

National & State Certified Trainer Meeting

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Welcome and Agenda

Jane Egüez
President



Agenda



Welcome



New Test Series Development



Breakout Rooms – New Test Series Rollout



Technology Update – Teacher Portal and eTests Sampler



Professional Development & Training



CASAS News & Summer Institute 2023



Wrap Up & Thank You!

New Program Development Manager



Laura
Fetter

New National Program Specialist

Astrid
Robitaille



What does the green light mean?



CASAS is an Adult Education Leader

- CASAS Competencies
- CASAS Content Standards for Reading, Math, Listening, Speaking, Writing
- SCANS - Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills
 - 3-part Academic Foundations and Workplace Competencies
- International Society for Technology in Education
- College and Career Readiness Standards – for Adults (CCRS)
- English Language Proficiency Standards (ELP)
- And much more

New Test Series Development

Daniel Esko

Assessment Development Program Manager

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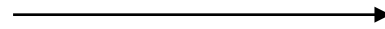
Topics

New Test Series Overview and
Support Materials

NRS Approval?

PENDING APPROVAL

Reading STEPS
Listening STEPS
Math GOALS 2



Spring 2023?

Simplify



Simplify test
structure

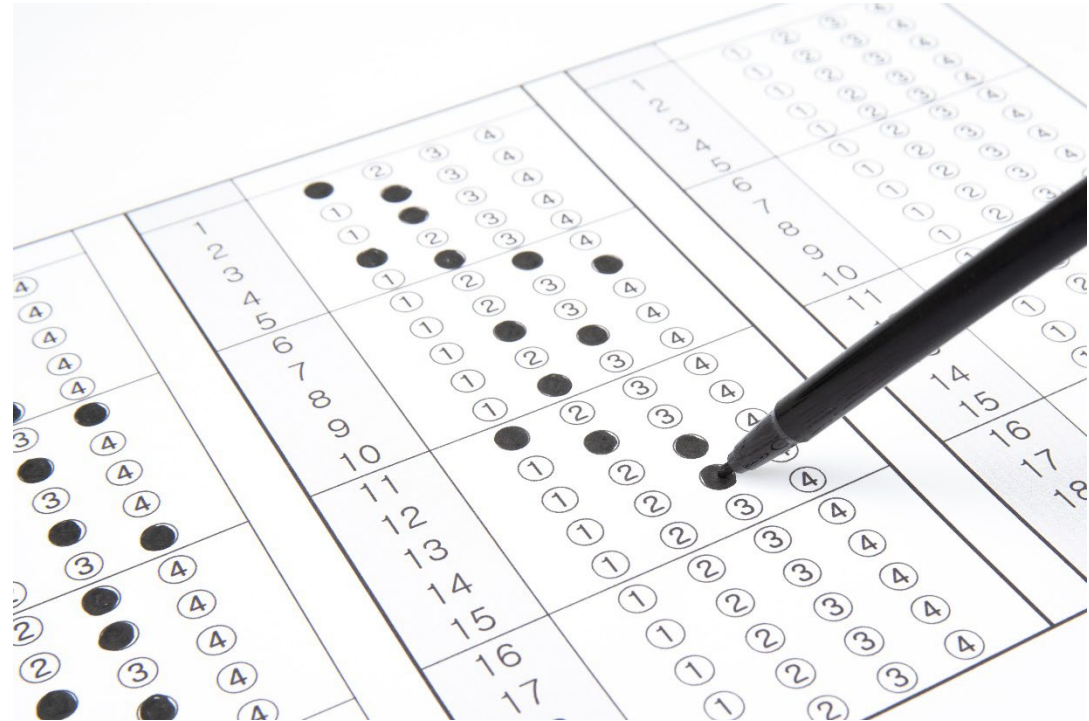
Within and
across series



Simplify
Reporting

Fewer reports
Consolidated
reporting

Test Content and Structure



Content Standards

Reading STEPS
Listening STEPS



ESL
(English as a Second
Language)



English Language
Proficiency Standards
(ELPS)

Math GOALS 2



ABE
(Adult Basic Education)



College and Career
Readiness Standards
(CCRS)

