

CASAS National News and Updates Webinar

February 7, 2024



Welcome to the February 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 February 14.**





Calendar Check



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 Approved through June 30, 2024	Life and Work Listening – 980 series Approved through June 30, 2024

ABE Math Assessments - NRS Approved

Math 	Math 
NRS-approved through June 30, 2024	Ready for use! NRS-approved through 2030

ABE Reading Assessments – Current NRS Approval

Reading GOALS CASAS	Reading GOALS 2 CASAS
NRS-approved through March 2025	<i>Field Testing in winter/spring 2024</i>


Let **CASAS** Be Your Cmpass!

Agenda

- Test Development and Research Updates
- Promising Practice Presentation: CTE and CASAS
- CASAS Teacher Portal
- Sneak peek: CASAS eWORKs
- Important Reminders

Adult Education THEN.....



 **ADULTS – IMPROVE YOUR FUTURE**
FREE ADULT DAY PROGRAMS

1. Basic Skill Building.
2. High School Equivalency Diploma.
3. Life and Career Counseling.

Transportation Arranged Licensed Day Care
INTERVIEWING AUGUST 25TH – SEPTEMBER 4TH

School Begins September 13th

Project Second Start, 450 North State Street, Concord, N.H. 03301 — 228-1341



And NOW...

Preparing our
students to navigate a
changing job market:
Are they ready?



WorkingNation

https://youtu.be/ux2_Y-qC8aM?si=k-1N4Gwr-sEIO4dM

Slope of the Curve Video



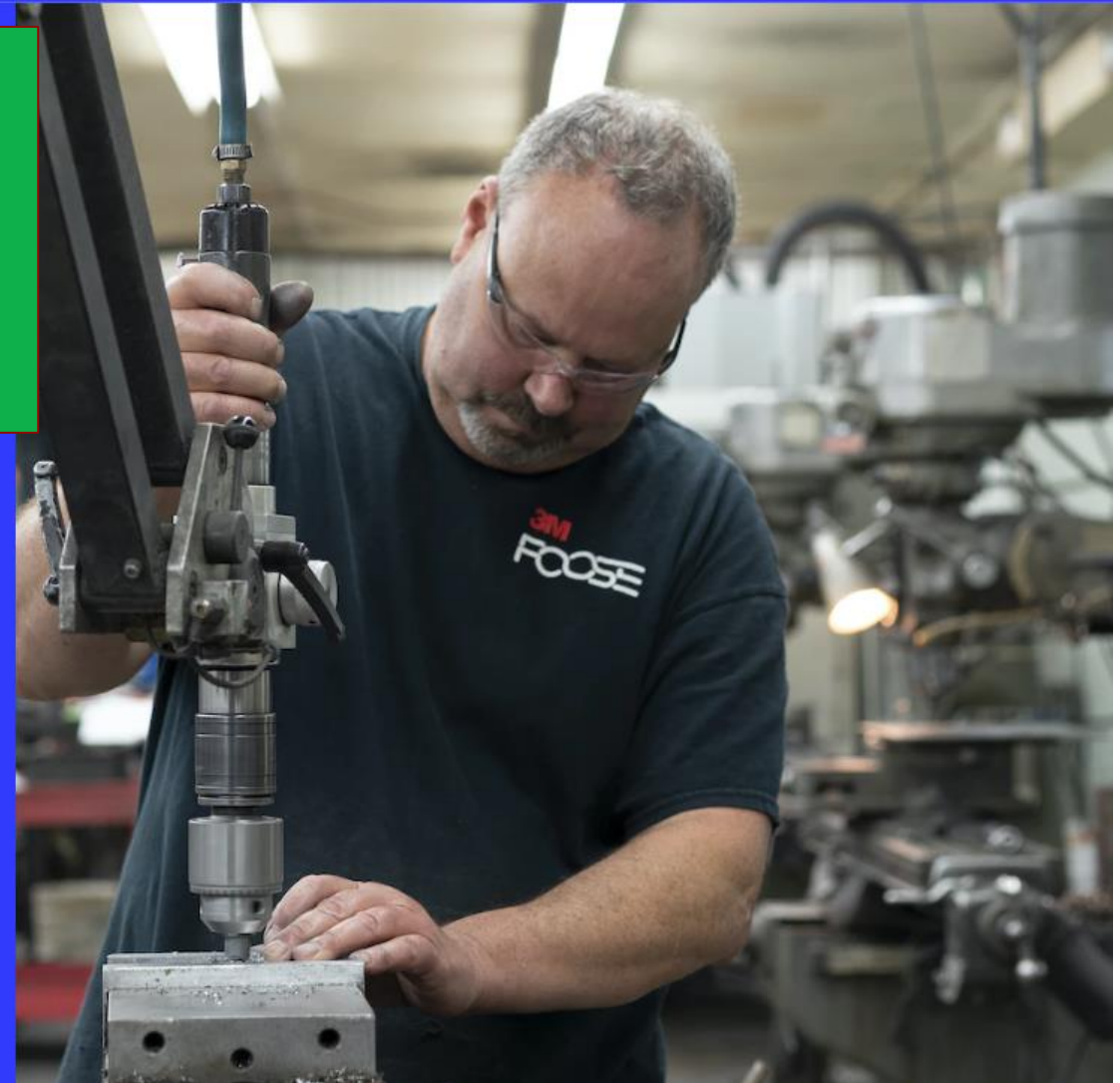
“A closer look at what has happened to the labor force can be better described as ‘The Great Reshuffle.’”

