

CASAS National News and Updates Webinar

August 21, 2024



Welcome to the August 2024 CASAS National Webinar

- Presentation questions?
USE Q & A
- Technical Difficulties?
USE CHAT
- **PowerPoint** is posted on the website.

<https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars>
- Webinar **recording will be posted by August 28.**



Let CASAS Be Your Compass!



Let **CASAS** Be Your Co^{mpass}!

Agenda

- Message from the President
- Test Development and Research Updates
- Promising Practice: Garden Grove's New Orientation Success!
- TOPSpro Enterprise Updates
- Important Reminders

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Message from the President

Jane Equez
CASAS President





Assessment and Research Updates

Daniel Esko
Assessment Development Program Manager

ESL Assessments - NRS Approved

Reading	Listening
Reading STEPS Ready for use! NRS-approved through 2030	Listening STEPS Ready for use! NRS-approved through 2030

Life and Work Reading 80 series & Forms 27/28, 513/514	Life and Work Listening 980 series
Sunsetting 6/30/2025 CHECK YOUR STATE'S ASSESSMENT POLICY	

NRS Approved ABE / ASE Assessments

Reading GOALS

NRS-approved through

June 30, 2025

(Sunset period

March- June 2025)



Math GOALS 2

NRS-approved through

2030





**Math GOALS is no longer
valid for NRS reporting!**

Forms 913/14, 917/918

Reading

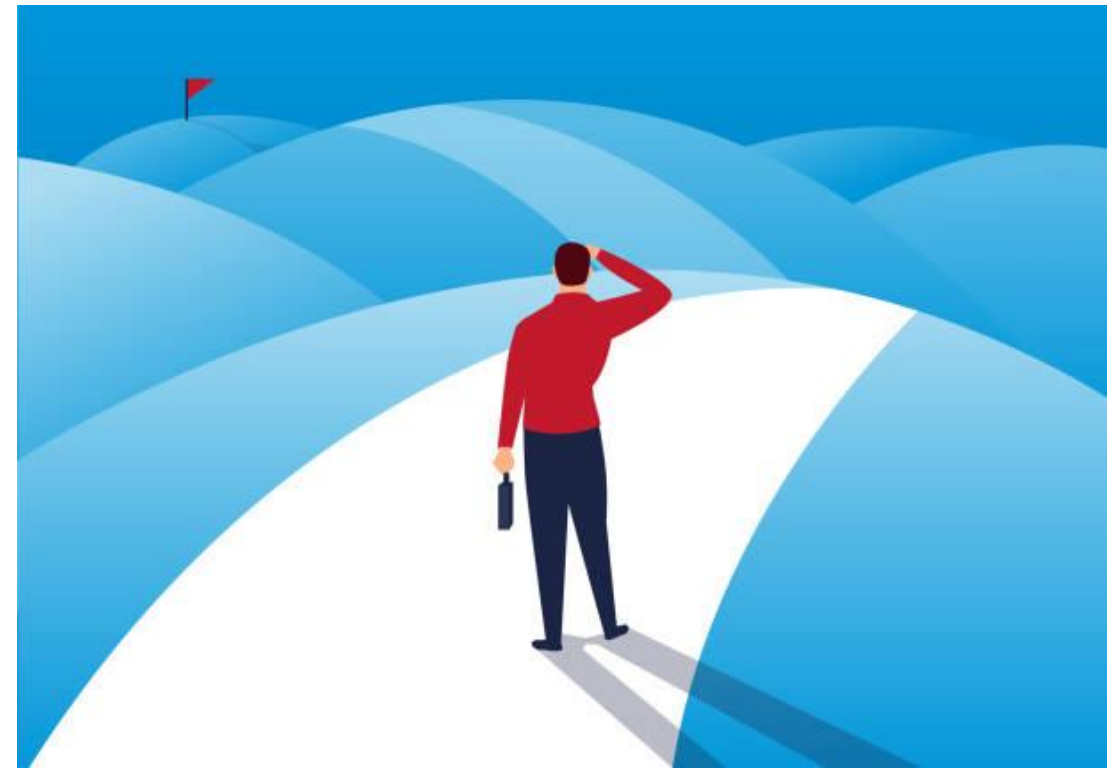
GOALS 2
CASAS®

Coming Soon!