Test Levels

Life and Work Reading

4 Levels, A through D
NRS 1 - 6

Life and Work Listening

3 Levels, A through C
NRS 1 - 6

Math GOALS

2 Levels (A/B, C/D)
NRS 1 - 6

Reading STEPS
Listening STEPS
Math GOALS 2

**5 Levels, A
through E**
NRS 1 - 6

Coverage

	NRS Level Coverage	STEPS (ELPS Coverage)	GOALS 2 (CCRS Coverage)
Level A	1 and 2	Level 1	Level A and B
Level B	2 and 3	Level 1 and 2	Level B and C
Level C	3 and 4	Level 2 and 3	Level C and D (part)
Level D	4 and 5	Level 3 and 4	Level D (whole)
Level E	5 and 6	Level 4 and 5	Level D (part) and E

Number of Test Questions

	Reading STEPS	Listening STEPS	Math GOALS 2
Appraisal/Locator	28/14	28/14	28/14
Level A	33	33	33
Level B	36	36	36
Level C	36	39	36
Level D	36	39	36
Level E	36	39	36

Strengths of the new structure

1

Fewer test questions

33 to 39 items

2

Higher accuracy

Tests cover fewer performance levels (NRS Levels)

3

Lower incidence of inaccurate scoring

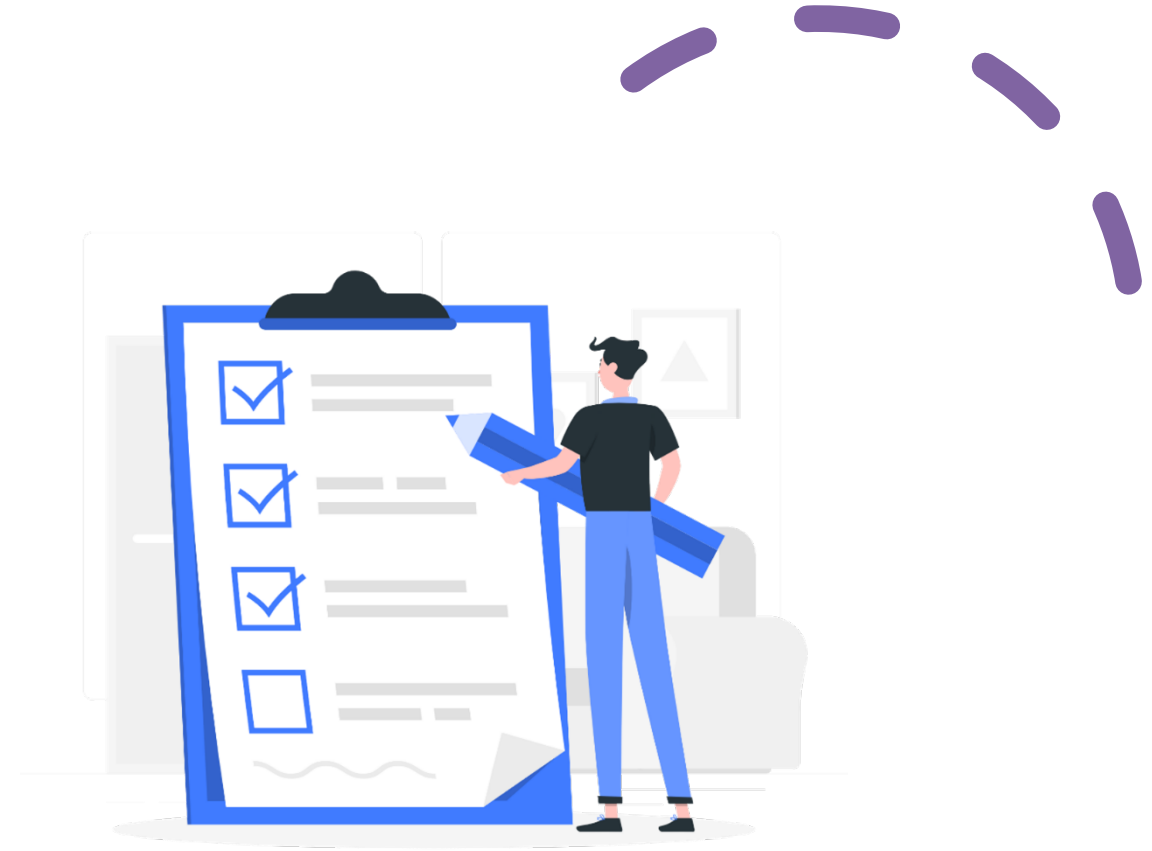
Less retesting

4

Locator and Appraisal

Computer and Paper




New Test Series Support Materials




STEPS and Math GOALS 2 Support Materials

- New pages and support materials on the CASAS website with
 - Test form info -- # of items, timing
 - NRS score ranges
 - Test blueprints
 - Sample items
 - FAQs