<http://tinyurl.com/TheGreatReshuffle>

Topics / Workforce /

Understanding America's Labor Shortage: The Most Impacted Industries

American businesses are creating hundreds of thousands of jobs each month, yet a significant number of positions still remain unfilled, especially in the professional and business service sector.



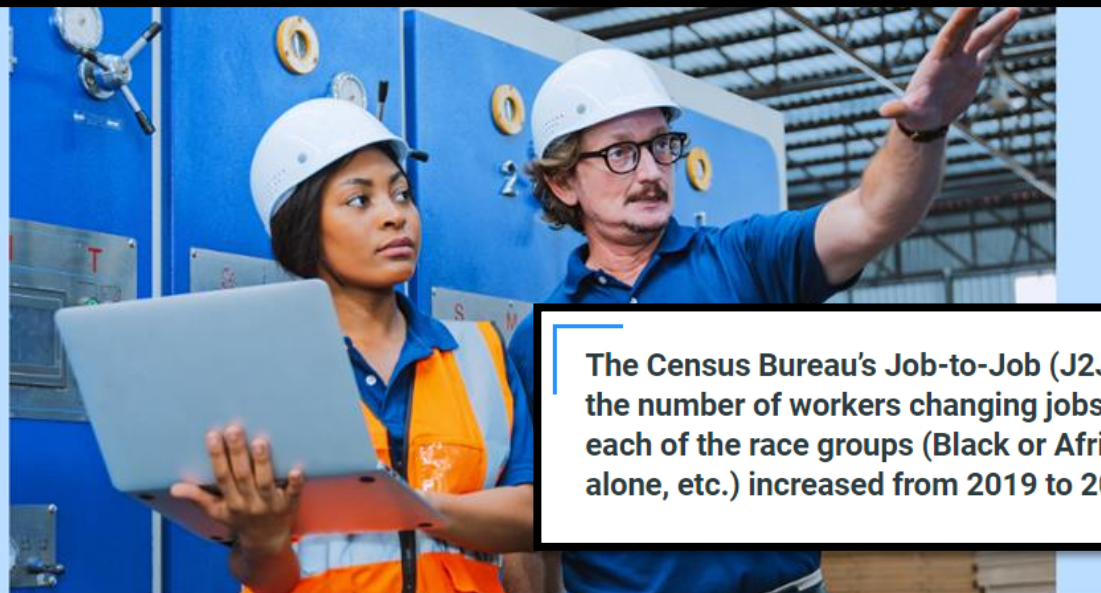


WORKFORCE WEEKLY



