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:
  - http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/CTAE-Georgia-Assessments.aspx
- 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**

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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 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

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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:
  - http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/CTAE-Georgia-Assessments.aspx

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, MBA*Research, etc.)*

Designated Time Slots to Test

- **<u>During (Examples):</u>**
  - 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

- **<u>Taking into consideration:</u>**
  - 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

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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:

  - *http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/CTAE-Georgia-Assessments.aspx*

- Updated each year to add any new testing vendors

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Georgia End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA) State Guidance

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Changes to the EOPA State Guidance Document

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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**

No Cell Phones Allowed in Lab

Cameras and mobile phones prohibited

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:
  - http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/CTAE-Georgia-Assessments.aspx

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 **<u>single</u>** 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)*

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Skill Connect Teacher Preparation Guides

- To access Teacher Preparation Guides, go to:
  - *http://www.workforcereadysystem.org/guides.shtml*

- 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:
  - http://www.nhanow.com/certifications/certification-preparation.aspx
- 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:
  - https://www.ncctinc.com/Certifications/ReviewMaterials.aspx
- 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

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New FY15 Assessment Information Sheets

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

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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**
    - *(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