

Qualifying for PA Certification with Less than a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Individuals applying for PA certification are required to have earned at least a 3.0 GPA. However, PA regulation does permit individuals to be certified who have:

“Earned an overall minimum GPA of 2.8 and have earned a score on the appropriate subject area assessment required under § 49.18 (relating to assessment) that is at least one standard error of measure above the established qualifying score for that assessment.”

Therefore, if an applicant for PA certification has at least a 2.8 GPA, and has scored as least one standard error of measurement above the PA qualifying score on the appropriate content area test, he or she will meet the GPA requirements for certification.

The following table provides the resulting qualifying scores:

Pennsylvania Praxis Content Test	PA Qualifying Score	Standard Error of Measurement (ETS)	2.8 GPA Qualifying Score
Administrative Ed. Leadership (0410)	580	28	608
Agriculture (0780)	520	33	553
Art: Content Knowledge (0133)	161	4.5	166
Biology: Content Knowledge (0235)	147	4.5	152
Business Education (0100)	560	20	580
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (0245)	154	6.5	161
Citizenship Ed: Content Know. (0087)	148	5	153
Communication (0800)	530	34	564
Cooperative Education (0810)	770	29	799
Early Childhood Education (0020)	530	23	553
Earth Science: Content Know. (0571)	157	5.4	162
Elem. Ed. Curr. Inst. & Assess (0011)	168	7.1	175
English Lang. Lit. & Comp. Content (0041)	160	5	165
Environmental Education (0830)	600	35	635
Family & Consumer Science (0121)	162	f	f
Foreign Lang. - French: Content (0173)	170	4.4	174
Foreign Lang. - German: Content 20181)	165	4.7	170
Foreign Lang.- Latin Content (0600)	610	33	643
Foreign Lang. - Spanish: Content (0191)	166	4.8	171
Fundamental Subjects Content Know. (0511)	150	5.4	155
Elem. Ed. Curr. Inst. & Assess (0011)	168	7.1	175
General Science: Content (0435)	146	5.5	152
Health Education: Content (0550)	650	29	679
Health & Phys. Ed. Cont. Know. (0856)	146	5	151
Library Media Specialist (0311)	151	f	f
Marketing Education (0561)	144	f	f
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061)	136	8.3	144
Middle School English 7-9 (0049)	163	7.2	170
Middle School Math 7-9 (0069)	151	7.2	158
Middle School Science 7-9 (0439)	144	6	150
Middle School Social Studies 7-9 (0089)	152	6.3	158
Music: Content Knowledge (0113)	158	5.1	163

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Physics: Content Knowledge (0265)	140	6.3	146
Reading Specialist (0300)	570	27	597
Safety/Driver Education (0860)	520	39	559
Social Studies: Content Know. (0081)	157	4.8	162
Spec. Ed.- Ed. Deaf & Hard of Hearing (0271)	164	6.9	171
Spec. Ed.- Ed. of Exceptional Students (0353)	136	7.3	143
Spec. Ed. - Teach. Speech to Student w/LI (0880)	590	39	629
Speech Language Pathology (0330)	600	26	626
Special Ed. - Teach. Student w/VI (0280)	620	32	652
Supervisory - Educational Leadership (0410)	580	28	608
Technology Education (0050)	620	16	636
School Counselor (0420)	590	24	614
School Psychologist (0401)	150	f	f

f: New test data not available