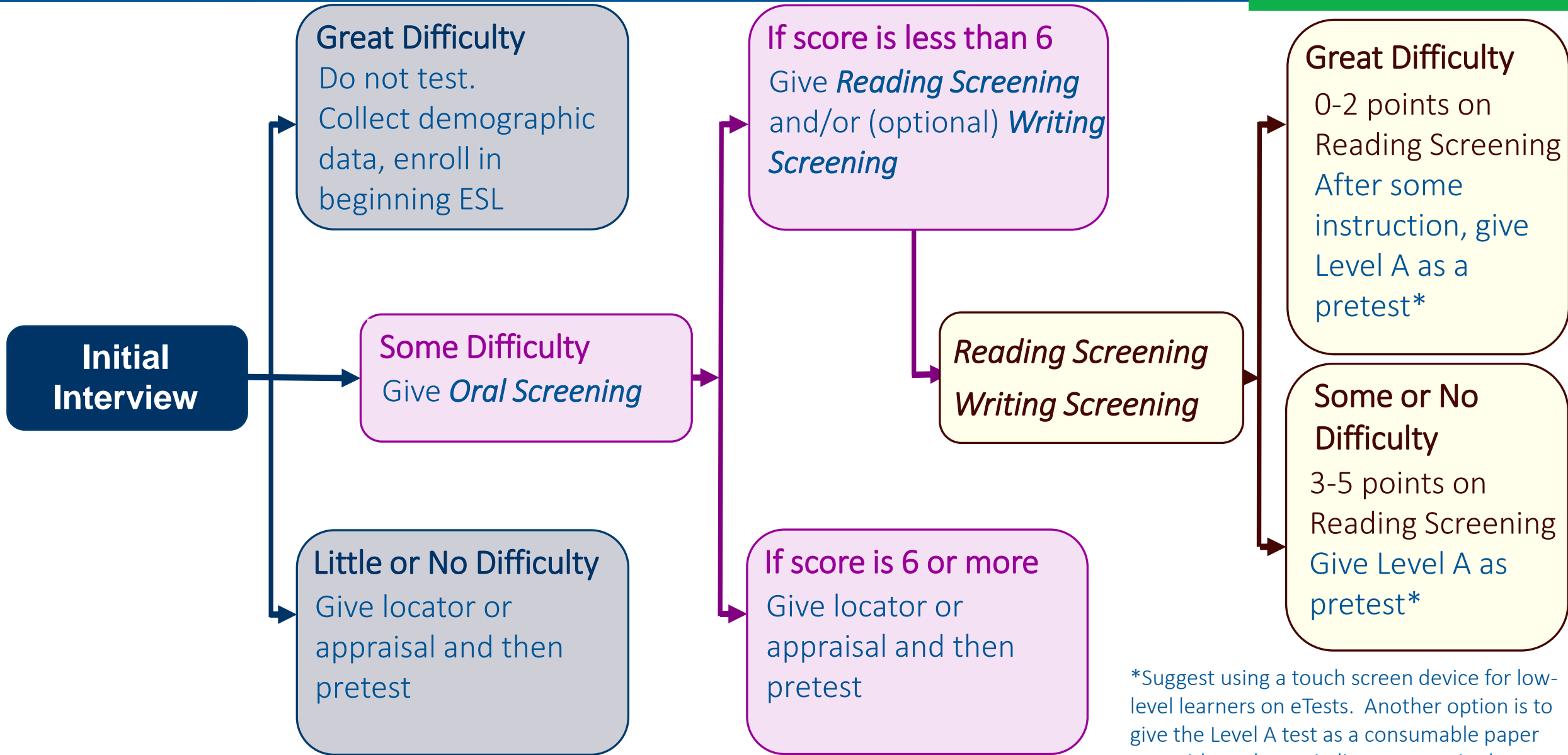
Manufacturing Faces Potential Labor Shortage Due to Skills Gap

<http://tinyurl.com/LaborShortageSkillsGap>



The Census Bureau's Job-to-Job (J2J) Flows Explorer shows us that the number of workers changing jobs to go into manufacturing in each of the race groups (Black or African-American alone, Asian alone, etc.) increased from 2019 to 2022.