We need your help!

Fall 2024 Field Testing



Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems

We will pay your students to practice!

Field Testing



“ This is the first time I earn something. I feel very proud of myself. ”
– Adult learner from YWCA New Britain, Connecticut

Thank
You!

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tinyurl.com/CASAS-Field-Testing | fieldtesting@casas.org

TIME FOR A POLL...

What song gets you pumped up to overcome a barrier?

- "The Theme from Rocky" Bill Conti
- "Roar" Katy Perry
- "Don't Stop Me Now" Queen





Fostering a Supportive Learning Environment: New Student Orientation at Garden Grove

M'Liss Paterson, Director, Garden Grove Adult Education, CA
Theresa Trieu, Counselor, Garden Grove Adult Education, CA



CASAS eTests Updates

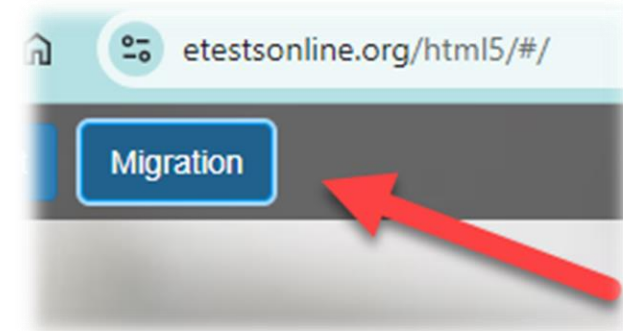
Karen Burger

Why the Change to CASAS eTests 2?

- ❑ Newly redesigned interface
 - ❑ Enhances performance, flexibility and longevity
- ❑ Enhanced accessibility features:
 - ❑ Enlarged Text options
 - ❑ Preferred background color and text color
 - ❑ Screen Reader Assisted Technology (Talking Calculator)



What do I need to do?



- ❑ CASAS eTests2 on a Windows device has two options
- ❑ We recommend **Take a Test**
- ❑ However, if your test stations are incompatible, then we recommend **Safe Exam Browser**.
- ❑ **Click** Migration button for more information

How do I know if I'm using eTests1?

- ☐ This message will appear
- ☐ Check testing stations
- ☐ See “eTests2” URL at log in.
- ☐ Chromebooks / iPads?
automatic upgrade

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CASAS eTests1 expires September 30, 2024

Click the Migration button on this page for information on how to migrate to CASAS eTests2.

Please use this address
<https://etestsonline.org/eTests2/> to access CASAS eTests2.

On September 30 this page will automatically redirect to the CASAS eTests2 login page.

