2014 CTAE Winter Conference
End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA) Update

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**Strategies to Increase EOPA Pass Rates**

- New Georgia Performance Standards
- Utilize EOPA Exam Blueprints
  - Professional Learning Days (beginning of school year; throughout the year)
    - Review competencies on blueprints
    - Review Georgia Performance Standards
    - Identify additional resources to be used along with Georgia Performance Standards
    - Review student score reports (during the school year)
Strategies to Increase EOPA Pass Rates

• Utilize the Georgia Performance Standards
• Conduct Review Sessions
  – Best Practices to highlight review session ideas; resources, professional learning activities, etc.
FY2014 EOPA Technical Skill Attainment Inventory

• Is posted on the CTAE Assessment Web Page at the following link:

• Contains all exam options for FY2014
  – **Please make sure you are using the correct exam option**

• Make sure your document has a revision date of October 7, 2013.
Changes to ACCT Inventory

• **Physical Medicine**
  – National Health Science Assessment

• **Broadcast/Video Production:**
  – Adobe Premiere Pro
  – NOCTI Television Production (available mid-February to early March)

• **Graphic Communications:**
  – Adobe Photoshop
  – NOCTI Graphic Production Technology (available mid-February to early March)
EOPA Exam Options for Industry Certified Programs

• Your programs **must be** industry certified in order to dispense the following EOPA Exam Options:
  – NCCER Level 1 Certification Exams
  – ACF Certified Junior Culinarian (CJC) Exams
  – ACF Secondary Culinary Graduate Certificate Exams

• Alternate exam options available for each pathway

• Does not require an industry certified program
EOPA Exam Options for Industry Certified Programs

- ACF Exams / NCCER Exams are exam options
- Other exam options can be utilized
NCCER Level 1 Certifications

- Excellent incentive to get Construction Programs industry certified:
- Level 1 Certifications available to students in:
  - Carpentry
  - Electrical Wiring
  - HVACR
  - Masonry
  - Plumbing
- Successfully passing all the modules exams can count as the EOPA
American Design Drafter Association (ADDA) Exams

- **Does not require** that a program be industry certified
- Offers discounted exam costs for programs that are industry certified
- ADDA Exam Options in EOPA Inventory includes:
  - Architectural Certified Apprentice Drafter
  - Mechanical Certified Apprentice Drafter
  - Mechanical Certified Drafter
ADDA – Redesigned Website

• Certification information can be found at the following ADDA link:
  – http://www.adda.org/index.php/professional/professional-certification

• Assessment Information Sheets have been updated on the CTAE Assessment Web Page.

• Review guides are available for purchase
  – separately at $35.00 each
  – Included in the price of an exam voucher

• Practice exams available at $15.00 each

• Contact Pennie King at (731) 627-0802 ext. 103 or pking@adda.org
ASE Student Certification Exams

• Transportation Logistical Operations & Support
  – 9 exam options
• Collision Repair
  – 4 exam options
• Students can take all exams in the series
• One exam cost
  – $30.00
• All exams in the series can be reported through student records
• Reminder: These are student exams
FY2015 EOPA Technical Skill Attainment Inventory

• Will be posted to the CTAE Assessment Web Site before GACTE Summer In-Service (perhaps sooner)
• Every attempt will be made to have an identified exam option for each pathway
• Will house Assessment Information Sheets for:
  • Program Concentration Pathways
  • Career Cluster Pathways
Determining Pathway Completers for EOPA Participation

• Students who:
  • have successfully completed the three or four designated courses in the pathway; or,
  • are enrolled in the final designated course (third or fourth) in the pathway; and on track to successfully complete course

• See the Assessment Information Sheets for designated course titles and course numbers

• Refer to the EOPA State Guidance Document for Eligible EOPA Participant definition:
When to Dispense EOPAs?

