



Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems

# National News and Updates

October 19, 2022

# Welcome to the October 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:  
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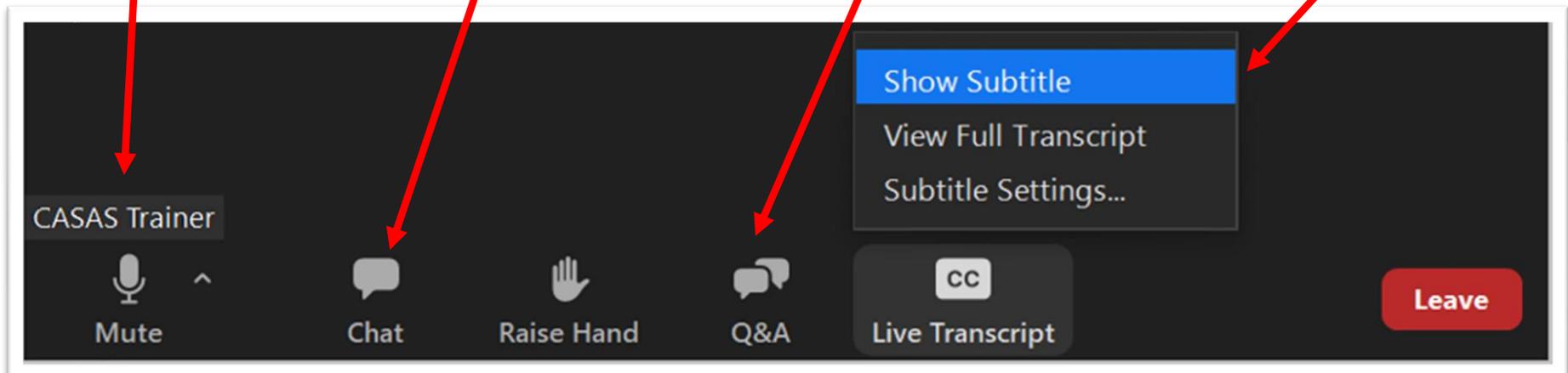
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# Agenda

- Test Development Update
- Field Testing and Research Studies
- Digital Equity Act
- Oakland Celebrates 150 Years
- eTests Tips and Tricks
- Training Update
- CASAS News



# Test Development Update

Linda Taylor

CASAS VP, Assessment Development

# NRS Status of Current & Next Test Series

Assessment	NRS Approval
<b>FOR ABE</b>	
Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE	Through February 2025
Math GOALS <sup>6</sup>	Extended through March 2024
New Math GOALS 2 Series	Submitted for NRS Approval on Oct. 1, 2022

# NRS Status of Current & Next Test Series

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## FOR ESL

**Life and Work Reading – 80 series**

**Extended through  
February 2024**

**Beginning Literacy – Forms 27 and 28**

**Reading for Language Arts – Forms 513 and 514**

**Life and Work Listening – 980 series**

**Extended through  
February 2024**

**New ESL Reading STEPS**

**Submitted for NRS  
Approval on Oct. 1, 2022**

**New ESL Listening STEPS**

**Submitted for NRS  
Approval on Oct. 1, 2022**

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# New - STEPS Test Series for ESL

- Reading STEPS and Listening STEPS
  - STEPS = Student Test of English Progress and Success
- 5 Levels (A to E), 2 forms per level
- eTests and Paper
- Appraisals on eTests and Paper
- Locators on eTests and Paper!

# New - STEPS Test Series for ESL

- Aligned to the ELP Standards
  - ✓ Increased focus on content standards, together with competencies
- Similar item types as in Reading GOALS

# New STEPS Test Series Design

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<b>CASAS Test Level</b>	<b>NRS Level</b>
<b>Level A</b>	<b>NRS 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Level B</b>	<b>NRS 2 &amp; 3</b>
<b>Level C</b>	<b>NRS 3 &amp; 4</b>
<b>Level D</b>	<b>NRS 4 &amp; 5</b>
<b>Level E</b>	<b>NRS 5 &amp; 6</b>

# Listening Item Types – LWL vs. STEPS

## Life and Work Listening

- Photos
- Next Line
- Comprehension Question
- Which is Correct?

