



**Montana Assessment for Content Knowledge Verification: Teacher Candidates  
Implementation: Spring 2013**

Teacher candidates shall pass the Montana Assessment for Content Knowledge with at least a score of 7 to be recommended for licensure by an accredited Montana postsecondary education preparation program. The possible range for the Content Knowledge Score (CKS) is 0-11. Teacher candidates scoring lower than CKS = 7, or who score zero on any of the three multiple measures, shall not be recommended for licensure.

**1. Content Coursework GPA**

(GPA for content coursework required in the academic subject)

The possible range for awarding points in this component 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**

(The assessment is completed by a cooperating teacher and a college/university supervisor.)

The possible range for awarding points in this component 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

**3. Passing Score on PRAXIS II Content Knowledge Test**

The possible range for awarding points in this component is 0-4 and will be calculated as follows:

<i>Score Range</i>	<i>Points</i>
Excellent Mark (ETS Designation)	4
Meets/Exceeds MT Passing Score	3
At least 90 % of MT passing score	2
At least 80 % of MT passing score	1*
Below 80 % of MT passing score	0

\* For candidates who achieve a minimum passing composite score of 7, but receive a score of 1 on rubric components 1, 2, or 3 above, a further individualized review of the candidate's content knowledge and teaching skills will be conducted by the Montana College or University to ensure that the candidate merits recommendation for licensure.