Updated Intake Screening Guidelines for STEPS



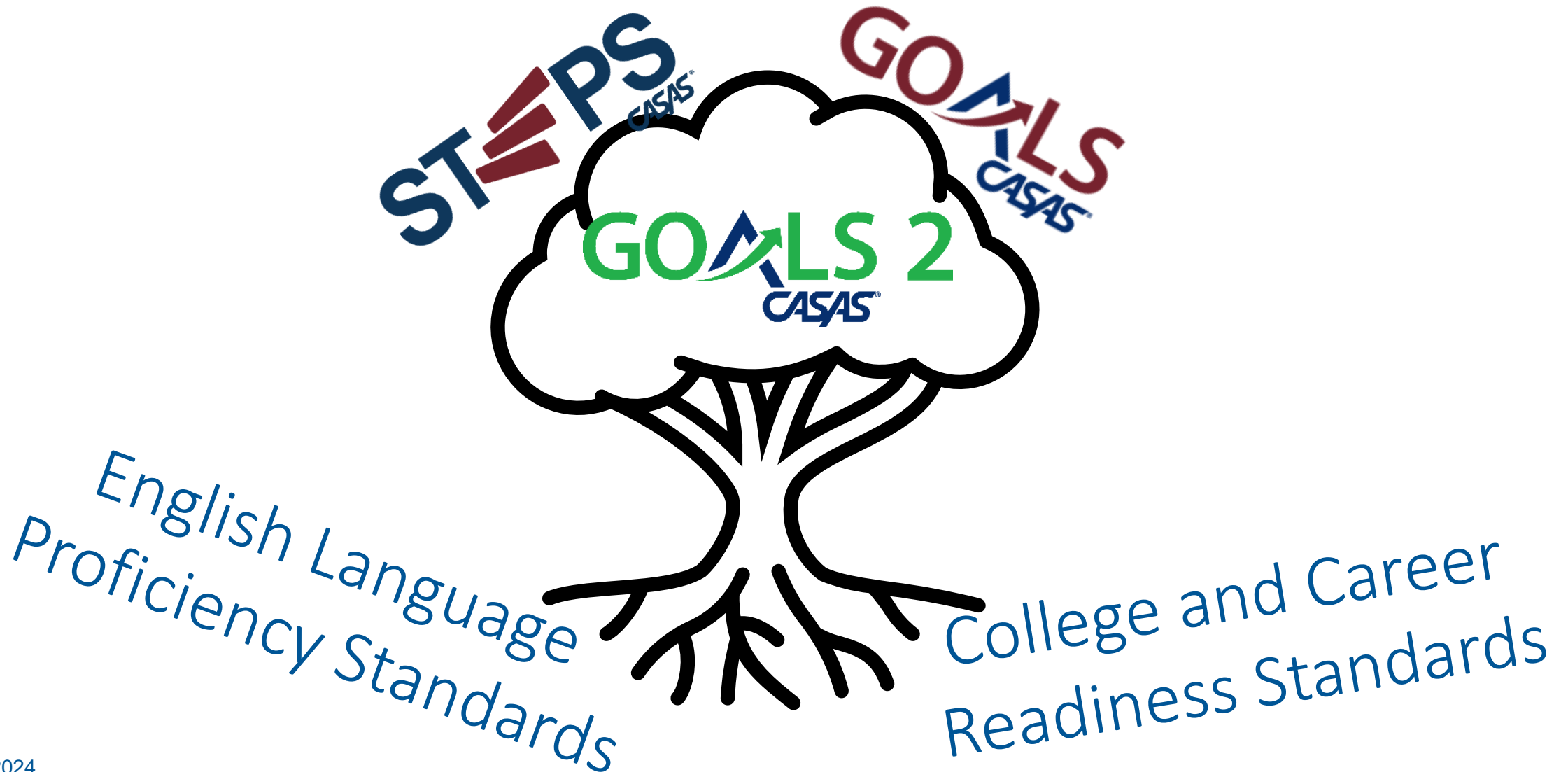