## Listening STEPS

- Photos
- Next Response
- Comprehension Question
  - With new “Summary” questions

# New - Math GOALS 2 Test Series

- eTests 5 Levels (A to E), 2 forms per level
- eTests and Paper
- Appraisals on eTests and Paper
- Locators on eTests and Paper!
- Aligned to the CCR Math Standards
- Similar content and item types as in Math GOALS

# STEPS and Math GOALS 2 Test Blueprints

- Detailed test blueprints showing content alignment will be posted soon on the CASAS website
- They will be similar in format to the GOALS series test blueprints.
- Stay tuned...

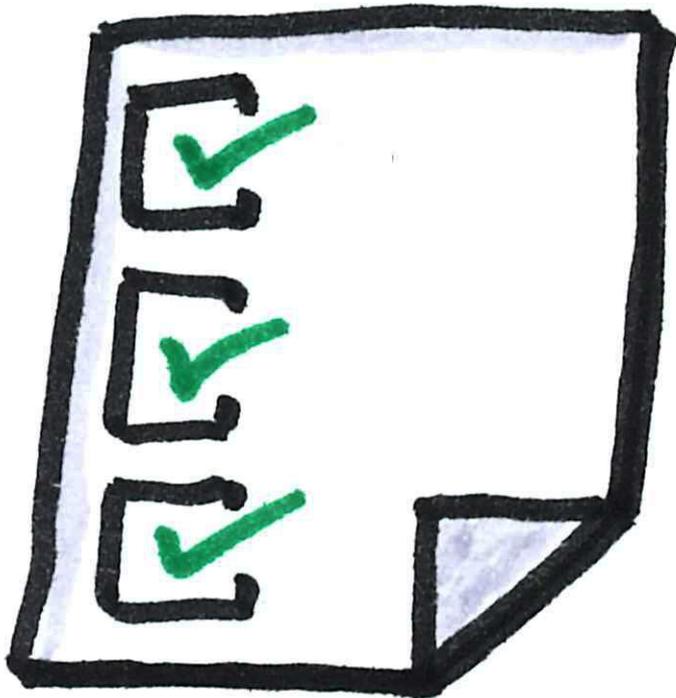
# Research Studies

Karen Burger

National Program Specialist

Assessment Research Coordinator

# Research Update – NEW ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED TO NRS FOR APPROVAL!



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Three modalities – Math and  
ESL Reading & Listening

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Since January 2020

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Nearly 18K field tests

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30 States

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175+ Agencies

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# Why CASAS Field Tests

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To give programs opportunities to participate in development of new assessments

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To provide relevant tests built for our students

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To collect data for a broad demographic of adult learners

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To continually update and improve our assessments

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To create assessments for reporting purposes as required by the Office of Career and Technical Adult Education (OCTAE)

# CASAS provides support along the way



- Clear instructions and supporting documents
- Technical support for eTests
- Ship paper materials, with easy return
- Gift cards for students
- Help with testing options

# Benefits of Field Testing

## For Students

- Provides practice in the testing environment.
- Students gain confidence test-taking experience.
- Reduces anxiety for students.

## For Agencies 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.

# Beginning ABE Literacy (NRS Level 1) Reading GOALS 2 Item Field Testing

- **When?** Now through December
- **Who?** ABE Learners
  - Students with a Reading GOALS scale score of 203 or below
  - Students in Literacy programs or too low to test in reading
- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- **Methodology?** Up to 4 tests – no locator
- **Timing?** Up to 45 minutes per test
- **Student gift cards: \$20 per test**
- Complimentary web-test units

# Continuing Research Studies Now through January

## Learning Gains Studies

- Students take a pre- and post-test
- Needed for Math and ESL (Reading & Listening)
- All Levels
- Paper/Pencil or eTests

## Paper / Pencil Field Testing

- Math – Level A & Level E (NRS 1 & 2 / 5 & 6)
- ESL Reading – Level E (NRS 5&6)
- ESL Listening – Levels A & B (NRS 1 – 3)

# How do I get started?



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

*For more information contact:*  
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[Fieldtesting@casas.org](mailto:Fieldtesting@casas.org)