If you have any questions please contact
techsupport@casas.org



Take a test

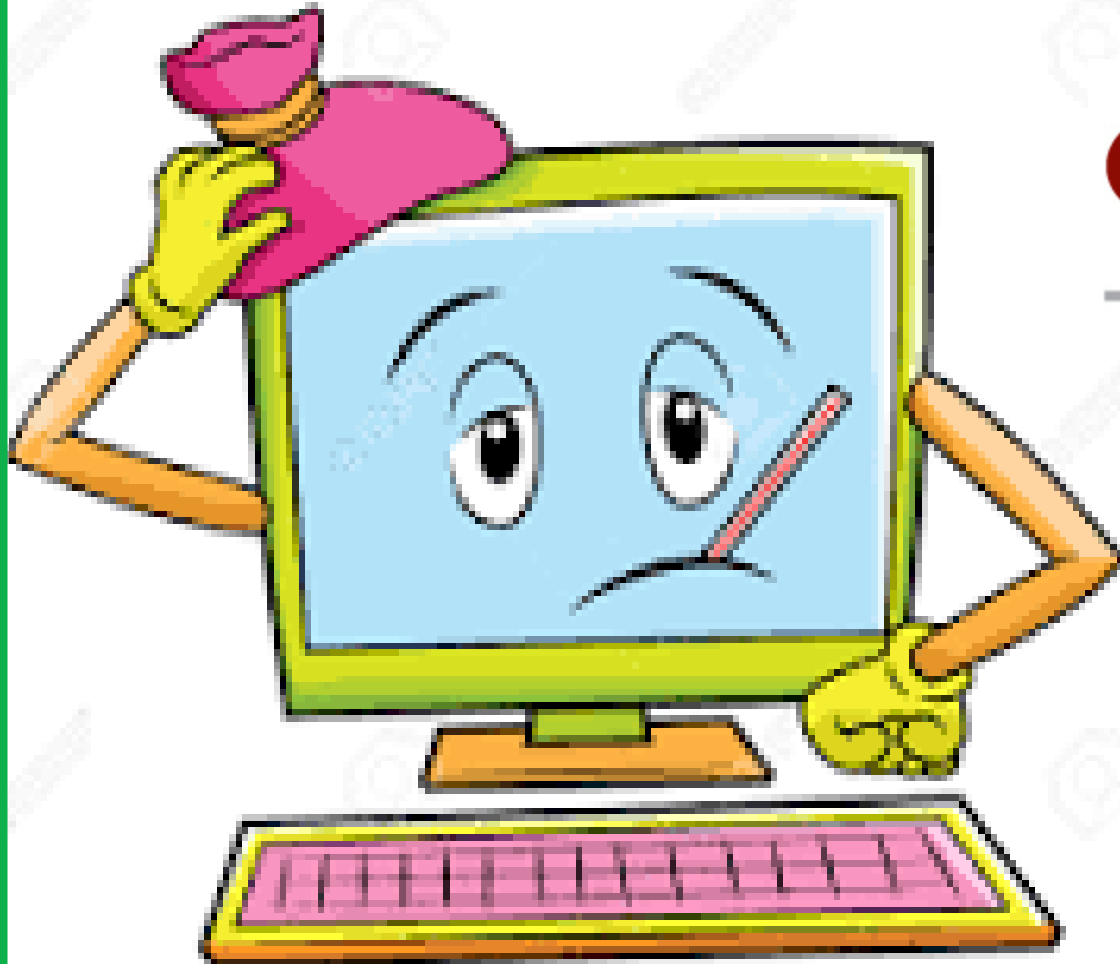
What about Testing Stations?



- ❑ After September 30, automatic redirection to eTests2.
- ❑ Transition your test stations incrementally
- ❑ Some test stations can be using eTests1 while others are on eTests2.
- ❑ After September 30, ***all testing stations*** must be set up for eTests2.



Remote testing? Continue testing as you are for now.
Contact Tech Support: Pilot remote testing options.



