



Beginning in the spring of 2013, teacher candidates completing an accredited Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) program in Montana must meet the 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 the EPPs. This policy ensures consistency across state programs. It also assures Montana school districts that Montana teacher candidates meet the federal Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) requirements for Montana, as defined by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 2001 and the Montana Board of Public Education requirements.

Montana Assessment for Content Knowledge Verification

Teacher candidates must earn at least 7 points on the Montana Assessment for 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 who receive 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 II test**

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