# New Pilot: CASAS Language Test

- Who?
  - ESL High Intermediate and above
  - Reading GOALS level 3 and above
- Format of test?
  - 20 questions, sentence completion, multiple-choice
  - 20 minutes
- Scoring?
  - Fully-integrated into eTests, including a Personal Score Report (PSR)
  - Reports accessible by the proctor (inside eTests)
  - Also in TOPSpro Enterprise under **Reports → CASAS eTests → Personal Score Report**

# Personal Score Report: Language Test

eTests Online

Personal Score Report

Janice Fera  
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Modality	Test Form	Test Date	Total	Correct	CCR Language Level
Language	FT-US-LA-001	10/07/2022	20	10	C

Language Content Area	Total Items	Number Correct	Percent Correct
Nouns and Pronouns	4	2	50%
Verbs, Adverbs and Adjectives	7	5	71%
Phrases, Clauses and Sentences	4	1	25%
Punctuation	5	2	40%

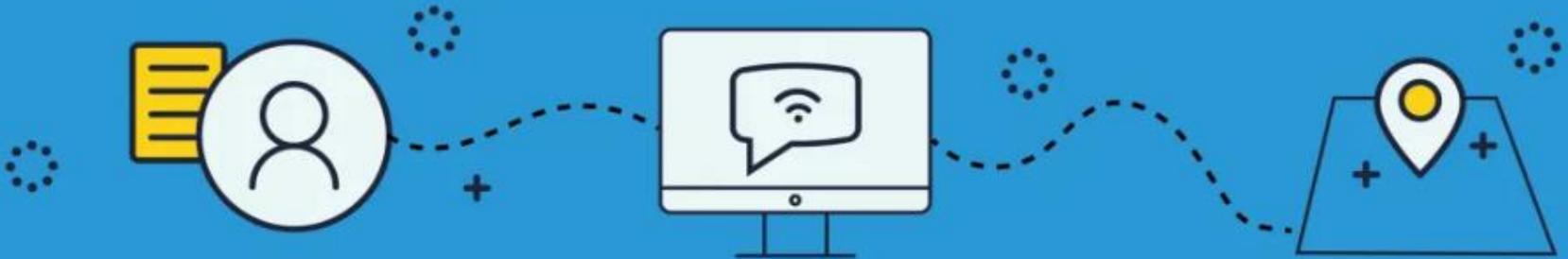


- <https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/research-and-evaluation/field-testing-opportunities>

# Exploring Digital Equity

Janice Fera,  
National Program and Technology Specialist

# THE DIGITAL EQUITY ACT



## **PROVIDES DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING**

AND EDUCATION TO LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS

## **IMPROVES ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY**

OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

## **EMPOWERS RURAL COMMUNITIES**

TO MEASURE AND ADDRESS THEIR OWN BROADBAND NEEDS

**#DIGITALEQUITYNOW**

- <https://www.digitalequityact.org/>

# Data Gathering

- Example: California Student Technology Survey:
  - <https://caladulted.org/StudentTechnologyIntakeSurvey>

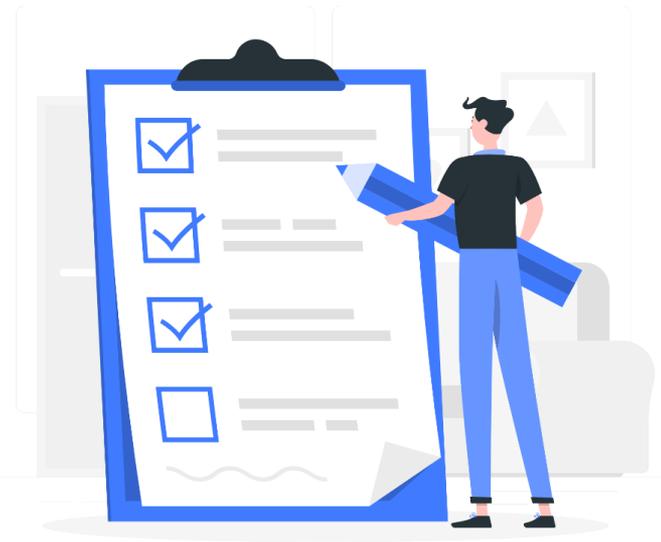


**GETCONNECTED  
CALIFORNIA!**  
Call to Action  
Statewide Mobilization to Promote Affordable Connectivity Program Enrollment

*Get Connected! California*

# Will you share YOUR feedback with us?

- Zoom Poll:
  - Does your agency currently have a laptop or mobile hotspot loaner program?



