

National News and Updates

January 19, 2022

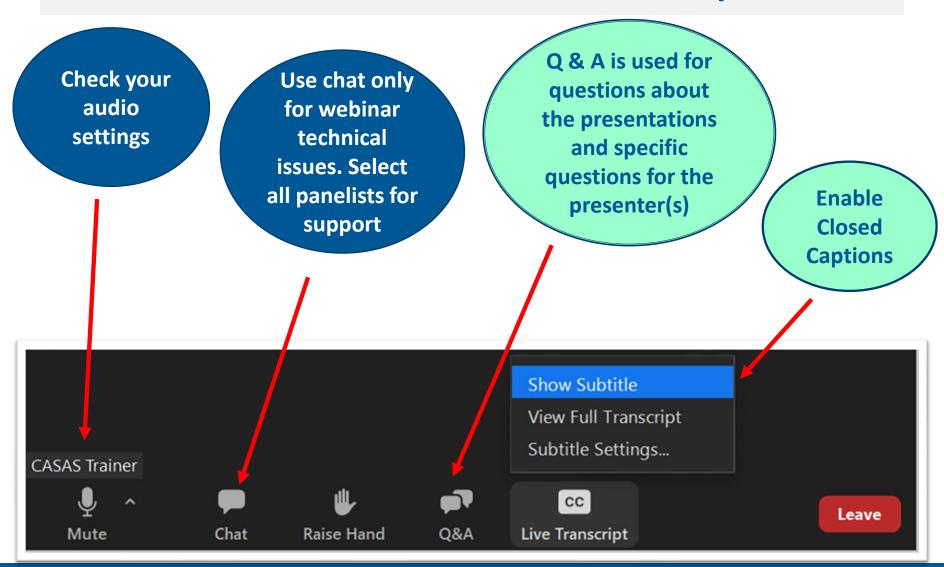


Welcome to the January 2022 CASAS National Webinar!

- 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.
- Recording of the webinar and PPT will be posted in the "What's New" section in the "News and Updates Webinars" page on www.casas.org. (https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars)



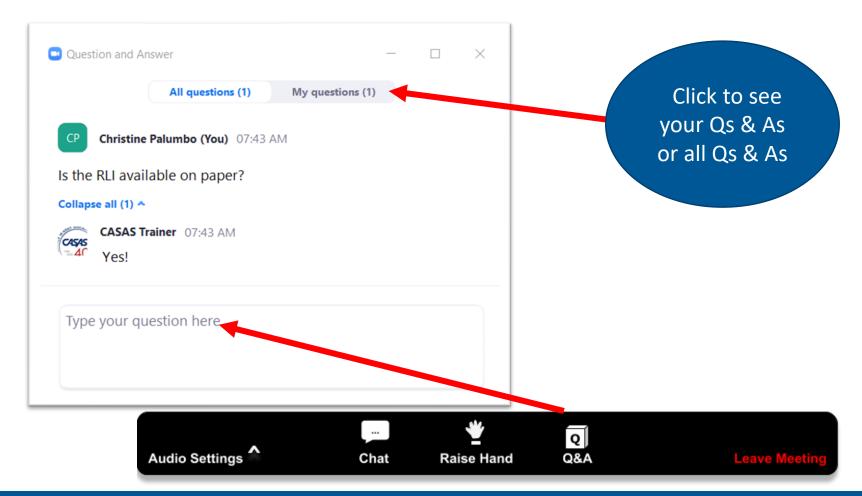
Before we start: Webinar Tips





"Q&A": Questions for the Presenter

Type questions directly related to the presentation





Webinar Topics

Promising Practice Presentation: "Learner-Centered Approach – Data and Accountability", Corona-Norco Adult School, CA

Test Development Update

Research Studies

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update – Tips and Tricks

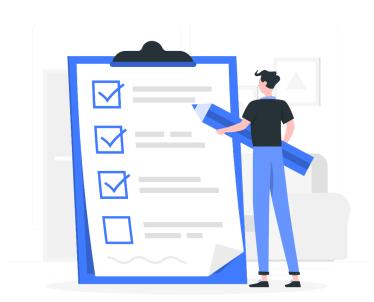
Summer Institute Update

CASAS News



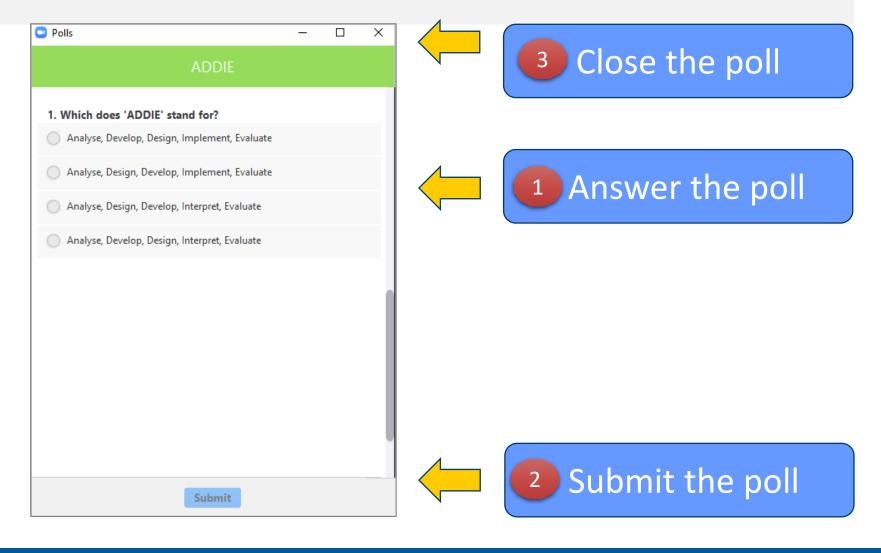
Polls

- Please answer a poll question about sharing test results.
- Submit your answers.