STEPS Test Blueprints Available Online

File	Type	Size	Download
CASAS Listening STEPS Test Blueprint	PDF	685.16 KB	 Download
CASAS Reading STEPS Test Blueprint	PDF	829.47 KB	 Download
CASAS National Webinar February 8, 2023	PDF	2.59 MB	 Download



What do
you think?
What do
you need?



Comparisons to Life and Work
series ?

Revised CASAS Skill Level
Descriptors ?

Other ?

Breakout Rooms

Kristine Kruczek Mains

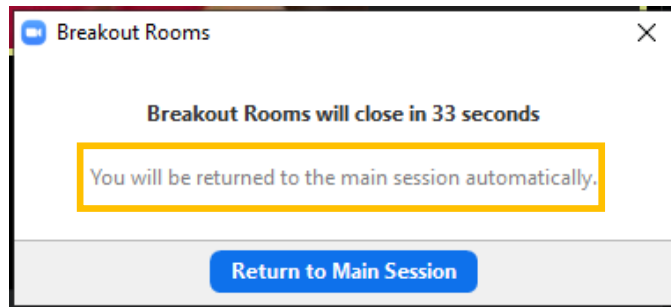
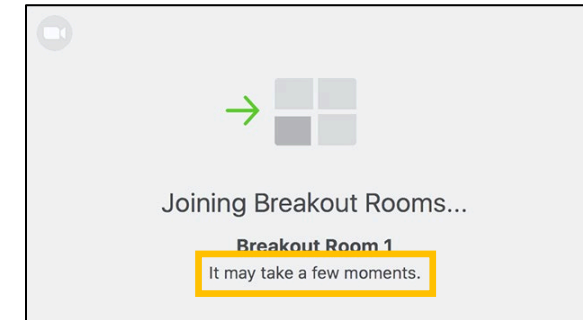
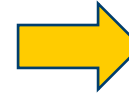
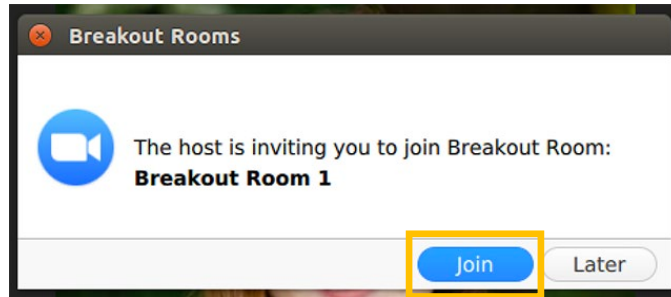
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Breakout Discussion Topic

- Given pending approval, what do you need in your state to rollout the new test series?
 - STEPS (ESL/ELL)
 - Math GOALS 2 (ABE/ASE)



Joining Breakout Rooms



Breakout Room Discussion

In breakout room...

1. Everyone - Click to **Join** breakout room
2. Discuss
3. Share Screen is enabled if you want to show & tell resources
4. CASAS Staff – Participants please add **Notes on the Jamboard**
5. Breakout Rooms will close after 20 minutes
6. Return to Main Room for Debrief – 15 minutes for Volunteer from each breakout room to share the Headlines and Highlights