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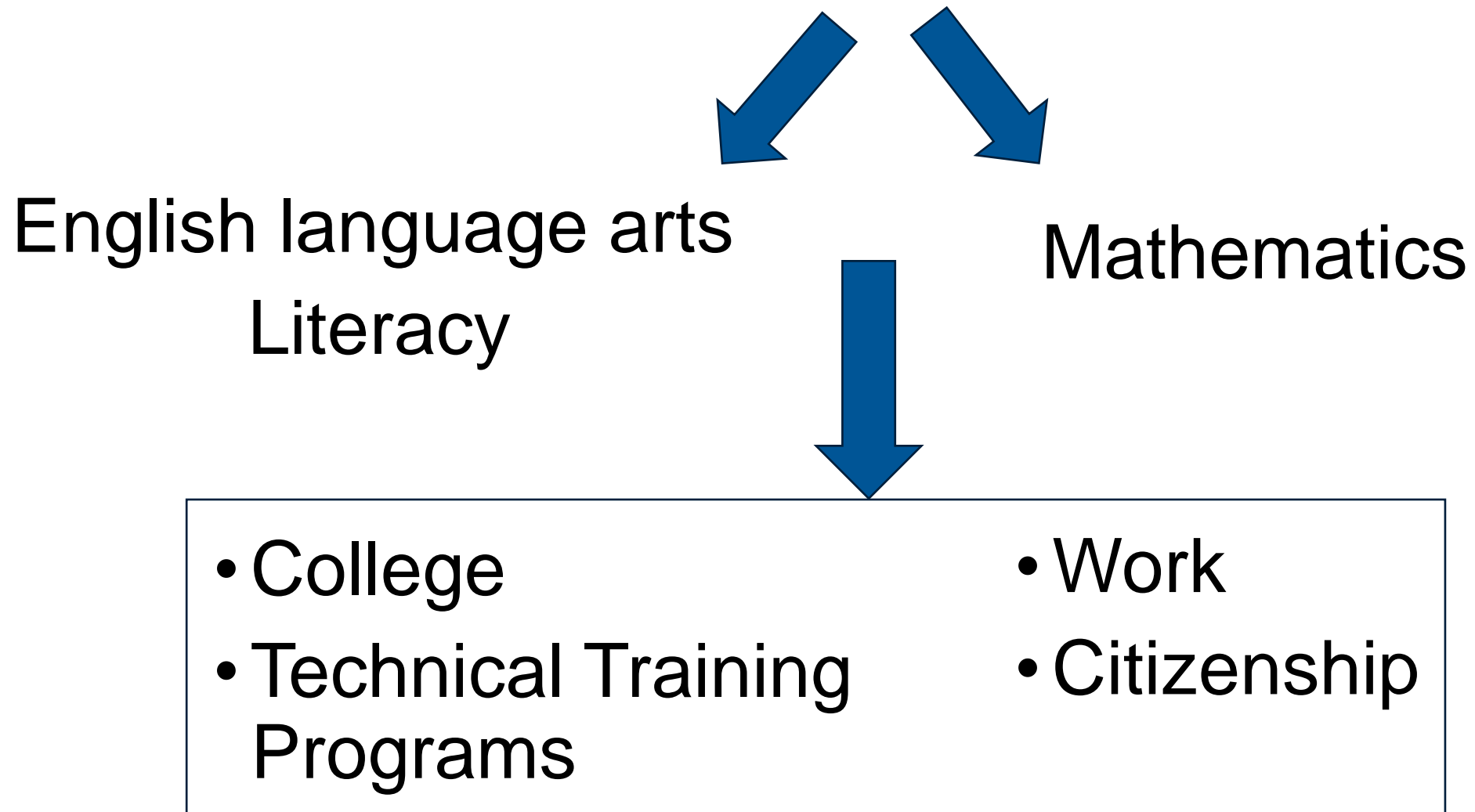
Assessment Update

