

OUT-OF-STATE (OOS) PATHWAY TESTING INFORMATION

This testing information pertains to applicants who completed educator preparation programs for teaching, pupil services, and/or administrator licensure at a college or university headquartered outside the state of Wisconsin, including online colleges or universities and out-of-country (non-U.S.) colleges or universities. Educators who live outside Wisconsin but completed a Wisconsin educator preparation program are considered in-state applicants.

All applicants for Wisconsin teaching, pupil services, and administrative licenses through the out-of-state pathway must provide passing scores on all required tests taken out of state and for the state of Wisconsin. For some licensure areas, the Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin is an additional content knowledge test. Applicants are required to pass all tests for licensure in the state where the educator preparation program is headquartered and be eligible for licensure in the state where their educator preparation program is headquartered.

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I. FOUNDATIONS OF READING TEST FOR WISCONSIN

Effective January 31, 2014, all applicants applying for a Wisconsin teaching license in elementary education (PK-5), special education, or reading (see list below) are required to pass the Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin, a test of reading instruction knowledge and skills administered by Pearson Education, Inc. The Foundations of Reading Test #0090 will no longer be offered after Fall 2022. The passing score for the Foundations of Reading Test #0090 is 240. The Foundations of Reading Test exam #190 will be offered in its place. The passing score for the Foundations of Reading Test #190 is 233. This requirement is in addition to the current content testing requirements for each license.

Applicants for these Wisconsin licenses must pass the Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin:

- Regular Education – Early Childhood (1777)
- Early Childhood Education (1083)
- Regular Education – Early Childhood-Middle Childhood (1777)
- Regular Education – Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (1777)
- Elementary/Middle Level Education (2088)
- Montessori (1778)
- Early Childhood Special Education (1809)
- Early Childhood-EEN (1808)
- Cross Categorical – Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (1801)
- Cross Categorical – Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (2801)
- Specific Learning Disabilities – Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (1811)
- Emotional Behavioral Disabilities – Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (1830)
- Cognitive Disabilities – Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (1810)
- Cross Categorical – Early Adolescence-Adolescence (1801)
- Cross Categorical – Early Adolescence-Adolescence (2801)
- Specific Learning Disabilities – Early Adolescence-Adolescence (1811)
- Emotional Behavioral Disabilities – Early Adolescence-Adolescence (1830)
- Cognitive Disabilities – Early Adolescence-Adolescence (1810)
- Reading Teacher (1316)
- Reading Specialist (5017)

Registering for the Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin

1. **REGISTER** directly with the test vendor:
Pearson Education www.wi.nesinc.com/
2. **TAKE** the test. **OBTAIN** an original score report from the test vendor. **VERIFY** minimum passing score. *Do not have score reports sent to the DPI.*
3. **SUBMIT** a scanned copy of original score report when applying for Wisconsin licensure.

Pearson Education administers the NES Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin. Visit www.wi.nesinc.com/ for practice testing materials, registration information, and policies for the Foundations of Reading Test.

II. WISCONSIN CONTENT TESTS

Applicants who completed an approved educator preparation program after August 31, 2004, are required to complete the appropriate content test(s) listed below. A content test taken for initial licensure in another state may be used in place of Wisconsin's content tests for the out-of-state application. If an applicant has not taken a content test for initial licensure in another state, in lieu of Wisconsin's content exam a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the subject area or position of the licensure program may be substituted.

*Please note: DPI does not license candidate who added licenses in other states solely based on a content exam.

Refer to <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/licensing/types/educator-general> to understand the license types and developmental levels of licenses in Wisconsin. Please note:

- Applicants who completed an elementary education program after August 31, 2004 and wish to apply for licensure at the early childhood-middle childhood developmental level (EC-MC, ages birth to 8), must have at minimum a concentration or minor in early childhood. Otherwise, licensure at the middle childhood-early adolescence developmental level (MC-EA, grades 1 through 8) is more likely appropriate.
- Similarly, applicants who wish to apply for licensure in early childhood special education must have significant preparation in early childhood. Otherwise, licensure at the middle childhood-early adolescence developmental level (MC-EA, grades 1 through 8) in cross categorical special education is more likely appropriate.

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Regular Education Teaching Licenses

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores. Both subject area tests are required.

Regular Education (1777) - Early Childhood

Praxis II Elementary Content Knowledge (5014 or 0014) passing score: 147

OR

Praxis II Elementary Content Knowledge (5018) passing score: 157

AND

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (90) passing score: 240

OR

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (190) passing score: 233

Elementary and Middle School (2088) - Kindergarten-9

Praxis II Middle School Content Knowledge (5146 or 0146) passing score: 146

AND

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (90) passing score: 240

OR

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (190) passing score: 233

Special Education Teaching Licenses

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores. Both subject area tests are required.

Early Childhood Special Education (1809)

Praxis II Elementary Content Knowledge (5014 or 0014) passing score: 147

OR

Praxis II Elementary Content Knowledge (5018) passing score: 157

AND

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (90) passing score: 240

OR

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (190) passing score: 233

Special Education Teaching Licenses (continued)

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores. Both subject area tests are required.