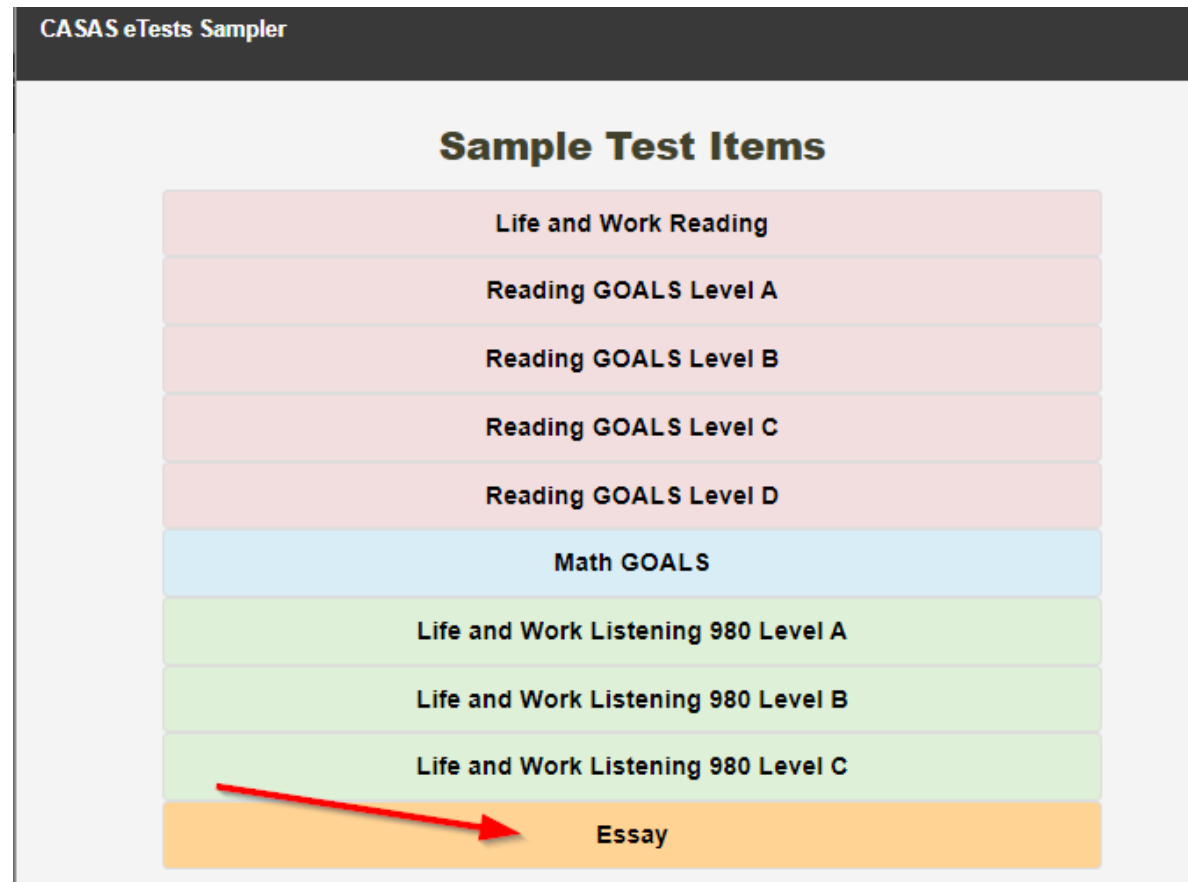


Technology Update

Janice Fera



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UPDATED: “CASAS eTests Sampler”



- <https://casasportal.org/eTests>

A Place for Students to Practice Taking an ONLINE Writing Test

ID:	Name:	Time Remaining: 00:10:00
<p>Healthy eating habits are important but often not followed. Why is this? What can be done about it?</p>		
<p>Maintaining a varied diet is important, but also expensive. It's hard to find time to shop and cook using fresh <u>ingredeints</u>.</p>		
	Directions	

In Development: Teacher Portal

CASAS Teacher Portal

Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS)
 > 020311/SP23, Advanced ESL

Janice

Search students

First, Last | Last, First | Any | Active | Completed | Inactive

Student ID ↑	Name	Status	Total Hours	Hours Since Last Test	Start Date	End Date
1669628	DM Daiman R. Motoa	Inactive	21	21	01/20/2023	04/11/2023
7755863	EA Erica Consuelo Abadilla	Active	78	10	12/11/2022	
8698899	LF Loubeh Darcelle Ferreira	Active	39	39	01/20/2023	
8714715	MJ Marianne Melgoza Jenks	Active	39	39	01/20/2023	

20 Items per page

CASAS Teacher Portal

Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS)
 > 020311/SP23, Advanced ESL > 7755863, Erica Consuelo Abadilla

Janice

Dashboard | Details

My Classes | My Students | Class Attendance | Class Reports | Demographics | Educational Progress | Assessments | Attendance

Total Hours Since Hours Last Test: 78 10

Programs Basic Skills (ABE)...