Polls





Promising Practice Presentation

"Learner-Centered Approach – Data and Accountability"

Dr. Thoibi Rublaitus, Principal

Corona-Norco Adult School, CA



Test Development Update

Linda Taylor
CASAS VP Assessment Development



NRS-approved CASAS 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

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



Current & Next GOALS Series and NRS Status

For ABE/ASE

- Reading GOALS approved through 2025
 - Next Reading GOALS series in development
- Math GOALS for ABE/ASE approved through 2023
 - Next Math GOALS series in development

For ESL

- ESL Reading GOALS and Listening GOALS
 - Final form studies in progress
 - To be submitted for NRS approval in 2022



Research Studies

Karen Burger

National Program Specialist & Field Test Coordinator



Benefits of Participating in Research Studies

- National Study Ensures your adult learners are represented in the development of new tests
- Helps build students' test-taking confidence
- Diminishes test anxiety can be used as a practice test before post-testing
- Gives practitioners an opportunity to look at new assessments
- Contributes to the creation of valid and reliable tests for future use throughout the country



Field Testers from Susan Vinton's Class in Palm Beach County, Florida





Math GOALS Item Testing - Urgent need

- When? Now and ongoing
 - Math Final Forms Studies begin in January
- Who? ABE and ASE Learners
 - ESL students at NRS Level 4 in Reading
- Delivery? CASAS eTests
- Methodology? Locator + up to three level tests
- Student gift cards: \$5 for 1st field test, \$10 each for 2nd and 3rd field tests.
- Complimentary web-test units



Participate in CASAS Final Forms Studies Listening and Reading for ESL

- When? Now and ongoing through June 2022
- Who? Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English
 - All levels are needed
 - LEVEL A TEST-TAKERS (NRS 1 & 2) ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED
- Delivery? eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- Methodology? Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- Student gift cards: \$5 per test completed
- Complimentary web-test units



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. Consider as practice tests to help prepare for post-testing.
- 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 we access the field tests?
 - We will put a specially configured testing session in your eTests account.
- How will students get the gift cards?
 - CASAS orders Target gift cards; mailed directly to your agency for distribution to students.



How do I get started?



- Communicate with staff
- Create a plan for implementing
- Contact us

For more information visit our field testing webpage or contact:

- Fieldtesting@casas.org
- Karen Burger
 - ■800.255.1036 ext. 177

What's New Remote Testing

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



Demographics Needed!

For Ongoing eTests Unscored Embedded Field Test Items We need your help!

These data elements are essential for CASAS test research studies:

- Gender
- Native Language
- Ethnicity/Race

A student only needs to enter this info one time.

How to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-taWcS4EPVU&t=8s



CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

Janice Fera
National Program & Technology Specialist



"My Reports" Feature in TE



My Reports Help Docs and Video



https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/training-materials/steps-to-set-up-and-access-my-reports.pdf



Classmate Q & A Help Docs



https://www.casas.org/productoverviews/software/topspro-enterprise/te-classmate



Windows 11

- Microsoft has released the massive update called Windows 11
- TE and eTests have been tested in this environment... so when you're ready to migrate we've already got you covered.





Summer Institute Update





Town and Country Resort in San Diego June 13 to 16







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.





- 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



CASAS News



New 2022 CASAS Catalog Online



Assessments Resources Training and Support







A Comprehensive Approach for Education and Workforce Development for Business and Industry.

www.casas.org/order

Available now!

New PDF version:

https://www.casas.org/docs/defaultsource/newsroom/catalog.pdf

New Paper-turn version:

Paper-turn version on the CASAS Homepage

CASAS Online Ordering

https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/



Upcoming Live Training

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- FAQs

Implementation

- M4: Test Results and Reports
 - January 27, 10:00 to 11:30 am Pacific
- M2: eTests Implementation
 - March 3, 10:00 to 11:30 am Pacific

Overview: TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)

- January 27 and February 24
- 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Pacific
- To register, click link on home page



Help Documentation & Videos

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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.



Training Announcements

Modules

▼CASAS eTests Implementation

Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics

Module 2: CASAS eTests Implementation

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Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- Fridays at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
 - January 21
 - February 11
 - February 25
- One-on-one support
- Participant questions drive the session
- Register:

 https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours

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National TE Network Meetings

- Meetings will focus on:
 - NRS guidelines
 - Learning "tips and tricks" from accomplished TE practitioners
 - TE features such as the TE Proxy Wizard
 - Test results and reports
- Confer online with TE data managers and CASAS
 assessment coordinators from all states to network and
 share best practices for testing and data collection.
- Participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.



Next National TE Network Meeting

- March 10 (Thursday), 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/casaslive-facilitated-training





Next Monthly News & Updates Webinar

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- Wednesday, February 16
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- <u>Click</u> to register today!





Thank you for attending!

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- General CASAS Information, casas@casas.org
 - Ask any question including what materials to order
- Order Department <u>orders@casas.org</u>
 - to place an order or check the status of an order
- Tech Support techsupport@casas.org
- Training <u>training@casas.org</u>
- eTests Implementation golive@casas.org
- Remote Testing <u>remotetesting@casas.org</u>