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“Reinventing and Reimagining Your Adult Education Program”
from Acalanes Adult Education, CA

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update -- Special Programs in TE

CASAS Training Update

CASAS News
Welcome to the October 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.

• 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](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
“Q&A”: Questions for the Presenter

- Type questions directly related to the presentation

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CASAS News
Test Development and Remote Testing

Linda Taylor
CASAS VP Assessment Development
New Developments in Remote Testing

- Remote testing with 3<sup>rd</sup> party proctoring service – CASAS is exploring this additional option
  - Please email remotetesting@casas.org if interested in this.

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

- Remote testing of Listening, Reading and Math **on phones**
  - Ongoing pilot data collection

- Development of eTests mobile app with integration of video conferencing
  - In 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
Field Testing Studies

Karen Burger
National Program Specialist & Field Test Coordinator
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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taWcS4EPVU&t=8s)
Benefits of Field Testing

- 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
Math GOALS Item Testing – Urgent need

- **When?** Now and ongoing through November 2021
  - 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 in the amount of $5-$25 based on number of tests completed
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing 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
- **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
  - Bonus gift cards for special studies
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units
- FAQs available at [Field Testing Opportunities](#)
How do I get started?

- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program
- Gather information about participation
- Ask students about their interest

For more information visit our field testing webpage or contact:
- Fieldtesting@casas.org
- Karen Burger
  - kburger@casas.org
  - 800.255.1036 ext. 177
Promising Practice Presentation

Reinventing and Reimagining Your Adult Education Program, Acalanes Adult Education, CA

- Steven France, Director, Del Valle Education Center
- Michelle Hernandez, Registrar, Del Valle Education Center/Acalanes Adult Education
- Eric Dannewitz, Technology Assistant
CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

Janice Fera
National Program & Technology Specialist
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)
Polls

- Please answer 3 poll questions about creating Special Programs in TOPSpro Enterprise (TE).

- Submit your answers.
Polls

1. Answer the poll
2. Submit the poll
3. Close the poll

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
“Special Programs” in TE

- In TE: Organization > Special Programs

- Manage data and accountability
- Track students/clients
- Generate custom reports
Why use “Special Programs” in TE?

To track special groups of students.

- Example 1: students with a special funding source
  - Job Corps
  - An employer-funded course
- Example 2: students who were referred from a specific agency or provider
  - Social services or human welfare office
  - Parole office or corrections agencies
“Special Programs” in TE

- Default choices in Student Records

### Special Program Entries:

- N/A
- Community Corrections
- Tutoring
- Older Adults
- ELL Co-Enrollment
- State Corrections
- Distance Learning
- Carl Perkins
- None
- Homeless Program
- Special Needs
- Even Start
- EL Civics (IELCE)
- Family Literacy
- Alternative Ed. [K12]
- CBET
- Jail
- Workplace Ed.
- Non-traditional Training
- Integrated Education & Training

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Steps to Add “Special Programs”

- In TE: Organization > Special Programs  **NEW** Enter **Special Program** Code, Name, and Start/End Date  **SAVE**

Add your own unique **Special Programs** to TE!

Step by step instructions:

https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/training-materials/steps-to-add-special-programs.pdf?sfvrsn=8a5b335a_6
How to Search for Students in a “Special Program”? 

In TE: View > Start Page
How to Search for Students in a “Special Program” (2)
CASAS News
Copy of your Certificate

If you need a copy of your Certificate from the current program year (i.e., after July 1):

1. Go to training.casas.org.
2. Log in to your training module.
3. Scroll down and click Certificate of Completion.
4. Click Get your Certificate.

Note: Copies of certificates from prior program years are no longer accessible after the modules are reset at the start of every new program year.
Your CASAS Training History

2. Click Login and enter your User credentials.
3. Click Your name (at the top) to access your Training History.
4. Click Print at the bottom of the web page.
5. From the print Setup window:
   a. Select PDF.
   b. Click Settings, and then check Headers and Footers, and Background Graphics.
   c. Click Print.
Live Facilitated Training

- The training schedule is posted on the CASAS website.

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
- FAQs

CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION
This certifies that

Teacher 58
completed
Module 1 & 2: CASAS eTests Implementation
September 13, 2021

CASAS Certified Trainers

Credit Hours: 3
Earn F/RF/AS

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# Live Facilitated Training Schedule

## Implementation

**October 26**

- Module 4: Test Results and Reports

**November & December**

- Complete Self-Study, Online Training

## TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)

**October 22**

- Overview of TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
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.

• Every other month, on Fridays at 9 am Pacific/Noon Eastern.

**Next meeting: November 12, 9 am – 10:30 am Pacific**

• Meeting info will be posted in “What’s New” on CASAS website.
Help Documentation & Videos

CASAS training materials are on the move!

Looking for training materials with helpful videos?

• Access the new Index on the Training website.
• Development is ongoing with new items added regularly.
• So be sure to visit frequently and check out what's new!

Go to: http://training.casas.org/course/view.php?id=355
Office Hours with CASAS Staff

• Fridays at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern. See the schedule on the CASAS website.

• 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
Next Monthly News & Updates Webinar

- Wednesday, November 17
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Register today!

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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

• Tech Support – techsupport@casas.org

• Training – training@casas.org

• eTests Implementation – golive@casas.org

• Remote Testing – remotetesting@casas.org