• To allow flexibility in scheduling EOPAs no official testing windows have been established.
  – Block Schedule:
    • End of first semester testing session
    • Spring testing session
  – Traditional Schedule:
    • Spring testing session
  – See EOPA State Guidance Document
Actual Scheduling

• For students still enrolled in the last designated course:
  – Test as close to the end of the course as possible

• For students who have completed all the designated courses during 1st semester (block scheduling):
  – Students can be tested at end of 1st semester or anytime during second semester

• Several testing agencies have specific testing windows (ASE, MBAResearch, etc.)
Designated Time Slots to Test

- **During (Examples):**
  - Last designated course time slot
  - Availability of designated proctors
  - Designated planning period of instructors serving as proctors
  - First block/period (and/or second, third, etc.)
  - During other course blocks/periods that don’t interfere with high stakes testing

- **Taking into consideration:**
  - Lab availability during scheduled testing window
  - The length of exam
    - Some testing agencies allow multiple testing sessions for exams over 60 minutes
  - Any special accommodations that will need to be provided for students (extra time, secure environment for student/reader)
Special Accommodations

- IEP: Point of Reference
- Direct link between classroom and assessment accommodations
- IEP Team should review available EOPAs to determine most appropriate exam option
- Some testing agencies allow a number of accommodations
- Some agencies may not allow the same accommodations that a student receives instructionally
Special Accommodations

• These agencies require individuals to have certain cognitive and physical abilities to complete job tasks

• CTAE instructor must be involved with the IEP process: *collaboration is imperative!*

• Utilize the assistance of CTI Coordinator/Special Education Teacher:
  – can review blueprints with their students
  – review study guide material with students
  – can conduct review study sessions for their students
Special Accommodations

• List of available Special Accommodations by testing agency posted on CTAE Assessment Web Page:

• Updated each year to add any new testing vendors
Changes to the EOPA State Guidance Document
Electronic Device Usage

• Reflects narrative changes in State Student Assessment Handbook:
  – “Cellphone Usage & Other Electronic Device Usage in EOPA Testing Labs”:
  – Redefines types of devices to include:
    • Smartphones
    • Cameras
  – Quantifies prohibited uses of such devices to:
    • Access, retain, or transmit information
EOPA Test Security Agreement Form

• For security purposes, have proctors sign an EOPA Test Security Agreement Form
• Liberty County has a good example
• Form should state that, “It is a breach of security if anyone performs any of the following”:
  • List activities that constitute a breach security
• Include place on form for:
  – Proctor Name
  – Proctor Signature
  – Date
EOPA Test Security Breaches

- coaches examinees during testing, or alters or interferes with examinees’ responses in any way;
- gives examinees access to test questions or prompts prior to testing;
- copies, prints, reproduces, or uses in any manner inconsistent with test security regulations all or any portion of on-line exams or assessments, written exams, or performance exams;
- makes answers available to examinees;
- reads or reviews test questions before, during (unless specified in the IEP), or after testing;
- questions students about test content after the test administration;
- fails to follow security regulations set forth by the testing agency for on-line testing;
- fails to properly secure administrative pass codes and usernames dispensed by the testing agency to test site coordinators;
EOPA Test Security Breaches

• fails to properly secure pass codes and usernames supplied by testing agencies to be used by examinees;
• uses or handles written, on-line, or performance test materials for any purpose other than examination;
• fails to follow testing agency directions for the test;
• **completes an on-line exam under the auspice of a career pathway completer**;
• **erases, marks answers or alters student responses on written, on-line or performance exams**; *(added January 2014)*
• participates in, directs, aids, counsels, assists, encourages, or fails to report any of these prohibited acts.
National Health Science Assessment

- Dispensed by Precision Exams
- 25-Question Practice Exam
  - *Designed for students only*
- Sample questions will soon be available
- Will highlight the types of questions on the exam
EOPA Proctor Qualifications

• Proctor (or Test Examiner) must be a “certified educator”
  – (teachers, counselors, administrators, paraprofessionals)
  – includes retired educators

• Educators without a Georgia certification from the Professional Standards Commission may not administer EOPAs
Testing Students Who Complete Multiple Pathways

• Several pathways may list the same assessment or exam option
  – *National Health Science Assessment*
  – *Listed in six different pathways*

• Students who complete multiple pathways should not be given the same EOPA exam option

• An alternate exam should be dispensed for each pathway completed

• Referenced pathways have additional exam options (*exception: Physical Medicine*)
Updated Documents

• State EOPA Guidance Document
• Separate EOPA Testing Irregularities Form Document
  – should not be submitted electronically
• Can be found on the CTAE Assessment Web Page:
**EOPA Retest Option**

- Not mandated to be offered by LEAs
- Systems that allow retest option will:
  - Offer focused remediation to students before retest
  - Allow a single retest opportunity for failed exam
  - Adhere to any stated “waiting periods” established by the testing agency

- Students eligible to utilize retest option:
  - Students who have successfully completed the designated courses
  - Students who failed the EOPA on the first attempt
  - Students who have participated in focused remediation
**Pre-Testing**

- To promote equity among all pathway completers, EOPA pre-testing: **is not permissible** any time after the commencing of the final designated (third or fourth) course in the pathway.

