



#### Quality Assessment and Educational Solutions

# Testing in a Remote Environment

## **Preparing for Virtual Testing**

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# Steps to Organize a Virtual Test Session



5. Day of testing (Tech issues)

4. Training & Shared Resources3. Communicate with students

2. Create a schedule

1. Choose a virtual platform



## **Virtual Platform** Requirements for ZOOM Remote Testing 1:Many vs 1:1



- Paid Zoom Account (multiple hosts) needed for 1 to many vs 1:1 free account
- How to set up testing links
- We needed audio and video in both the main room and breakout rooms.
- How our staff and students move throughout the platform
- How we communicate in our platform
- Screen sharing capabilities



- Students are sent session info and Zoom link
- Host sets up Zoom so students wait in waiting room until admitted (can show customized message in waiting room).
- Host greets students, checks audio, video, and environment, then moves them to a private testing breakout room.
- Proctor will verify student identity & find their name on the test session roster.
- Proctor will administer CASAS according to guidelines provided on casas.org
- Student will leave session or, if providing additional information, go back to main room and Host will move student to an orientation breakout room.



#### Create a Step Schedule 2 ACC (CASAS test) Length of session # Proctors # Time Slots (when taking 2 tests) Students (max 7 per hour) 9am, 10am, 11am 21 4+ hours 4 What we considered: intake time

- tech issues/can't test
- attrition (no shows)
- student wait time (for proctor to intake/start test)

## Scheduling: How we tracked our remote testing events



- Create a system that tracks all the parts and people of a remote testing session:
  - Shared Google resource page
- Shared Google Calendar
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  Include:
  - Date & Time
  - Session Link
  - Host(s) (if needed)
  - Test Administrators/Proctors
  - Additional Staff

## **Example: Shared Resource Page 'Testing Sessions Schedule'** (Google sheet)

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## Develop a Process for Communication



How is ACC communicating the remote testing process to our students?



# Develop a way to send students the information they need for:

- Technology requirements to test
- How to join the test session
- Date & time of session
- Contacts for Tech support or FAQs

We created visual step-by-step guides and short videos that were a great way to communicate information to our students! ACC's Welcome YouTube Video

## **Example: HSE email template**

#### Hello {{First Name}},

Thank you for scheduling your Remote Orientation Session on [date]. Your appointment time is {{Last Name}}.

🔆 WATCH THIS YouTube video to learn how to prepare for your Remote Orientation Session. You will take a placement test and register for your HSE classes. You will need up to 3 hours to complete this proce

In order to take a remote test, a computer/laptop with Windows 10 is strongly recommended. If you do not have a device with Windows 10, perhaps you can borrow from a family member or friend.

#### However, you can test on an iPad or Chromebook. Before the session, you must prepare your device: iPad

How-to: Set up your iPad for CASAS Testing (video)

Setting up your iPad: Step-by-Step PDF

#### Chromebook

Setting up your Chromebook: Step-by-Step PDF

If using an IPad or Chromebook, you must also download the Zoom app on your smartphone. This will give us the ability to watch and hear you through your phone when using an iPad or Chromebook device to test.

#### Evervone also needs:

- the Zoom app (zoom.us) installed on your computer.
- audio and video capabilities (can be on your computer/laptop or a smartphone) We must be able to watch and see you as you take the test.
- reliable internet service
- a quiet room free of distraction you will need to show your entire testing space and desk to the test proctor
- your photo ID to show the proctor

ACC Adult Education is working with all our students during this registration process to ensure they have the opportunity to register for the 2020 Fall semester. Even if you feel you don't meet the technology testing requirements, attend your scheduled remote orientation appointment and we will figure out something together.

On [date] at {{Last Name}}, click this link to join your Remote Orientation Session. Please be on time.

Click on this link HSE schedule to view available classes before your appointment.

#### Welcome to ACC Adult Education!

Accommodations, including any needed for orientation sessions, must be requested at least two weeks in advance. For questions of NonCredit@austincc.edu.

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- Staff arrives 30 minutes prior to first appointment time
- Staff opens eTests Online and the BL Resource page shared with them, including testing roster and script
- Proctors are sent to their breakout rooms and wait for their first student
- Moderator (host) greets students and determines if they are ready to test
- Scores are recorded on the roster sheet and any technology issues the student had during testing



### **Virtual Testing Roster**

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## How We Handle Tech Issues

## **Tech Help Staff**

At every testing session we have staff who are familiar with common tech issues available to help out the host, proctors, and students.

## **Tech Help Breakout Rooms**

Helps keep the flow of the session going, so the host can move students quickly and efficiently.

## **Tech Help Troubleshooting Spreadsheet**

To keep track of common issues and solutions that staff members collaborate on.



