

**CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
***Subject Area Assessment Excellence Scores***  
***Adopted by the State Board of Education on June 2, 2010***

In accordance with Public Act 09-01, commencing July 1, 2010, candidates for certification in designated shortage areas are allowed to substitute the achievement of excellence scores on the State Board of Education approved subject area assessment(s) appropriate to the certification endorsement sought, in lieu of a subject area major or subject area coursework required in statute, or in the Regulations of State Agencies Concerning State Educator Certificates, Permits and Authorizations. Excellence scores may NOT be substituted for pedagogical coursework required in regulations. Excellence scores may also be used by the Department in lieu of content area coursework required for issuing a cross-endorsement. Educator preparation institutions and alternate route programs have the **option** to use an excellence score in lieu of a subject area major or minimum subject area coursework requirement; however, use of this option is at the discretion of each preparation institution or program.

| Subject Area Assessments Adopted by the<br>State Board of Education  | Min. Passing<br>Score   | Excellence<br>Score   |
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| <b>ENGLISH</b><br>*Praxis II English Language, Literature and Composition Content<br>and Analysis (#044) – Effective September 1, 2011<br>Praxis II English Language, Literature & Composition:<br>- Content Knowledge (#0041)<br>- Essays (#0042)<br><br>Praxis II Middle School English & Language Arts (#0049)  | 172<br><br><br>172<br>160<br><br>164  | 190<br><br><br>190<br>175<br><br>183  |
| <b>MATHEMATICS</b><br>Praxis II Mathematics Content Knowledge (#0061)<br><br>Praxis II Middle School Mathematics (#0069)   | 137<br><br>158  | 165<br><br>182  |
| <b>SCIENCE</b><br>Praxis II Biology: Content Knowledge (#0235)<br><br>Praxis II Chemistry: Content Knowledge (#0245)<br>Praxis II Chemistry: Content Essays (#0242)<br><br>Praxis II Earth Science: Content Knowledge (#0571)<br><br>Praxis II General Science: Content Knowledge (#0435)<br>Praxis II General Science: Content Essays (#0433)<br><br>Praxis II Physics: Content Knowledge (#0265)<br>Praxis II Physics: Content Essays (#0262)<br><br>Praxis II Middle School Science (#0439) | 152<br><br>151<br>140<br><br>157<br><br>157<br>145<br><br>141<br>135<br><br>162 | 177<br><br>182<br>170<br><br>184<br><br>185<br>175<br><br>176<br>168<br><br>183 |
| <b>WORLD LANGUAGES</b><br>ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)<br>ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)   | Intermediate High<br>Intermediate High  | Advanced-Mid<br>Advanced-Mid  |

\*The excellence score on the new English language Praxis II test (#044) will be reviewed and confirmed by 9/1/2012.