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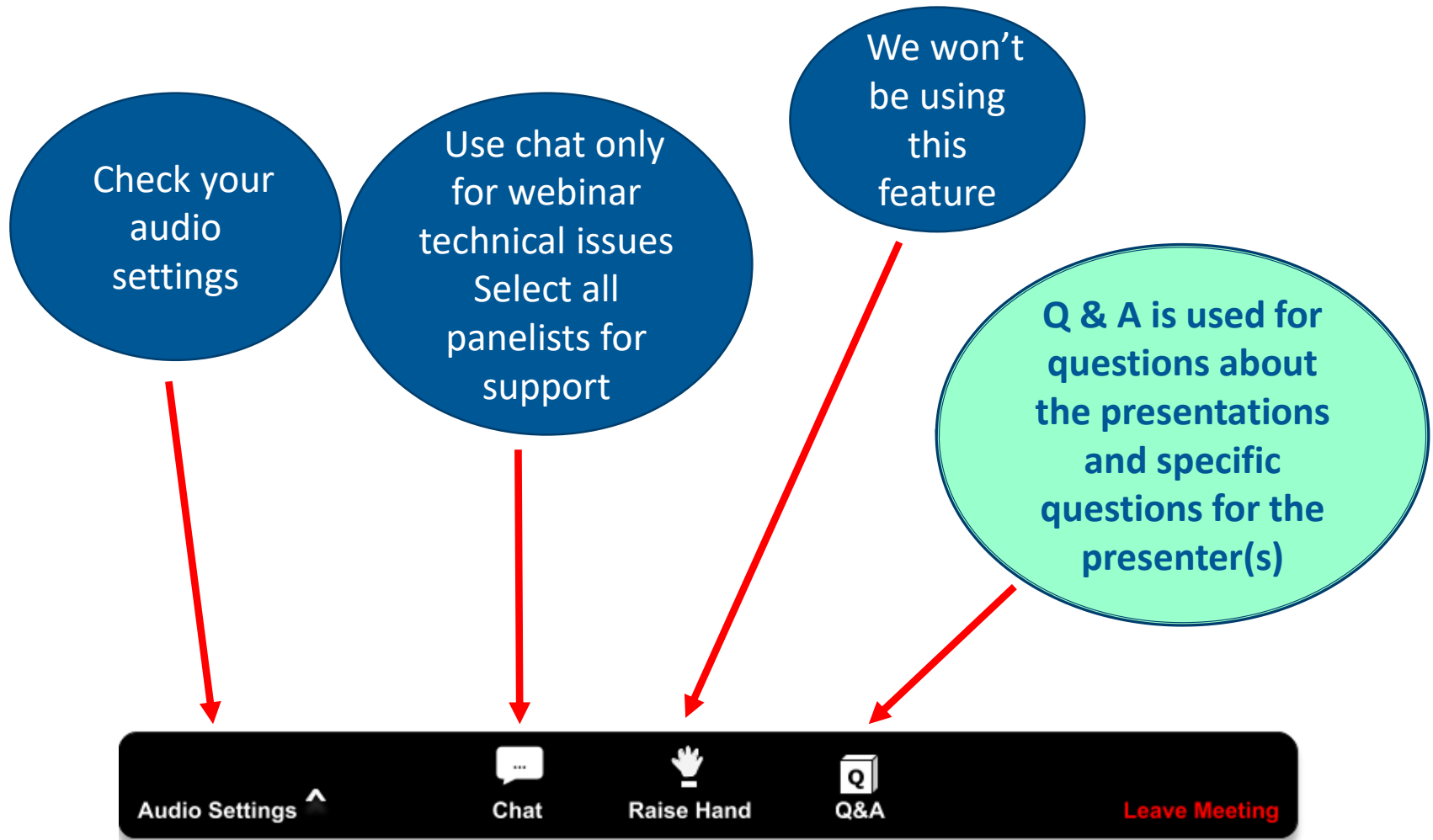April 14, 2021

