



CASAS

Assess. Learn. Achieve.

What is CASAS?

CASAS is the most widely used competency-based assessment system in the United States designed to assess the relevant real-world basic skills of adult learners. CASAS measures the basic skills and the English language and literacy skills needed to function effectively at work and in life.

For more than three decades, CASAS, a **nonprofit organization**, has strengthened the efforts of education and business and industry to transition people age 16 and older to postsecondary education and workplace success. CASAS is used nationally and internationally and is validated by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor. The primary focus of CASAS is adult education and workforce development — identifying the needs and providing the solutions.

CASAS National Consortium A Forum Of Educators And Workforce Specialists


The CASAS National Consortium is a **field-based advisory group comprising state leaders in adult education and workforce development, experts in employment and training, and representatives from business and industry**. Today there are more than one hundred consortium members working to identify the priority assessment and research needs of the groups they represent. Members represent states throughout the nation, the District of Columbia, the Pacific Rim and Singapore.

CASAS The Assessment Authority

State departments of education, schools, business and industry, workforce development programs, and social service agencies have partnered with CASAS for decades. They rely on the research-based assessments that CASAS develops to evaluate student and worker performance while guiding and tracking the progress of both groups. Educators and workforce professionals know that CASAS tests provide an accurate measurement of real-life skills vital to success in the workplace and the classroom. With CASAS they know that workers and students are firmly on the pathway to meeting their goals — securing that first good job, bettering their current employment situation, or embarking on changing their lives through postsecondary education.

CASAS is the only assessment system whose reading tests are approved for NRS reporting for both Adult Basic Education programs and English As a Second Language programs.* CASAS math tests are approved for Adult Basic Education, and CASAS listening tests are approved for English As a Second Language.

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- Reading Comprehension**
 - Mathematics**
 - Listening (for English Language Learners)**
 - Speaking (for English Language Learners)**
 - Writing Skills**
 - Workforce Preparation**
 - Preparation for Citizenship**
 - Secondary-Level Subjects**
 - Special Needs**



CASAS offers both **paper-and-pencil** and **computer-delivered** assessments, including **computer-adaptive** tests.

Computer-delivered assessments are also available on the Web via **CASAS eTests Online.**

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* The National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education is an outcome-based federal reporting system administered by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education.

CASAS – The Data Collection And Accountability Reporting Solution

CASAS makes program accountability easy and efficient. With its **TOPSpro® Enterprise** system, CASAS offers a Web-based data collection and reporting system that accurately and quickly provides actionable data for guiding instruction, improving programs, and ensuring accountability.

Instructors benefit from automated test scoring and learning gains calculations that inform instructional planning. Administrators and policymakers know they can rely on the system to aggregate statewide data and meet federal reporting requirements. Students in programs that use TOPSpro Enterprise know their progress can be tracked at every step of their educational pathway. Student reports pinpoint the skills they need to improve to meet their educational and employment goals.

TOPSpro Enterprise is today's most powerful Web-based reporting and management tool that provides the next generation of learner management and accountability software now.



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Use **QuickSearch Online**, an easy-to-use no-cost online database of instructional materials, to search for materials based on publication title, CASAS Competencies, type of program, publisher name, and test modality and level.

CASAS – Curriculum Resources Inform Adult Learning And Workforce Preparation

Use the **Adult Low-Level Literacy Curriculum Modules** with students at pre-beginning and beginning literacy levels. Modules are appropriate for adult basic education, special education, and workplace learning. Modules are available online at no cost.



Visit www.casas.org to view or use the modules.



CASAS **The Research Leader In Adult Learning**

CASAS researchers are dedicated to ensuring that every test developed by CASAS is one that meets the most rigorous assessment development standards.

The exacting statistical procedures employed by CASAS assessment specialists, researchers, and psychometricians are designed to ensure reliable and valid test results. The focus on reliability ensures that tests yield consistent results. The focus on validity ensures that tests measure what they are intended to measure — not something else. The goal at CASAS is accurate student placement, accurate measurement of student progress, and attainment of benchmark levels.

Ongoing research at CASAS contributes to the many research reports and research briefs that CASAS produces. Visit www.casas.org to view the continuing research efforts at CASAS.

CASAS **Workforce Skills Certification**

The Workforce Skills Certification System documents potential employees' skill proficiencies in reading, math, critical thinking and problem solving, and soft skills (personal qualities, work habits, and workplace attitudes). Job seekers can attach their WSCS Certificate or Profile to their resumes to present in employment interviews.

CASAS **National External Diploma Program**

The National External Diploma Program administered by CASAS offers a unique option for out-of-school youth and adults to earn their high school diploma. A flexible study and testing schedule eases the balance of family, work, and studies for adult students. Students who complete the program have demonstrated mastery of skills for success in postsecondary education and the workplace. They receive a traditional high school diploma issued by a local school board or State Department of Education. Visit www.nedp.org to learn more!



CASAS National Summer Institute

The Professional Development Model

The three-day Summer Institute offers participants the opportunity to learn more about how CASAS can benefit their programs. Training sessions, workshops, workgroups, and featured speakers focus on the issues and concerns of those in attendance — the latest in assessment development, new technologies and classroom resources, and sharing best practices.

Visit www.casas.org/si/ to learn more about the CASAS National Summer Institute. Meet and work with administrators, instructors, workforce specialists, and others making a difference in the lives of millions of youth and adult learners and workers.



CASAS Quality Assessment Training

The integrity and quality of the assessment process is a top priority at CASAS, so training supports the effective use of assessments.

Throughout the year CASAS offers training workshops to assist educators and workforce professionals in learning more about using assessments effectively and accurately. These workshops focus on gaining a greater understanding of the CASAS system and how it is the assessment and technology solution for today. Workshops focus on the many assessments and resources available from CASAS.

Enrolling in a CASAS training workshop is easy. Many people choose a short online course. Assistance from a trained CASAS professional educator is available every step of the way. CASAS also provides in-person training by one of its state-level certified trainers for those who prefer this option.



CASAS In Action Today!

The management and research leaders of CASAS work daily with educators and workforce professionals to ensure ongoing development of superior assessments and resources. These leaders direct a staff of assessment and curriculum specialists, research associates, and others who are providing today's educational and workforce solutions.



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CASAS — Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems is a nonprofit organization.

Purchase of materials supports ongoing technical assistance, continued research and development, test validity and reliability analysis, and additional support services provided by CASAS staff and certified trainers.