Daniel Esko
Assessment Development Program Manager

Skills for Education and the Workplace



Standards for Success



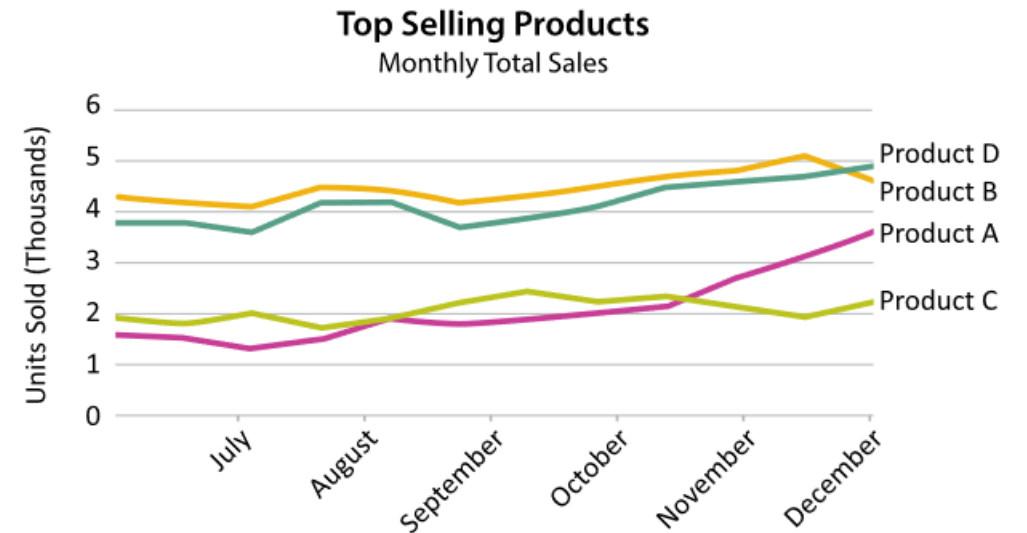
Workplace Math in Context

Lunch Orders	
Pizza	15
Sandwiches	5
Salads	10

How many total lunch orders are there?

- A. 25
- B. 30
- C. 35
- D. 75

A company tracks monthly sales of its products. The 4 most popular products are shown in the graph.



Based on the current trends, which product will *most likely* have the biggest growth in sales next month?

- A. Product A
- B. Product B
- C. Product C
- D. Product D

Workplace Reading Comprehension in Context

❖ EMPLOYEE STORE OPENING CHECKLIST

1. Unlock door
2. Turn off alarm
3. Turn on lights
4. Change sign on door to OPEN
5. Greet customers

This sign tells employees how to _____.

- A. open the store
- B. order supplies
- C. set the alarm
- D. help customers

The screenshot shows an email interface with a header bar containing icons for search, compose, and other functions. The email details are as follows:

From:	Julie Dryer
Sent:	December 11, 2:18 pm
To:	All Employees
Subject:	Business Travel Policy Change

The body of the email contains the following text:

Dear Employees,

Due to increased travel costs, we are changing some of our business travel policies beginning today.

Travel Request
All employees must now submit a Travel Request Form to their manager before travelling. If you did not get permission, employees will need to pay for any trip cancellation fees. Do not make travel plans without getting permission first!

Hotels
The company will now only pay up to \$150.00 per night for a hotel. You need to give receipts to your manager.

Meals
The company will now pay for daily meals. Each meal cannot be more than \$20.00 for food and drink. Receipts must be provided.

Thank you,
Julie Dryer
Human Resources Manager

How much will the company pay for each meal?