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- Karen Cook, Supervisor of Adult Education Assessment, Austin Community College, TX
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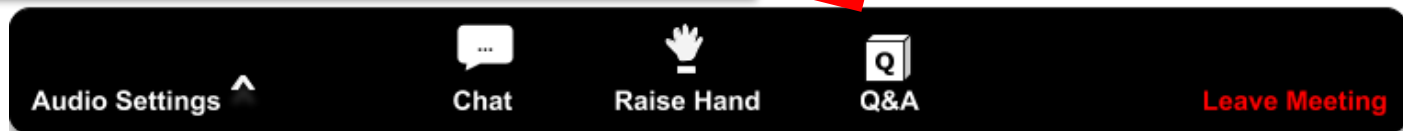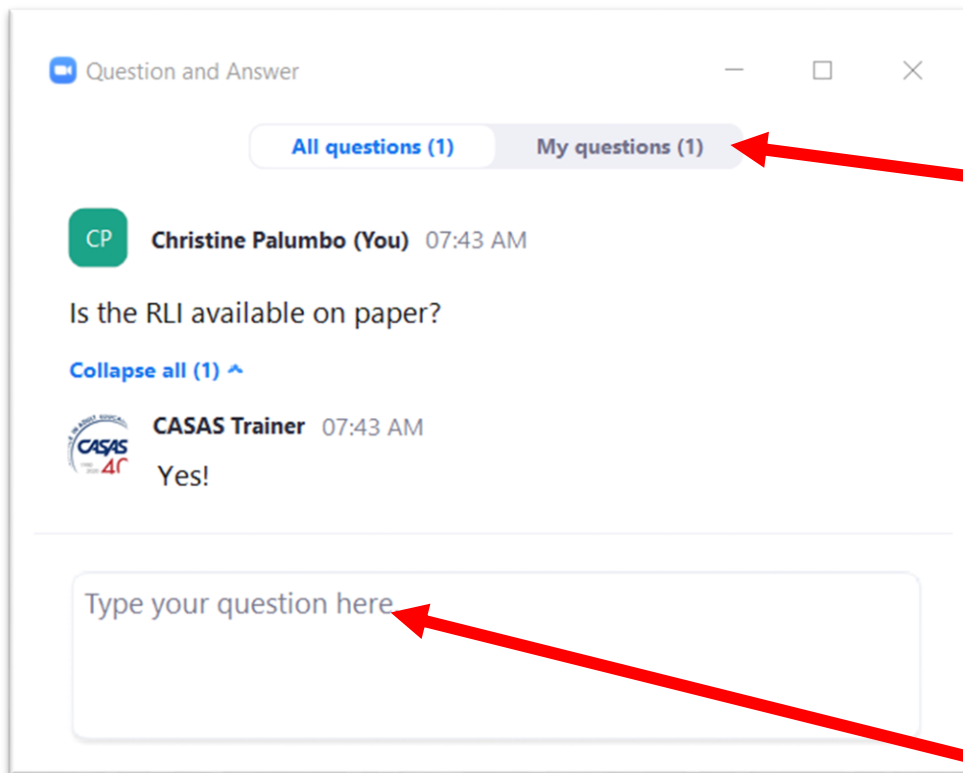**CASAS**

Welcome to the April 2021 CASAS National Webinar!

- Your **phones and computers are automatically muted**.

- Please post **questions related to the presentation in the Q & A, *not*** in the Chat Box**.
  Due to the large attendance, CASAS Staff will respond later to any unanswered questions.

- Please only post **technical difficulties about using Zoom for today's webinar** in the **Chat Box**.

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Before we start: Webinar Tips

Check your audio settings

Use chat only for webinar technical issues
Select all panelists for support

We won't be using this feature

Q & A is used for questions about the presentations and specific questions for the presenter(s)

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"Q&A": Questions for the Presenter

- Type questions directly related to the presentation
  - New questions from the Q & A today will be added to the FAQs on the CASAS website.

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New CASAS Test Series

CASAS NRS-approved Assessments for ABE

➡️ Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE

NRS-approved through 2025

➡️ Math GOALS

NEW -- NRS-approved through 2023

CASAS NRS-approved Assessments for ESL

➡️ Life and Work Reading - 80 series

Beginning Literacy - Forms 27 and 28

Reading for Language Arts - Forms 513/514

➡️ Life and Work Listening - 980 series

NEW -- NRS-approved to February 2023
(like all other NRS-approved ESL tests)

New GOALS Series and NRS Status

For ABE/ASE

➤Reading GOALS - approved through 2025

➤Math GOALS for ABE/ASE - approved through 2023

For ESL

➤ Reading GOALS – pending

➤Listening GOALS – pending

Strongly aligned with College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards for Adult Education and the ELP Standards for ESL.

Listening and Reading for ESL series – in development

- Will replace current Life and Work series in 2023

- Five skill levels in both Listening and Reading for ESL

- Aligned to the *English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) for Adult Education* and the NRS Descriptors for English Language Learners.

- Designed to measure college and career readiness

Demographics Needed
for Ongoing Test Series Research Studies

We need your help!!!