Primary Goals Improve English skills...

Reading

Pretest 214 081RX 9/3/22 | Posttest 218 084R 4/14/23 | Gain 4

Math

Not yet tested

Listening

Pretest 214 985L 9/5/22 | Posttest 223 986L 4/14/23 | Gain 9

- <https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars>

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Astrid Robitaille

National Program Specialist

Online Training Home Page

CASAS Training and Resources

New to CASAS? Use the [Getting Started! Checklist](#).

CASAS eTests Implementation



Getting started with eTests?

See [Going Live! Checklist](#)
and [Training by Role](#).

Remote Testing?

See [Going Remote! Checklist](#)

CASAS Paper Test Implementation



Getting started with Paper Tests?

See [Getting Ready! Checklist](#)
and [Training by Role](#).

eTests & Paper Test Implementation



**Getting started with eTests &
Paper Tests?**

See [Going Live! Checklist](#)
and [Getting Ready! Checklist](#).

Interpreting Test Results & Reports



Check out [Instructional
Implementation](#) and [Instructional
Resources](#).

Revised Course Categories



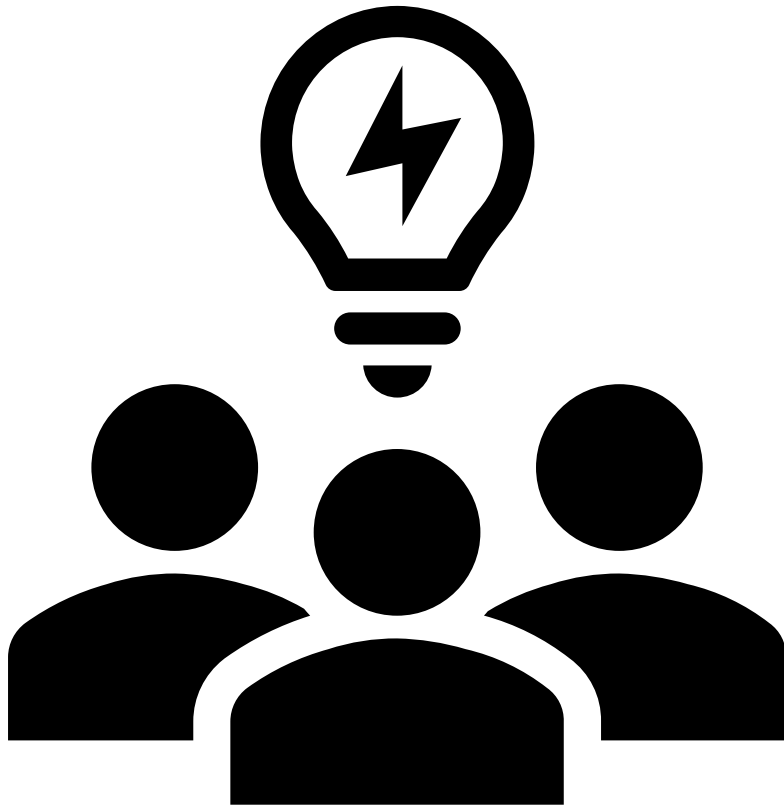
FORUM

Training Announcements

Course categories

- CASAS eTests Implementation (8)
- ▶ CASAS Help Documentation & Resources (8)
- ▶ CASAS Instructional Implementation (3)
- CASAS Paper Test Implementation (6)
- ▶ CASAS Remote Testing (5)
- ▶ CASAS Specialty Training
- ▶ CASAS Technical Training
- ▶ In-Person Training Completion Portal

Are you interested in being an Advisor?



- Advisory group needed to:
 - Review current training materials and recommend changes
 - Act as Focus Group on new series (GOALS 2 & STEPS) training development
- Consultant stipend



Contact training@casas.org

Upcoming Events

Kristine Mains

National Certified Trainer and Program Specialist

Save the date!



