

Montana CANS

PREPARING FOR RECERTIFICATION

- Certification in CANS is required on an annual basis with a .70 and above.
- Individual certification is done by reading a test vignette and rating each item on the MT CANS.
- Montana CANS certification is done through www.canstraining.com and there are additional resources available to you on the site. *Please note, if you do not recertify within 90 days of your expiration date your account will be deleted from www.canstraining.com*

Helpful Tips

- Schedule at least 2 hours of time, take notes, and create an environment free of disruptions and distractions.
- Watch ‘CANS Overview and TCOM & Advanced Tools’ videos by Dr. John Lyons at www.canstraining.com (under ‘My Courses’ Tab) -- look for the video  icon.
- Use your Montana CANS Reference Guide for testing and in practice.
 - Familiarize yourself with the items by reading through the Table of Contents
- Refer to the item- and rating-specific definitions to ensure reliable ratings.
- It is suggested that you complete a few *Practice Tests* before attempting a *Final Exam* for CANS Certification at www.canstraining.com
- Regardless of your Practice Test score, review your ratings compared to the recommended ratings for each item on the test. For any item where you are 2 or 3 ratings from the recommended, make note and look for any patterns. **This can only be done at the time you receive your results.** The system does not store these.
- Only rate items based on evidence available in the vignette. Do not ‘make a movie’ of the child/youth and family; focus on only what you know from the vignette.
- Do not try to predict future behavior or create casual inferences while rating the CANS.
- If you do not have any evidence of a need for any item rated on the Needs Scale, it should be rated with a 0.
- If you do not have any evidence of a strength for any item rated on the Strengths Scale, it should be rated with a 3.



For more information, visit:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/CMB>

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