These 4 data elements are essential for CASAS test research studies:

- **Gender**

- **Native Language**

- **Ethnicity**

- **Race**

A student only needs to enter this info one time.

Participate in CASAS final forms studies in Listening and Reading for ESL

- **When?** Now and ongoing

- **Who?** Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English

- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)

- **Methodology?** Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests

- Student gift cards in the amount of $5 per test completed

- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units

- FAQs available at https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/research-and-evaluation/field-testing-opportunities

How do I get started with final forms field testing studies?

- Communicate with teachers/administrators at your program.

- Gather information about program participation.

- Ask your students about their interest.

For more information visit our field testing webpage:

Contact:
Fieldtesting@casas.org
Karen Burger: kburger@casas.org / 800.255.1036 ext. 177

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Station Registration

Station Registration Simplified!

Just click "Take a Test"

- Remote test-takers…
  - Click **Take a test**

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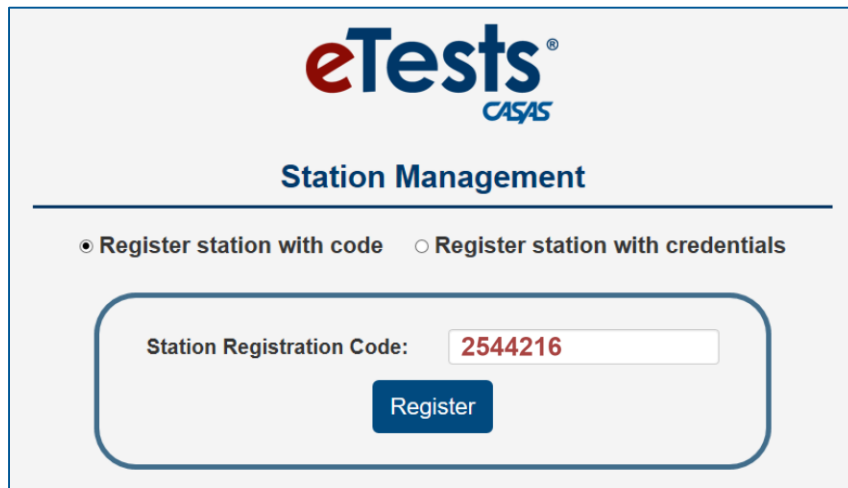
- On-Site test-takers…
  - Click **Take a test**

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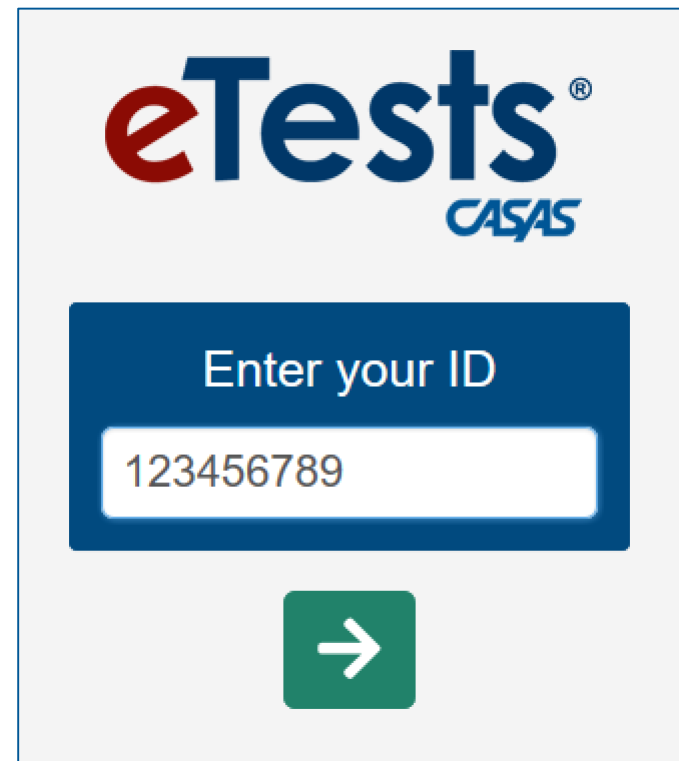
Register with code	Enter your ID

