>1050: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (PreK-Adult)</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score Effective September 1, 2016	
	5362: English to Speakers of Other Languages	155	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>1200: GERMAN</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5183 World Languages: German	160	

<b>2205: HEALTH</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5551 Health Education	156	

<b>0615: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i>			

<b>1250: JAPANESE</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i>			

<b>3900: JOURNALISM</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<i>Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate</i>			

<b>1300: LATIN</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5601 Latin	131	

<b>0710: MARKETING</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5561 Marketing Education	153	

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

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

<b>3700: ORAL COMMUNICATION</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5221 Speech Communication	150	

<b>2210: PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5091 Physical Education: Content Knowledge	150	

<b>2500: PHYSICS</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5265 Physics: Content Knowledge	126	

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

*Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate*

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

*Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate*

<b>4300: READING SPECIALIST<sup>1</sup></b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5301 Reading Specialist (Available until August 31, 2021)** <b>OR</b>	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. Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate**

<b>1400: RUSSIAN</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Required Test	N/A	

*Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate*

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate*

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

<sup>1</sup>A Master’s Degree is Required

**CONTENT SPECIALIZATIONS - SECTION B**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

<b>4116: AUTISM</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5354 Special Education: Content Knowledge & Applications <b>OR</b>	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.			

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

<b>4117: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5272: Deaf and Hard of Hearing	160	

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



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

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

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

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

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

<b>4203: VISUAL IMPAIRMENT</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score Effective July 1, 2016	
	5282 Teaching Students with Visual Impairments <b>AND</b> 0633: Braille Proficiency	163 169	

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SPECIALIZATIONS –**

**SECTION C**

\*\*\* These are not eligible for the Alternative Teaching Certificate

<b>0015: PRINCIPAL<sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>0006: SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUCTION<sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>0001: SUPERINTENDENT<sup>1</sup></b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5412 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146	
**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.			

<b>0005: SCHOOL COUNSELOR<sup>1</sup></b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	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.			

<b>3302: SCHOOL NURSE</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	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		

<b>3800: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST<sup>1</sup></b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	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.			

<b>5005: SOCIAL SERVICES/ATTENDANCE</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<b>**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.</b>			

<b>2311: SPEECH ASSISTANT</b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	No Test Required	N/A	
<b>**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.</b>			

<b>2310: SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST<sup>1</sup></b>			
Required Praxis II Content Test and Score		Current Score	
	5331 Speech Language Pathology	162	
<b>**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.</b>			

<sup>1</sup>A Master's Degree is Required