National News and Updates

April 20, 2022
Welcome to the April 2022 CASAS National Webinar!

• Your phones and computers are muted.

• Presentation questions? **USE Q & A**

• Technical Difficulties? **USE CHAT**

• **Webinar recording & PPT** posted on the website: [https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars](https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars)
Before we start: Webinar Tips

- Check your audio settings
- Use chat only for webinar technical issues. Select all panelists for support
- Q & A is used for questions about the presentations and specific questions for the presenter(s)
- Enable Closed Captions

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“Q&A”: Questions for the Presenter

- Type questions directly related to the presentation

Click to see your Qs & As or all Qs & As

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Webinar Topics

• Remote Testing and Test Development Update
• Field Testing and Research Studies
• Summer Institute Update
• CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update – Tips and Tricks
• Promising Practice Presentation: Sean McAtee, Kirkwood Community College, Iowa
• CASAS News
Remote Testing and Test Development Update

Linda Taylor
CASAS VP, Assessment Development
New Remote Testing Policy –
Up to 15 Students at a Time

• For the past year, CASAS has been piloting remote testing with more than 5 students at a time.

• We are pleased to announce that CASAS has updated our policy for testing multiple students at the same time remotely, effective immediately.
New Remote Testing Policy Guidelines-
Up to 15 Students at a Time

- Remote testing more than 1 student at a time continues to be **limited to Approach 2 and 3** in which the student uses a Windows PC, a Chromebook with kiosk mode, or an iPad with secure guided access enabled.

- Proctors who are **new to or who have limited experience with eTests or remote testing** should test **no more than 5 students at a time** in one remote test session.
New Remote Testing Policy Guidelines - Up to 15 Students at a Time

- Proctors who are **experienced in remote testing** may test **up to 15 students at a time** in one remote test session – but only if they are **comfortable** doing this.

- These proctors should have **at least three months experience using remote testing Approach 2 or 3** with up to 5 students simultaneously, and

- a total of **at least 30+ completed assessments during 10 different testing sessions**.

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New Remote Testing Policy Guidelines-
Up to 15 Students at a Time

• The Remote Testing Guidelines for Approach 2 and 3 have been updated to reflect this new policy.

• Remote Testing FAQ #41 has been revised.
# NRS Status of Current & Next Test Series

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Research Studies

Karen Burger
National Program Specialist & Field Test Coordinator
Benefits of Field Testing

For Students

• Provides students with added confidence in test-taking experiences.
• Gives students an idea of test items.
• Reduces anxiety for students.

For Agency and Teachers

• Can be included as instructional time.
• Teachers can preview the new tests.
• Teachers can use the opportunity to coach students as they prepare for post-tests.
New Math GOALS Final Forms Testing – URGENT NEED!

- **When?** Now and through June 30, 2022
- **Who?** ABE and ASE Learners
  - ESL students at NRS Level 4, 5 & 6 in Reading
  - All levels are needed
- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- **Methodology?** Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- **Student gift cards:** $20 per test
- Complimentary web-test units

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Paper Testers and Learning Gains Studies

- Learning Gains Studies
  - Students take a pre- and post-test
  - Needed for ESL and Math
  - Paper/Pencil or eTests

- Paper / Pencil Field Testing
  - Math
  - Listening
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

• **Can field test results be used for reporting purposes?**
  ▫ No, they are in development and not NRS approved.

• **Will field testing affect my regular program testing?**
  ▫ No. they will not show up on reports
  ▫ Practice tests to help prepare for post-testing.

• **What if my student is not in a math class?**
  ▫ All students that meet criteria are eligible if they are part of your adult education program even if they are not currently studying math.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

• **How will we access the field tests?**
  ▫ We will put a specially configured testing session in your eTests account.

• **Will my program need to pay for the field tests? Or will the test use my program’s WTUs?**
  ▫ No cost. Field tests do not use WTUs. Paper tests are shipped to you with prepaid return labels.

• **How will students get the gift cards?**
  ▫ CASAS orders Target or Walmart gift cards; mailed directly to your agency for distribution to students.
How do I get started?

- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program
- Create a plan for implementation
- Contact CASAS for support along the way!

For more information visit our field testing webpage or contact:

- Fieldtesting@casas.org
- Karen Burger
  - kburger@casas.org
  - 800.255.1036 ext. 177
Summer Institute Update
We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and reconnecting with you!
San Diego’s Town & Country Resort

Go to https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI/conference-hotel
• For those who will be joining us in-person, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination is required during the registration process.