- A. \$20
- B. \$60
- C. \$150
- D. nothing

Utilizing Test Results



CASAS Test Reports

- Competency and Task Area
- Content Standard (ELP and CCRS)

Cut Scores for Programs

- Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Time for a Poll!

Which of these conversation hearts best represents your partnerships at your local program & with community partners?



Promising Practice Presentation

CASAS Cut Scores for CTE

Yolanda Flores
Retired Program Director
Collier County Schools, FL

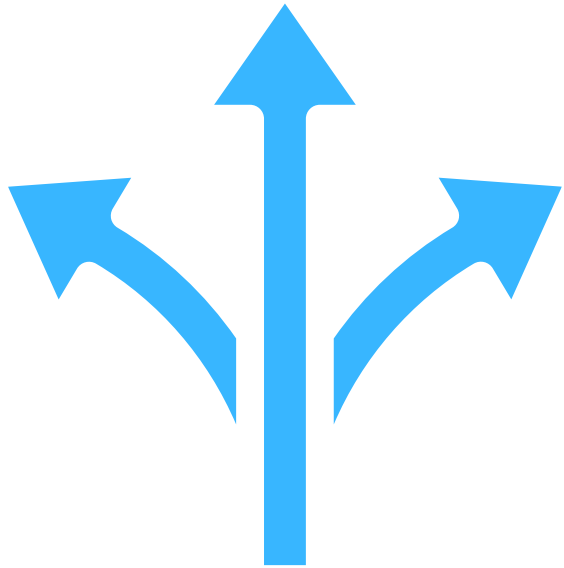


Aligning Assessments across Workforce Programs

Workforce Programs

- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Adult Basic Education
- General Educational Development
- Career Certificate Programs





From 3 different test publishers to one - CASAS

College and Career Readiness

CASAS Goals Reading and Math are approved by the Florida Department of Education as assessments which measure college and career readiness.

This aligns with the state's commitment to preparing individuals for success in the workforce and postsecondary educational pursuits.

College and Career Readiness

**CASAS
Math GOALS
Grade Level Equivalents**

NRS ABE/ASE Levels	ABE/ASE Level Names	Math GOALS Scale Score Ranges	Grade Level
1	Beginning Literacy	178 - 193	0.0 - 1.9
2	Beginning Basic	194 - 203	2.0 - 3.9
3	Low Intermediate	204 - 214	4.0 - 5.9
4	Middle Intermediate	215 - 225	6.0 - 8.9
5	High Intermediate	226 - 235	9.0 - 10.9
6	Adult Secondary	236 - 249	11.0 - 12.9

College and Career Readiness

**CASAS
Reading GOALS
Grade Level Equivalents**

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1	Beginning Literacy	165 - 203	0.0 - 1.9
2	Beginning Basic	204 - 216	2.0 - 3.9
3	Low Intermediate	217 - 227	4.0 - 5.9
4	Middle Intermediate	228 - 238	6.0 - 8.9
5	High Intermediate	239 - 248	9.0 - 10.9
6	Adult Secondary	249 - 262	11.0 - 12.9



- 25% of career certificate students had a previous adult education enrollment
- Standardization
- Efficiency in Training
- Integrated Reporting
- Streamlined Processes



Give Your Students the Job-Seeking Edge

A Sneak Peek at CASAS eWORKs

**Paul Kratzer
CA Program Specialist
pkratzer@casas.org**



CASAS eWORKs is about Employability

CASAS eWORKs is about work-readiness skills:

❖ Reading and Math Skills

AND

❖ Soft skills

CASAS eWORKs is about assessing a student's or jobseeker's **CURRENT** skills and developing them to help the person become more job-ready.