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CASAS

TOPS[®]
enterprise

Need help?
Please contact
techsupport@casas.org

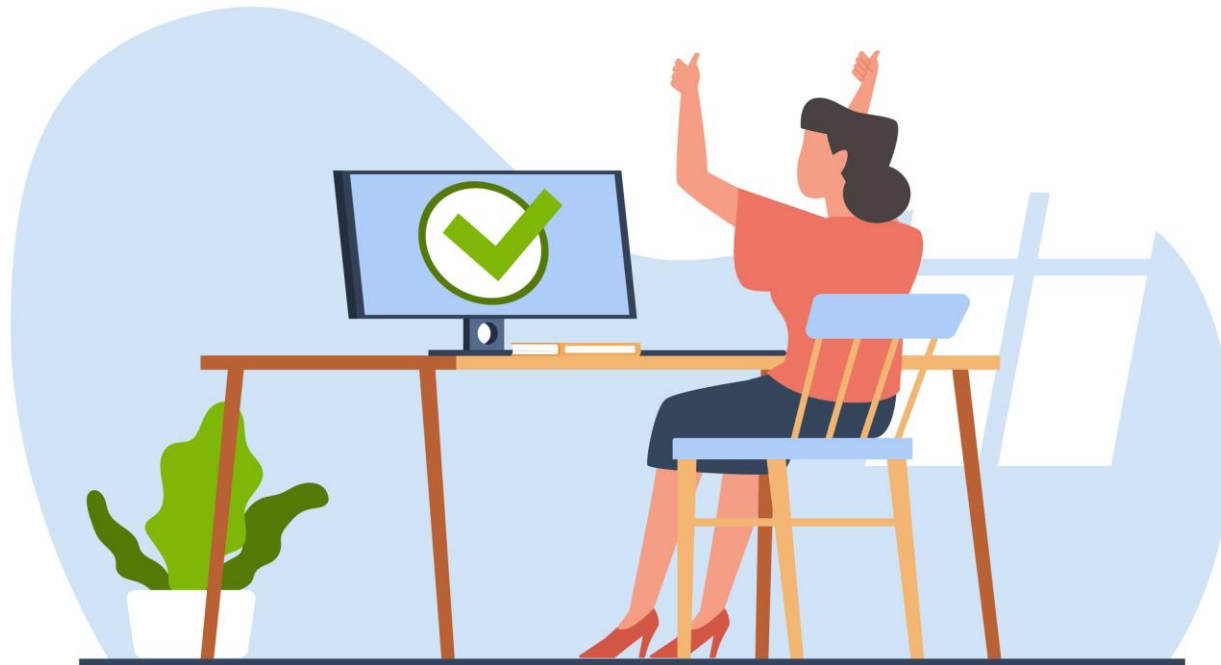


Remote Testing

Elizabeth Scheib
National Program and Onboarding Specialist

➤ Remote Testing is here to stay!

- Over 2.38 million eTests were administered by those programs and 10.3% of those eTests were administered remotely



➤ Benefits of Remote Testing



Improve paired-test rates



Increase the number of Measurable Skill Gains achieved



Assist adult learners dealing with obstacles to in-person testing (such as childcare, transportation, or work schedule conflicts)



Assist programs dealing with interruptions to student testing due to staff shortages or inclement weather

➤ Considerations for Remote Testing

Consider the student – What device will they be using to test? What are their digital literacy or English language skills? Has the student ever taken a test on eTests before?

Consider the proctor – How will remote testing be scheduled with students? What device will the proctor be using? Does the proctor have experience administering CASAS eTests?

Want to learn more?

<https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/remote-testing>



➤ Future Forward Innovations

As CASAS asks programs to migrate from eTests1 to eTests2, programs will adopt Take a Test (TaT) or Safe Exam Browser (SEB) for a secure exam environment.

With eTests2, CASAS is currently testing the following new features which will allow programs to:

- Remotely test students through video in the eTests platform, without using a 3rd party web-conferencing software (like Zoom)
- Offer eTesting on iPads, iPhones, and Android devices through a new eTests Mobile App

These changes will:

- Increase access to remote testing for students with different devices
- Make it easier for proctors to remotely test students and for students of different digital literacy levels



Training Update

Astrid Robitaille
National Program and Online Training Specialist

CASAS training modules have a new look!