Cross Categorical (2801)

Praxis II Middle School Content Knowledge (5146 or 0146)	passing score: 146
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AND

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (90)	passing score: 240
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OR

Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (190)	passing score: 233
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Visual Impairments (1825)

Praxis II Middle School Content Knowledge (5146 or 0146)	passing score: 146
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AND

National Certification in the Unified English of Braille (NCUEB)	documentation of passing
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Middle and High School (4-12)

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores.

English Language Arts (2300)

Praxis II English Language Arts Content Knowledge (5038)	passing score: 167
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OR

Praxis II English Language, Literature, and Composition (0041 or 5041)	passing score: 160
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Computer Science (1405)

No test required at this time.

Mathematics (1400)

Praxis II Mathematics Content Knowledge (5165)	passing score: 159
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OR

Praxis II Mathematics Content Knowledge (5161)	passing score: 160
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OR

Praxis II Mathematics Content Knowledge (0061 or 5061)	passing score: 135
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Middle and High School (4-12) (continued)

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores.

Science (2600)

Praxis II General Science Content Knowledge (5435 or 0435) passing score: 154

OR

Praxis II General Science Content Knowledge (5436) passing score: 141

Social Studies (2700)

Praxis II Social Studies Content Knowledge (5081 or 0081) passing score: 153

Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12)

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores.

Agriculture (1200)

Praxis II Agriculture (5701) passing score: 147

OR

Praxis II Agriculture (0700) passing score: 510

Art (1550)

Praxis II Art Content Knowledge (5134 or 0134) passing score: 158

OR

Praxis II Art Content Knowledge (0133) passing score: 155

Business Education (1250)

Praxis II Business Education (5101 or 0101) passing score: 154

OR

Praxis II Business Education (0100) passing score: 580

Deaf or Hard of Hearing (1805)

Praxis II Middle School Content Knowledge (5146 or 0146) passing score: 146

Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) (continued)

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores.

English as a Second Language (1395)

Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362) passing score: 149

OR

Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages (5361 or 0361) passing score: 143

OR

Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages (0360) passing score: 530

Family and Consumer Education (1210)

Praxis II Family & Consumer Sciences (5122) passing score: 153

OR

Praxis II Family & Consumer Sciences (0121 or 5121) passing score: 159

OR

Praxis II Family & Consumer Sciences (0120) passing score: 590

Health Education (1910)

Praxis II Health Education (5550 or 0550) passing score: 610

OR

Praxis II Health Education (5551) passing score: 151

Marketing Education (1285)

Praxis II Marketing Education (5561 or 0561) passing score: 153

OR

Praxis II Marketing Education (0560) passing score: 600

Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) (continued)

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores.

Music (2500)

Praxis II Music Content Knowledge (5113 or 0113)	passing score: 150
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Physical Education (1530)

Praxis II Physical Education Content Knowledge (5091 or 0091)	passing score: 150
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Speech and Language Pathology (1820)

Praxis II Speech Language Pathology (5331)	passing score: 162
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OR

Praxis II Speech Language Pathology (0330 or 5330)	passing score: 600
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Technology Education (1220)

Praxis II Technology Education (5051 or 0051)	passing score: 159
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OR

Praxis II Technology Education (0050)	passing score: 590
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Theatre (1325)

Praxis II Theatre (5641 or 0641)	passing score: 157
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OR

Praxis II Theatre (0640)	passing score: 600
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Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) – World Languages

These are the ONLY ACCEPTED TESTS and passing scores.*

License	Language Testing International Test Name	Passing Scores
Chinese-Mandarin (1349)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – Chinese, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Chinese	Intermediate High on both tests
French (1355)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – French, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - French	Intermediate High on both tests
German (1370)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – German, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - German	Intermediate High on both tests
Hebrew (1356)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – Hebrew, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Hebrew	Intermediate High on both tests
Italian (1360)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – Italian, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Italian	Intermediate High on both tests
Japanese (1375)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – Japanese, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Japanese	Intermediate High on both tests
Polish (1380)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – Polish, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Polish	Intermediate High on both tests
Portuguese (1381)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – Portuguese, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Portuguese	Intermediate High on both tests
Russian (1385)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview – Russian, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Russian	Intermediate High on both tests
Spanish (1365)	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview -Spanish, and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test - Spanish	Intermediate High on both tests

*Note: If you completed your educator preparation program between September 1, 2004, and August 31, 2011, and took the appropriate Praxis II world language test during that time, we will accept your score report for that test. However, if you completed your program between these dates and did not take the Praxis II during that time, you must take the ACTFL as outlined above.

School Social Worker (7050)

None required (effective 7/1/2014)

Registering for the required Wisconsin Content Tests

1. **REGISTER** directly with the test vendor to take the test:

ETS Praxis® II content tests

www.ets.org/praxis

Pearson Education

www.wi.nesinc.com/

Language Testing International ACTFL

www.languagetesting.com

National Braille Professional Certification Board

www.nbpcb.org/ncueb

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The Educational Testing Service (ETS) administers the Praxis II® content tests. Visit www.ets.org/praxis/register for testing information, registration information, and policies.

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Language Testing International administers the American Council for Teaching Foreign Language tests. Visit www.languagetesting.com for testing information.

National Braille Professional Certification Board administers the National Certification in the Unified English of Braille (NCUEB) assessment. Visit <https://www.nbpcb.org/ncueb/> for information.