

## ASSESSMENT 1. CONTENT KNOWLEDGE A

### DESCRIPTION

Content is covered in specific area coursework and is closely monitored by the requirements for each discipline. All content areas also require a minimum score on the national PRAXIS exam. Up to this point all communications with content area professors, advisors, and different departments have been addressed on an individual basis. This was not a problem with only one MLED professor, but since the growth of the program new systems are in development.

Middle level preservice teachers must have achieved a B- in each of their four middle level courses in order to be eligible for their student teaching.

Data is included for the preservice teachers from the spring of 2010 who have just completed their fourth middle level course and are ready to begin their practicum and then student teaching. The students seeking a secondary certification with the middle level endorsement take the Praxis Test in their content area while those seeking elementary certification with the middle level endorsement take a Content Knowledge Test. Grade points are also given.

Results show all students in this group have grade points 3.0 and better and many of their scores are considerably above the cut off. Indications are those preservice teachers seeking the endorsement are a motivated group partly as they need to complete an extra semester to complete all their coursework.

Data

<u>ACADEMIC YEAR</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>MEAN SCORES</u>
2009/10	17	Secondary English Praxis - 165, 165 (cut off is 160) Grade points – 3.13 and 3.02  Secondary History Praxis - 161, 183, 165, 170 (cut off is 157) Grade points – 3.04, 3.09, 3.0, and 3.0  Secondary Mathematics Praxis – 143, 174, and 141 (cut off is 140) Grade points – 3.45, 3.40, and 3.11  Secondary Science Praxis – 181 (cut off is 152) Grade point – 3.23  Secondary Spanish Praxis – 191/197 and 184 and 190 (cut off for content is 156 and language skills is 174) Grade points – 3.0 and 3.18  Elementary Content Test Scores – 154, 168, 172, 181, 165 (cut off is 145)  Grade points -3.57, 3.64, 3.23, 3.40, and 3.66
2008/09		
2007/08		

\* Enter sub-scores if available.