CASAS Paper Test Proctor Certification

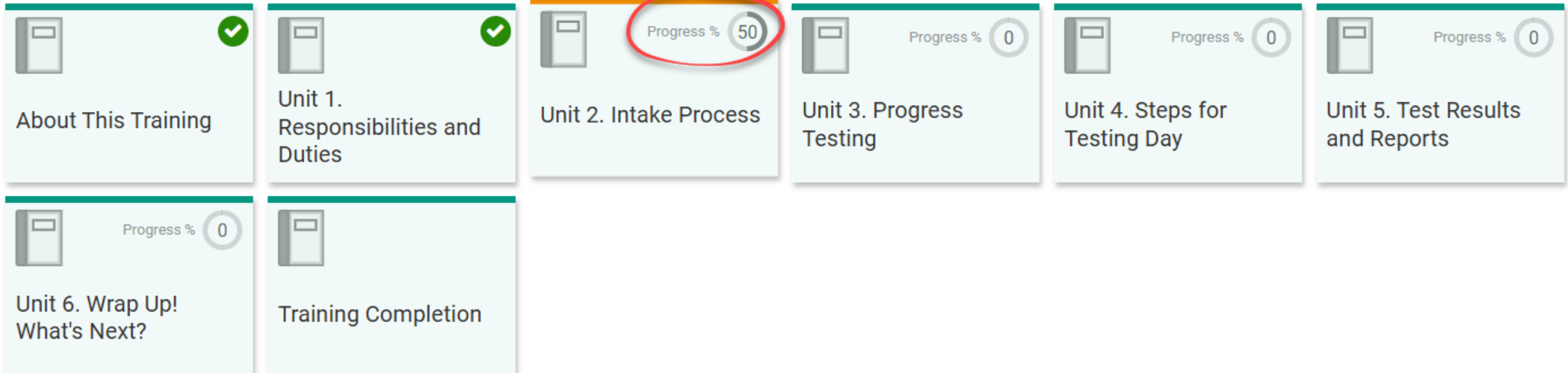
Welcome to **Administering Tests** for CASAS paper test proctors! This training aims to provide a foundation for administering CASAS paper tests. In this training, you will learn how CASAS paper testing works. This training jump-starts your familiarity and use of paper testing by helping you understand the essentials of the CASAS system.

Training Topics

- Responsibilities and Duties
- Intake Process
- Progress Testing
- Steps for Testing Day
- Test Results & Reports

Begin with [About This Training](#) ↓ below.

New “Tiles” format makes it easier to check your progress



Overall progress % 33



CASAS is proud to present...

Module One Exploring CASAS

Start

CASAS[®]

Module 1: Exploring CASAS

Module One Exploring CASAS®

Click

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Intro

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**Exploring
CASAS**

03

**The
Student
Journey**

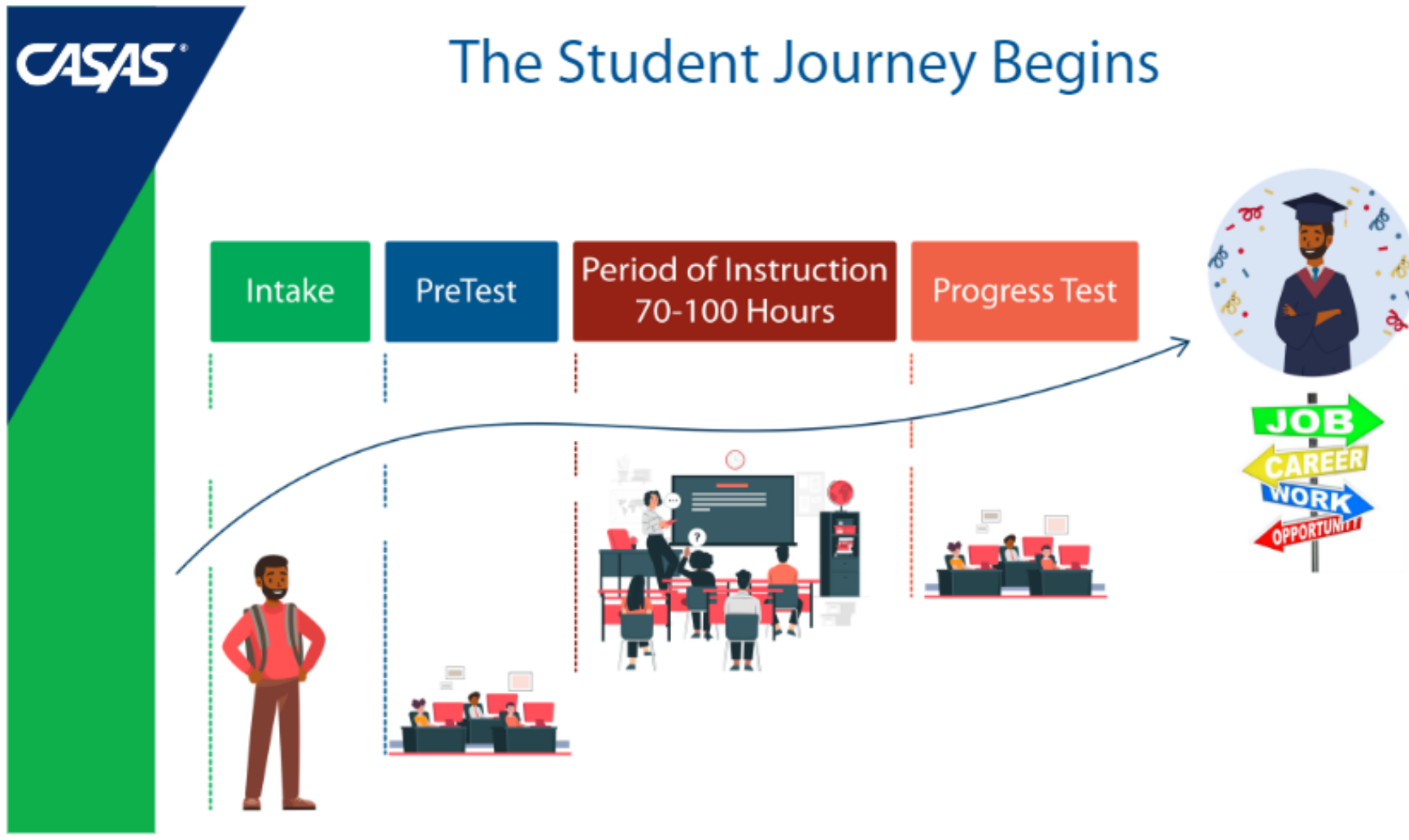
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**Measuring
Progress**