# Polls

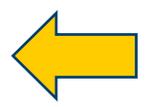
Polls

ADDIE

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

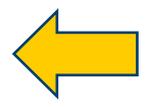
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3 Close the poll



1 Answer the poll



2 Submit the poll

# Oakland Adult & Career Education (OACE)

Mr. Kim Jones, Director

<https://www.ousd.org/oace>



















# OAKLAND ADULT & CAREER EDUCATION

*Established in 1871*

**OACE Vision:** OACE strives to be the resource for positive and continuous growth, enabling adult students to become contributing workers, lifelong learners, global citizens and full participants in their diverse communities.

**OACE Mission:** OACE provides high-quality foundational, instructional skill programs to Oakland adults and their families in order for them to succeed in education, work and life.

**SLO-OACE** students will achieve work, life and academic skills including foundational skills in English, math and technology:

- To become college and career ready,
- To support their family's academic progress,
- To become fully participating members of their community

Strategic Vision  
Program Excellence - Student Services

## Desired Outcomes (1 of 3)

- Upon enrollment, all students are provided information about available program options and services.
- Students are informed of and referred to other programs, as appropriate.
- Classroom visitations and presentations to explain options are regularly scheduled.
- Individual learning plans are in evidence for students in higher level programs when appropriate
- Most students know the requirement for advancement in the program.

**Student Services**

## Desired Outcomes (2 of 3)

- Career planning assistance and information about job specific requirements is available to all students.
- Pre employment skills including communication, problem solving and interpersonal and job search skills are part of the curriculum at all levels.
- Learners are encouraged to develop portfolios and are given assistance in portfolio completion.
- Students have information about colleges and vocational programs.
- Job placement is available for CTE classes

**Student Services**

## **Desired Outcomes (3 of 3)**

- There is systematic assessment of learners for placement into all ESL, ABE, high school diploma, and HSE classes.
- Assessment results are used to guide and enroll students in appropriate classes and monitor their progress.
- Students' goals are identified and considered during placement.

**Student Services**

## Program

- BankWork\$
- Pre-Apprenticeships
- Project Management
- Cybersecurity/ IT Professionals

## Benefits

- 2-9 months for completion
- Micro certs
- Prevailing Wages
- OJT

**Short Term CTE**

## **1.ETPL**

- Additional WIOA dollars
- Deeper engagement with employers
- Employer Incentives

## **2.Local, State and Federal Grant Funding**

- City and County Workforce initiatives
- California Community Colleges

## **3.Pell Grant Compliant Programs**

- ICEV online CTE platform
- Pre apprenticeships

**Supplemental Funding**

# Testing Sessions Best Practices

Martha Perez

CASAS Technical Support Specialist

# Testing Sessions per Instructional Program

- ABE – [Reading GOALS](#) and [Math GOALS](#)
- ASE – [Reading GOALS](#) and [Math GOALS](#)
- CIT – [Reading for Citizenship, Life and Work Listening \(980 series\)](#), and [Government and History for Citizenship](#)
- ESL – [Life and Work Reading](#) and [Life and Work Listening \(980 series\)](#)

# ABE/ASE Reading and Math: GOALS

(10 records) Refresh

Filter by: Status

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# ABE/ASE Reading and Math: GOALS

Session configuration

Reset

Modalities Options Registration Data Layout Admin

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math	Math GOALS	Config.: Edit Clear
Locator/Appraisal:	[ Default - 104M ]	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Writing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship		
<input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving		
<input type="checkbox"/> Critical Thinking		

# ESL/ELL Reading and Listening: Life & Work

Session configuration

Reset

Modalities Options Registration Data Layout Admin

**Reading** Life and Work (life emphasis at Level C) Config.: Edit Clear  
Locator/Appraisal: [ Default - 102R ]

**Math**

**Listening** Life and Work Listening - 980 series Config.: Edit Clear  
Locator/Appraisal: [ Default - 089L ]

**Speaking**

**Writing**

**Citizenship**

**Problem Solving**

**Critical Thinking**

# Testing Sessions per Program

- **Intake/pretest** sessions

- Designed for new students
- Align with the recommended [CASAS Intake Process](#).
- New student records are added at the time of testing
- This session also collects required data to eliminate processing/scanning entry records.