• CASAS has partnered with CrowdPass, a trusted leader in digital health clearance to securely upload your COVID vaccination information.
SI2022 Conference App

• We are using the Whova platform again this year.
• The Agenda is now available at the Summer Institute website at [2022 Summer Institute Agenda](#)

• New sessions will be added as they become available.

• The Agenda is subject to change.
• CASAS Implementation Trainings
• Hands-on Technology Labs
• TOPSpro Enterprise and CASAS eTests
• National External Diploma Program
• Workforce Skills Certification System
• More than 100 training sessions, workshops, and panels!
In-person registration – $680

Virtual Registration – $500

In-person Lab Fee – $80 each

For more information, visit www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI
Town and Country Resort in San Diego
June 13 to 16

Registration is now open!

REGISTER
Polls

1. Which does 'ADDIE' stand for?
   - Analyse, Develop, Design, Implement, Evaluate
   - Analyse, Design, Develop, Implement, Evaluate
   - Analyse, Design, Develop, Interpret, Evaluate
   - Analyse, Develop, Design, Interpret, Evaluate

2. Submit the poll

3. Close the poll

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Polls

• Please answer a poll question about how well your program is doing in getting paired student pre- and post-test scores.
• Submit your answers.
CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

Martha Perez
CASAS Technology Support Team Member and Trainer
Promising Practice Presentation

CASAS Post-Testing Process
Sean McAtee, Instructor-Coordinator
Kirkwood Community College
Cedar Rapids, IA
Features of “Basic” TOPSpro Enterprise

- Individual Student Skills Profile
- Individual Student Competency Performance
- Personal Score Report (at end of test)
- Test History -- of all test takers
  - CASAS test form, test date, scale score, and scores outside of accuracy range
- Next Assigned Test
- Test Administrations -- # of tests given per month
- Export student test data to 3rd Party data system
Features of “Enhanced” TOPSpro Enterprise

- Student Level Class Reports (Content Standards, Competencies)
  - Monitor program effectiveness
    - Class, Site and Agency Data Reports
    - Track clients in multiple programs
    - “Special Programs” feature
  - Record instructional hours
  - Drill-down: reports-to-data
  - Customizable listers, Ad hoc reporting
  - State and Federal accountability reporting (NRS Fed Tables)
NRS Tables Monitor Report
Promising Practice Presentation

CASAS Post-Testing Process
Sean McAtee, Instructor-Coordinator
Kirkwood Community College
Cedar Rapids, IA
CASAS News
Upcoming Live Training

- Overview: TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
  - Thursday, April 28
  - 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Pacific

- Implementation
  - M4: Instructional Implementation
    - Wednesday, April 27
    - 9:00 to 10:30 am Pacific

- To register, click link on home page
Next National TE Network Meeting

• **Friday, May 13**, 9 am – 10:30 am Pacific
• Meeting info will be posted in “What’s New” on CASAS website.
• To check the schedule and get registered, visit https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-facilitated-training
Help Documentation & Videos

**CASAS Homepage**

What's New

Remote Testing

- Getting started with CASAS eTests
- Live Facilitated Training Registration
- Office Hours Registration
- News and Updates Webinars
- Field Testing Opportunities
- EL Civics Exchange
- Fairness and Equity Statement
- FAQs

- Help Documentation & Videos

**Training Homepage**

Just getting started with CASAS eTests?

- See the Going Live! Checklist for more information.

Help Documentation & Videos

- Access an index of helpful training materials, [click here](#).

**Modules**

- CASAS eTests Implementation
  - Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics
  - Module 2: CASAS eTests Implementation
Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- **Fridays** at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
  - April 22
  - May 6
  - May 20

- Join us for one-to-one support

- Attendees drive the session with their questions

- Register: [https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours](https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours)
Next Monthly News & Updates Webinar

- Wednesday, August 24
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Click to register today!

What's New

- Field Testing Opportunities
- Getting started with CASAS eTests
- Remote Testing
- Office Hours Registration
- News and Updates Webinars
- Live Facilitated Training Registration
Thank you for attending!

**Recording of this webinar and the PPT** will all be posted in the What’s New/News and Update Webinars section on the CASAS website.

- 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

- Tech Support – techsupport@casas.org

- Training – training@casas.org

- eTests Implementation – golive@casas.org

- Remote Testing – remotetesting@casas.org