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**What's
Next?**

Featuring... The Student Journey





I've already taken Module 1. Am I required to take this training now?

No, you're not required to re-take Module 1.

Can I take this training now, even though I've already taken Module 1, and other people in my agency have?

YES! We think it's a valuable refresher, and you'll enjoy the new format. You're welcome to take it!

How long does this new training take?

The *NEW Module 1: Exploring CASAS* training takes about 40 minutes to complete.

Preview of coming attractions:





Opportunities on the Horizon

Karen Burger and Laura Fetter

National TOPSpro Enterprise Networking Meetings

- ❑ TE data managers and CASAS assessment coordinators
- ❑ Network and share best practices for testing and data collection.
- ❑ Topics include: NRS guidelines, TE features such as the TE Proxy Wizard, test results, reports and tips and tricks.
- ❑ Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.
- ❑ Check Website for Meeting info: [Live Facilitated Training](#)

Teacher Portal and eWORKs Integration

- ❖ Using e-Tests? Just add on CASAS eWORKs! Soft Skills Assessment
- ❖ Quick and Immediate Access to Instructional Reports & More!
- ❖ Go to casas.org for upcoming training opportunities

The Statewide Data System for Adult Education

for 30+ years promoting student engagement, tracking progress, measuring class performance, and providing program accountability as a comprehensive database solution.

[Request Demo](#)



Training Opportunities:

Visit us at casas.org:

Ongoing:

[Field Testing Opportunities](#)

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Teacher Portal Training:

California: 08.29.24 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Pacific).

[Registration link](#)

Open to all: 09.05.24 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Pacific).

[Registration link](#)

Training:

Open to all: 09.17.24 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (Pacific).

[Registration link](#)



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eWORKS
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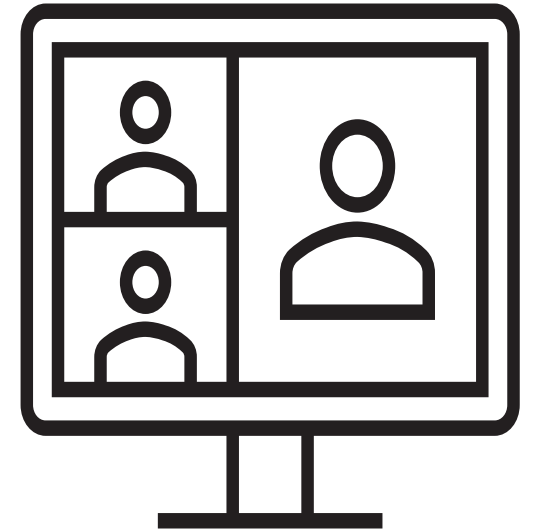
“Office Hours” with CASAS Staff