- Practice exams and sample questions are permissible.
Identifying EOPA Resources

- State Program Specialists working to identify additional EOPA Resources to assist your instructors:
  - Daphnne Bonaparte: Identifying Resources
  - Carol Burke: 2014 TIEGA (ASE, Adobe, NCCER)
  - Tammy Caudell: Input on testing students with an IEP
  - Mark Crenshaw: Identifying Study Guides/EOPAs
  - Misty Freeman: Massive Resources for IT Academy; contacting vendors requesting resources; certifying instructors
  - Phyllis Johnson: 2014 HSTEA (NHA, NCCT, LPSSC)
  - Linda Smith: 2013 DECA Winter Conference (MBA Research, ASK Institute, NOCTI)
New & Updated Skill Connect Teacher Preparation Guides

- Architectural Drafting
- Automated Manufacturing Technology
- Carpentry (revised 10/24/13)
- Computer Maintenance Technology
- Cosmetology (revised 10/24/13)
- Criminal Justice/CSI (revised 10/24/13)
- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Engineering Technology
- Marine Service Technology
- Plumbing
- Technical Drafting
- Television (Video) Production (revised 11/6/13)
- Welding (revised 10/24/13)
Skill Connect Teacher Preparation Guides

• To access Teacher Preparation Guides, go to:

• Does not require a voucher purchase

• To provide instructor feedback on the guides, go to:
  – http://www.workforcereadysystem.org/resources.shtml
New Plant Science/Horticulture Study Guide

- Available for purchase 2/1/14
- Cost: $36.00 includes
  - 10 Student Guides
  - one Teacher Companion Guide
  - access for 10 students to online sample questions
- Order through NOCTI On-line Client Services Center
National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Resources

• Study guides available through ATI Allied Health at:

• Complete Preparation Packages
  – $56.00 each

• Study Guides Only
  – $40.00 each

• Practice Exams Only
  – $25.00 each
National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) Resources

• Review materials available at:

• Standard Review Package: Review Book and Practice Exam
  – $37.95

• Practice Exams Only
  – $15.00
OK CareerTech Testing Resources

• Working to develop study guides
• First batch slated to be available by March 1st
  include guides for:
  – Marketing Education Manager Trainee
    • State prepared review guide at GMEA Web Site
  – Entrepreneur
  – Early Care & Education (ELCCT)
  – National Law, Public Safety (LPSSC)
• Possibly a test/study guide bundle
  – $15.00
New FY15 Assessment Information Sheets

- Will be updated to include a section that contains links to study guides, practice exams, other EOPA identified resources
MOS Exam Vouchers

• Individual exam vouchers for MOS Exam Options have increased on Certiport website
• Went from $67.50 to $72.00
• Certiport has agreed to allow current voucher price of $67.50 until July 1st.
• Orders placed directly through:
  – *Wes Madrid, Certiport Territory Manager*
    • [wes.madrid@pearson.com](mailto:wes.madrid@pearson.com)
    • *(801) 772-3254*
Oklahoma CareerTech Testing

Changes

• Teena Friend has moved to another position
• Replaced with Ayanna McKee
• New email address for testing:
  – cttc@careertech.ok.gov
  – (405) 743-5407
EOPA Best Practices

• Based on CTAE Administrator feedback on Best Practices:
  – Professional Learning Activities
  – Supplemental Resources
  – Test Preparation Strategies
  – Test Administration
  – Building Local Support for EOPA
CTAE Administrators Sharing EOPA Best Practices

- Celeste Cannon – Walton County
- Cindy Free – White County
- Dionne Johnigan – DeKalb County (CTAE Coordinator)
- Mandy Johnson – Douglas County
- Sandra Parker – Lee County
- Medea Shuman – Ware County
- Jonathan Stribling – Habersham County
- Angie Wood – Effingham County (CTAE Supervisor)
Make a Contribution to Mankind

- Please compile a notebook of system procedures for handling EOPA Test Administration Procedures
  - What tests are traditionally utilized
  - When the exams are ordered
  - When the exams are administered
  - Scheduling testing windows
  - Procedures for working with technology specialists
  - Procedures for EOPA data input for student records
  - Any other pertinent EOPA activities