Station Registration Code: **2544216**

After On-site test-takers click Take a test…

Enter your ID

For In-Person Testing
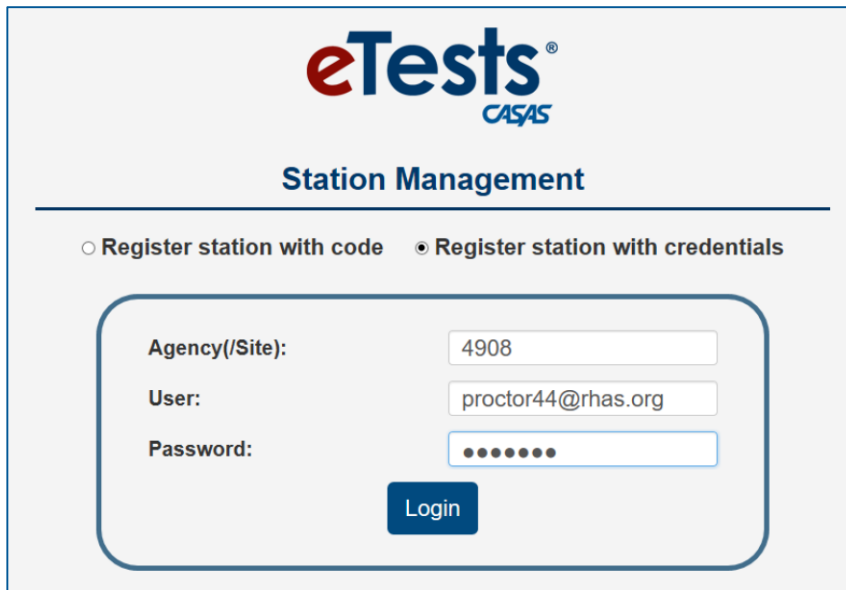
After eTests Coordinator/Proctor clicks Take a test…

Register with credentials*	**Enter Registration Info.**
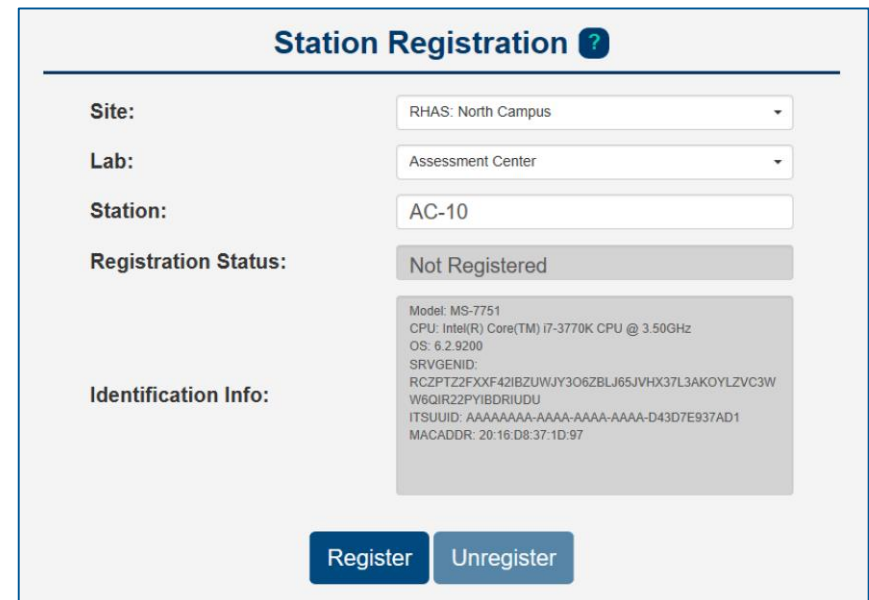
*Completed by Certified eTests Coordinators or Proctors

Workforce Skills Certification System (WSCS)

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Goal

To promote transition of learners into the workforce

Objective

Learners will be able to demonstrate the *work readiness skills* identified and valued by employers to increase the likelihood of **getting** and **keeping** employment

Why WSCS? Why Now?

- Post-COVID – **re-entry** of job seekers into the workforce
- Integrated Education and Training (**IET**)
- Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (**IELCE**)
- Partner with **workforce development**
- Engage with **local business**

Workforce Skills
Certification System
a program of **CASAS**

- Build partnerships with workforce development, education, CTE, Vocational Rehab, and local businesses

- Meet **local** labor market needs by preparing **local** talent

Foundation Skills
(Academic)

Soft Skills
(Behavioral)

Soft Skills – Workplace Behaviors

- **Personal Qualities (PQ)***
  - Integrity
  - Responsibility
  - Self-Esteem
  - Self-Management
  - Sociability

- **Customer Care (CC)***
  - Customer Relations
  - Decision Making
  - Commitment to Quality

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How do you assess Soft Skills?