- **Progress/post-test** sessions

- Designed to administer the next appropriate-level test based on a student's most recent test(s) recorded in the online system
- Students must enter a pre-existing unique ID before they may proceed with testing
- This session prevents duplicate student records

- **Retest** session

- Allows you to retest students on the same day if their test score is:
  - ✓ Below accurate range \* – retesting is required
  - ✓ Conservative estimate ♦ – retesting is recommended

# Testing Sessions per Program

- **Returning** session
  - Re-administers the locator or appraisal if a student has been absent so long that the previous test is no longer valid.
- **Registration** session
  - Separates the student registration process from the testing process.
  - Refer to [Data Collection Details](#) for demographic, program and personal data.
- **Practice** session
  - Introduces students to taking a CASAS online test.

# Accommodations

- For ABE/ASE and ESL/ELL Sessions

Testing Sessions (6 records) Refresh

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<https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/testing-guidelines/Assessment-Accommodations>

# Training Update

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CASAS National Certified Trainer and Program Specialist

# Topics

- Finding Help Documentation and Videos
- Live Training – Upcoming Dates
- Online Training
  - Training by role guides
  - CASAS eTests Proctor Certification
  - CASAS Paper Test Proctor Certification

# Help! Where can I find \_\_\_\_\_?



# Help Documentation & Videos

## CASAS Homepage

### What's New

- [eTests Test Security: Take a Test](#)
- [Field Testing Opportunities](#)
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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

# Upcoming Live Training

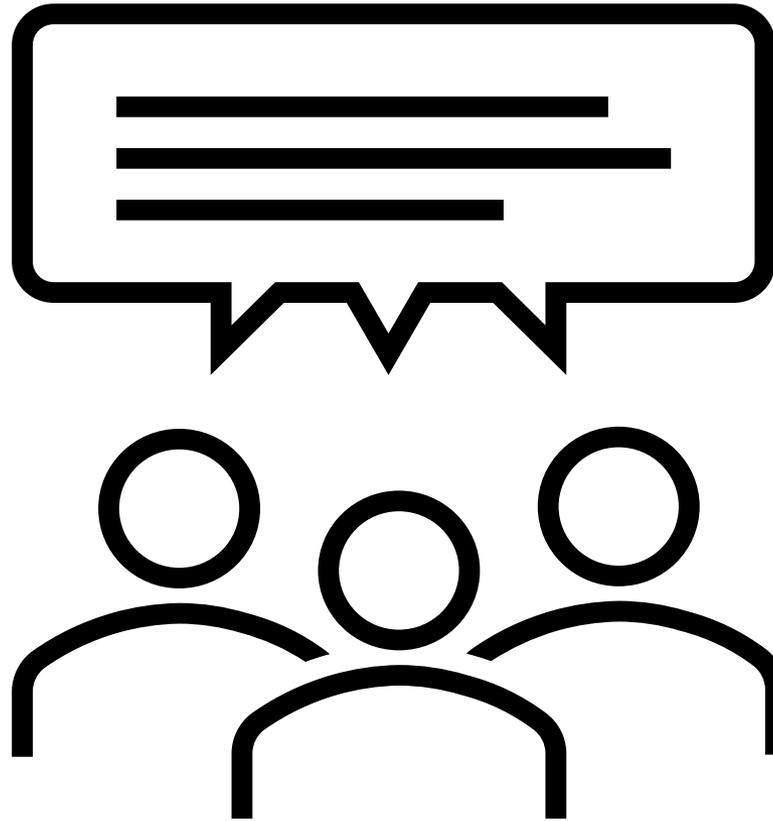
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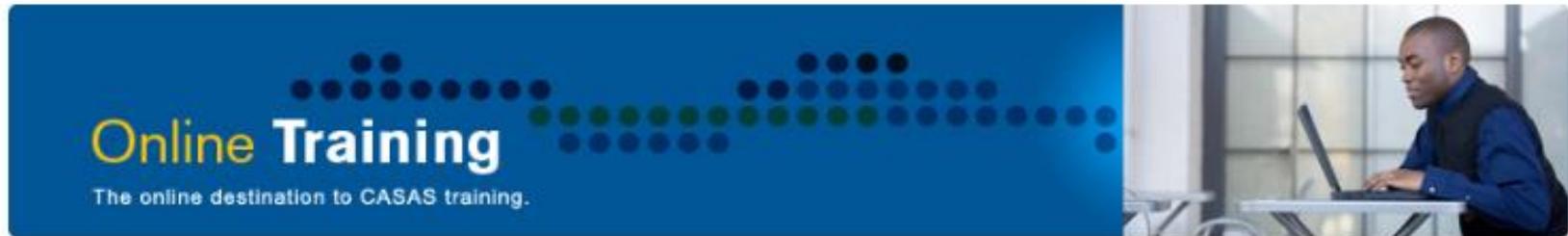