June 12 – Virtual Technology Trainings Only



CASAS National Summer Institute 2023

Hyatt Regency Orange County
June 12-15

It's not too early...submit a workshop or panel idea!

June 12 to 15, 2023

- Interested in presenting or leading a workshop or panel?
 - Contact casas-si@casas.org
- Interested in providing implementation or technical training?
 - Contact training@casas.org



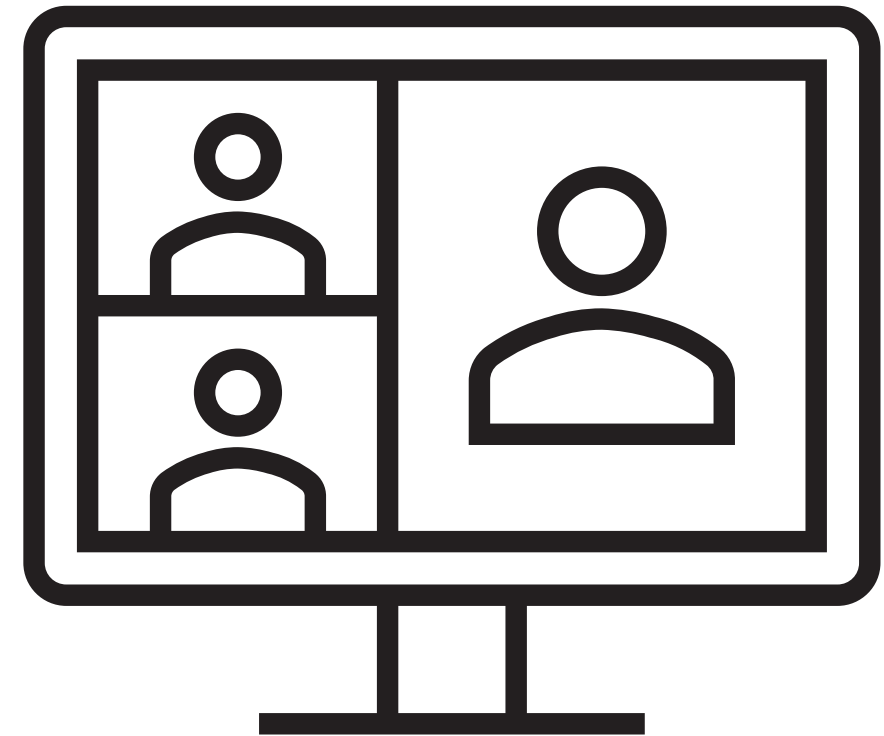
SI Train the Trainer Preparation – Thursdays!

- **March 16** – Updates & Logistics for Implementation Trainers Only
 - 10 – 11 AM Pacific (1-2 PM Eastern)
- **May 25** – Mandatory Training for all IT and TT Trainers
 - 10 – 11 AM Pacific (1-2 PM Eastern)



“Office Hours” with CASAS Staff

- Attendees drive the sessions with their questions
- **Fridays, 11am Pacific/2pm Eastern**
 - **Save the Dates: March 10, March 24**
- Register:
<https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours>



National News & Updates Webinar

What's New

- [eTests Test Security: Take a Test](#)
- [Field Testing Opportunities](#)
- [Getting started with CASAS eTests](#)
- [Remote Testing](#)
- [Office Hours Registration](#)
- [National News & Updates Webinars](#)
- [Live Facilitated Training Registration](#)
- [Fairness and Equity Statement](#)
- [Help Documentation & Videos](#)
- [Social Justice Resources](#)
- [FAQs](#)

- **Wednesday, April 19**
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- [Click](#) to register today!



Presidents' Day Observed

- Closed Friday and Monday, February 17-20, 2023
- No Tech Support



Certified Trainer Quarterly Meetings



Save the Dates!

- **May 11, 2023** – National Consortium and Certified Trainer Meeting

Registration info to come!



Assessment (CASAS eTests and Paper)



TOPSpro Enterprise Accountability Software



National External Diploma Program







Workforce Skills Certification System



Live Facilitated Training



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