- Video-based assessment
- Applicable, on-the-job situations, i.e.
  - ✓ Cell phone usage
  - ✓ Working with a team
  - ✓ Helping customers

- Learner watches multiple short job scenarios video clips and decides on
  - **best** course of action
  - **worst** course of action

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Readiness Skills™*

**Workforce Skills
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Soft Skills Assessments

Demo

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Workforce Skills Profile

Documents demonstrated skills:

- **Reading** and **Math** skills
  - using NRS-approved CASAS tests

- **Soft Skills**
  - Personal Qualities
  - Customer Care

Why a Workforce Skills Profile?

Documents a person's work-related **academic** and **soft skills** (work behavior skills)

- **Benefit for Learners**
  - **Certifies** a learner's current **work readiness skills**:
    - What the learner knows
    - What skills need to be developed
- **Benefit for Employers**
  - **Documents** job candidate's **work readiness skills**
    - Informs employer if prospective employee meets job skill requirements

WSCS – Online Resources

To learn more:

wscs@casas.org

https://www.casas.org/

CASAS Remote Testing Update

4 Approaches to Remote Testing

- **1:1 Remote Control**

- **1:1 or Multiple Test Takers** -- test takers on **Windows 10 PCs**

- **1:1 or Multiple Test Takers** -- test takers on **Chromebooks or iPads**

- **1:1 Oral Responses**

Each approach has unique:
- **Detailed, step-by-step, scripted directions** provided in the *CASAS Remote Testing Guidelines* document and in proctor training.
  - ▫ The *Remote Testing Guidelines* use Zoom as an example.

- Detailed technical requirements for proctors and test takers

New Directions in Remote Testing

- Some of the current remote testing approaches are **temporary** and will eventually be replaced by solutions that required more development time.

- **Possible New Directions**

  - Remote testing **up to 12 students at a time** using Approach 2 or 3 (pilot)

  - Remote testing of Listening, Reading and Math **on phones** (pilot)

  - **Integration of video conferencing into eTests** -- in alpha testing

  - Remote testing with **3rd party proctoring service**, depending on field interest
    - Please email remotetesting@casas.org if interested in this.

Reminders about Remote Testing

Remote testing with **NRS-approved tests** is only permitted using **eTests, not paper tests**!

It is **NOT permitted** to:
- **copy, scan, or reproduce** CASAS paper tests
- **send** NRS-approved paper tests to students
- **record** the testing session

- Test takers **may not use Zoom virtual backgrounds or filtered backgrounds** -- so that the proctor can see the room.

- **Be creative – AND follow the Guidelines** to ensure test security.

Reading Level Indicator (RLI)

CASAS News

CASAS National Summer Institute
June 17-18 and June 22-23, 2021

An Inspiring Online Adult Education

Professional Development Event

Register now on the CASAS website!

More than 100 training sessions, panels, and workshops!

CASAS National Summer Institute

June 17 and 18 - Trainings

- CASAS Implementation
- TOPSpro Enterprise and CASAS eTests
- Workforce Skills Certification

CASAS National Summer Institute

June 22 and 23 - Workshops and panels

▫ Workforce and adult education initiatives

▫ Enhancing student outcomes

▫ Citizenship and EL Civics

▫ Using data effectively to improve programs

▫ Secondary credentialing, including National External Diploma Program (NEDP), GED, HiSET

▫ Transitioning learners to post-secondary and the workplace

Live TE Basics Training – May 21

10:30 am – 12 pm Pacific

CASAS Live Facilitated Training

CASAS is pleased to offer live facilitated trainings for those who prefer to be trained as part of a group with a trainer.

TOPSpro Enterprise Training

- **TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) Basics – Quick Start! –** May 21, 2021, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.
- California agencies should register here: www.caadultedtraining.org/CASAS/7699

Live Facilitated Implementation Training

CASAS eTests Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 2** – May 4, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.

Paper Test Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 3** – April 27, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.

Instructional Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 4** – April 20, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.

- Next one: April 20

  Modules 1 & 4: CASAS Implementation Basics and Instructional Implementation

- Sessions for April – May 2021
  - eTests
  - Paper tests
  - Instructional reports

- Certificate of Completion provided

Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- Every Friday at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern

- Join us to get one-on-one support, help, suggestions and just plain old encouragement in using CASAS.

- Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.

- Register for Office Hours at: https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours

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- Wednesday, May 19
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Register today!

Next Steps and Contacts

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➡️General CASAS Information, casas@casas.org
- Ask any question - including what materials to order

➡️Order Department – orders@casas.org
- to place an order or check the status of an order

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➡️Training – training@casas.org

➡️eTests Implementation – golive@casas.org

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Questions and Comments from the Field

Thank you for attending!

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