- Overview: TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
  - **Thursday, October 27**
  - 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Pacific
- Instructional Implementation Overview (M4)
  - **Thursday, December 8**
  - 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Pacific
- To register, click link on CASAS.ORG

# We're listening...



# Online Training – 24/7



**CASAS Implementation is available in self-study training modules.**

To get started with 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](#)

## Paper Test Implementation



Getting started with paper?  
See [Getting Ready! Checklist](#)  
and [Training by Role](#).

## eTests & Paper Test Implementation



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

## Interpreting Test Results & Reports



Check out these resources!  
See [Instructional Implementation](#)

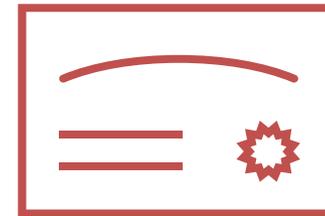
# eTests Proctor Certification



## For Initial Certification...

CASAS eTests Proctor  
Certification

CASAS Implementation Basics  
(M1)



## For New Staff – Existing Agencies or Recertification

eTests Proctor – Administering Tests

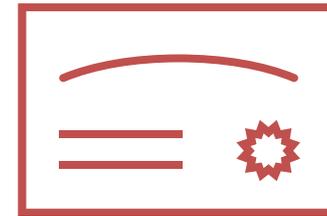
eTests Proctor – Managing Test  
Interruptions

# Paper Test Proctor Certification



## **For Initial Certification...**

CASAS Paper Test Proctor  
Certification



## **Options For Recertification**

CASAS Implementation Basics (M1)  
Instructional Implementation (M4)

# Training Summary

- Help Documentation and Video links are located on our homepage and Online Training.
- LIVE! Training
  - Overview of TE – Thursday, October 24
  - Instructional Implementation – Thursday, December 8
- Online Training is offered by Role
  - eTests Proctor Certification
  - Paper Test Proctor Certification
- We're listening! Feedback? Ideas?
  - Complete Training Questionnaires
  - Contact [training@casas.org](mailto:training@casas.org)



# CASAS News

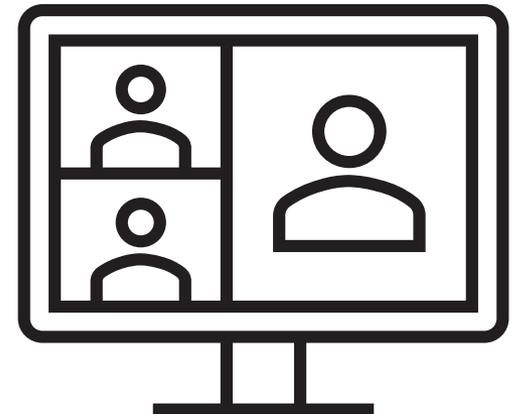
# Next National TE Network Meeting

- **LIVE! Friday, November 4**, 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>



# Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- **Fridays** at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
  - **Save the Date - October 28**
- 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>



# Holiday Office Closures

- Thanksgiving Weekend
  - November 24 – 27
- Winter Break
  - December 26 – January 2, 2023
- No Tech Support



# Next Monthly News & Updates Webinar

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- **Wednesday, December 7**
- **11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern**
- [Click](#) to register today!



# 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.

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