- **Twice a month on Fridays, 11am Pacific/2pm Eastern**
- Attendees drive the sessions with their questions

Save the Dates: August 23 and September 13

Register:

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





*Changing
Lives!*

NEDP National 2024 Conference

CASAS / NEDP Welcomes NEDP Agencies, Practitioners, Partners, and Prospective Agencies

FOCUS STRANDS

- Resources
- Retention
- Marketing
- Technology
- Transition
- Onboarding

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- NEDP Graduates
- NEDP in the incarcerated setting

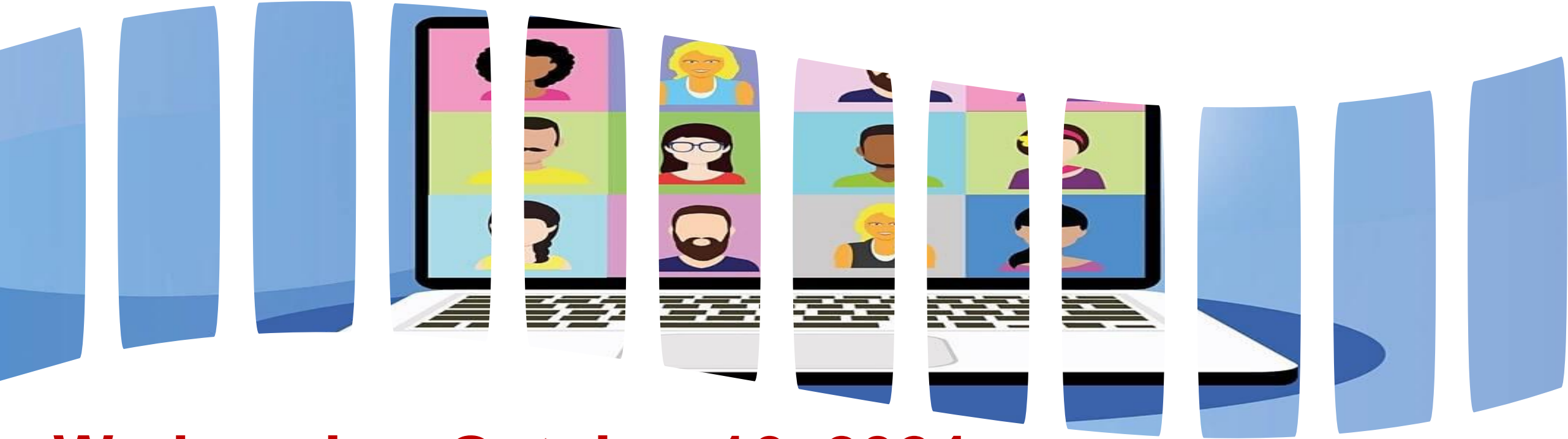
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- Mitch Rosin

**DoubleTree by Hilton
Niagara Falls, New York**

September 30 - October 1, 2024

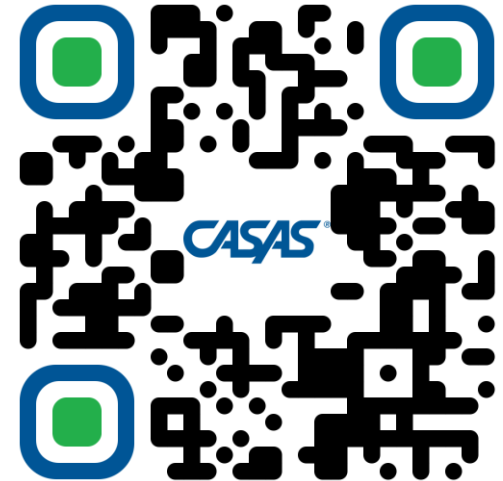
We hope to see you at our next News and Updates Webinar!



Wednesday, October 16, 2024

11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern

<https://tinyurl.com/cAsAs-UpDaTe>



Thank you!

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