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## Department of Education

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This letter provides an overview of requirements for candidate program completion assessment for teacher preparation programs. Iowa requires assessment for teacher preparation programs only, and only for initial licensure.

1. This statutory assessment requirement is for program completion, it is not for licensure. This requirement does not affect graduation or degree conference. If a candidate seeks a license in another state that requires program completion, Iowa assessment requirements must be met before a program can certify candidate program completion for any state.
2. Candidate program completion assessment is a component of program assessment. For this reason, the program determines which assessment will be used and should be consistent for all candidates.
3. Candidates who add multiple endorsements are only required to be assessed in the initial or primary license/endorsement area. If a person is being prepared in secondary math and adds an endorsement in chemistry, for the content test requirement, the candidate need only take the content test in math.
4. Required tests for each endorsement and passing score requirements are determined by the Director of the Department of Education. **All required tests and required passing scores are listed on the Department website [here](#).**
5. Once the candidate achieves a passing score on an assessment, the candidate is considered to have a passing score, even if the required score or test changes later.
6. Iowa authorizes three options for program completion assessment that programs can choose from:
  - Option 1:** ETS Praxis Series assessments. Candidates must pass two assessments:
    - a. Pedagogy: The grade level appropriate Principles of Teaching and Learning (PLT) assessment.
    - b. Content: The appropriate Praxis Content Assessment.
  - Option 2:** The edTPA assessment appropriate for the content area of the endorsement being sought.
  - Option 3:** ETS PPAT and Praxis Content assessment. Candidates must pass two assessments:
    - a. Pedagogy: PPAT performance assessment.
    - b. Content: The appropriate Praxis Content Assessment.

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