The screenshot shows the 'My Path to Success' dashboard for a user named Damon. The dashboard is organized into four main skill categories, each with a progress bar and a 'You are here' indicator:

- Reading (Level 4):** Progress bar shows 4 out of 5 segments filled. Below the bar are buttons for 'Profile', 'Scores', and 'Help', and a 'Make test appointment' button.
- Math (Level 3):** Progress bar shows 3 out of 5 segments filled. Below the bar are buttons for 'Profile', 'Scores', and 'Help', and a 'Make test appointment' button.
- Customer Care (Level 5):** Progress bar shows 5 out of 5 segments filled. Below the bar are buttons for 'Profile', 'Scores', and 'Help', and a 'Practice/Study' button.
- Personal Qualities (Level 4):** Progress bar shows 4 out of 5 segments filled. Below the bar are buttons for 'Profile', 'Scores', and 'Help', and a 'Practice/Study' button.

At the bottom of the dashboard, there are three toggle switches for goal tracking:

- Is reading 249 or above, and math 236 or above? ☐
- Is reading level 4+? ☐
- Is personal qualities at level 6? ☐

A 'Full Profile' button is located at the bottom center of the dashboard.

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According to business leaders, while the three "R's" (reading, writing, and arithmetic) are still fundamental to every employee's ability to do the job, employers view "soft" skills as even more important to work readiness. These skills include:

- Professionalism or work ethic
- Oral and written communication skills
- Teamwork and collaboration skills
- Critical thinking or problem-solving skills
- Networking
- Enthusiasm

US Department of Labor

As more and more job activities become automated, soft skills, which cannot yet be replicated by machines, have become more important. Deloitte has reported that "soft skill-intensive occupations will account for two-thirds of all jobs by 2030" and that hiring employees with more soft skills could increase revenue by more than \$90,000.

Forbes

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How does CASAS eWORKs assess and develop soft skills?

- ❖ Video Scenarios
- ❖ Real-life workplace situations
- ❖ Student chooses best action to take in the situation



How is CASAS eWORKs Different?

You're using CASAS eTests, no other reading or math tests needed

- ❖ Just add on CASAS eWORKs
- ❖ Integrated into Teacher Portal and Student Portal

Objective soft skills assessments

- ❖ Not subjective personality tests
- ❖ Research-based and industry-validated

Includes a short business needs survey

- ❖ Engage employers
- ❖ Work with Title 1 partners
- ❖ Match skills with job needs

CASAS eWORKs is affordable

- ❖ Curriculum is included

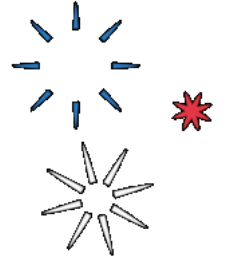
I LOVE CASAS
eWORKs!



Teacher Portal



Karla Galleguillos
National Program and Technology Specialist



Big Announcement:



Teacher Portal

is
here!



Teacher Portal:

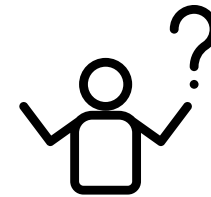
Sneak Peek



Mrs. Karla Galleguillos, National Program Specialist
kgalleguillos@casas.org



Why?



What?



Where? When?



Who?

Why:

The CASAS logo is displayed in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a registered trademark symbol. It is positioned on a white background that is part of a larger graphic element on the left side of the slide.

Instructors want more **access TO REPORTS**



Students want **prompt feedback**



Agency Directors want improved **outcomes** and “**one stop shop**”



What:

TEACHER PORTAL



Accessible, Actionable, Adaptable

An **easy-to-ACCESS**, **multi-function** web-based tool for teachers, that provides a view of their classes and students using an **intuitive, user interface**.

The **Teacher Portal** allows instructors to **ACCESS REPORTS** to **guide instruction** making the data immediately **ACTIONABLE**.

The Teacher Portal **communicates** seamlessly with your agency data in TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) and Data Managers control the level of access making it **ADAPTABLE** to the agency's needs.



Where &
When:

TEACHER
PORTAL

CASAS®



Training

FRI., FEB 23, 2024
TIME: 11 a.m. PT

[REGISTER](#)



Where, When & Who:

Teacher Portal Technical Support

**VISIT
DURING
REGULAR
OFFICE
HOURS**

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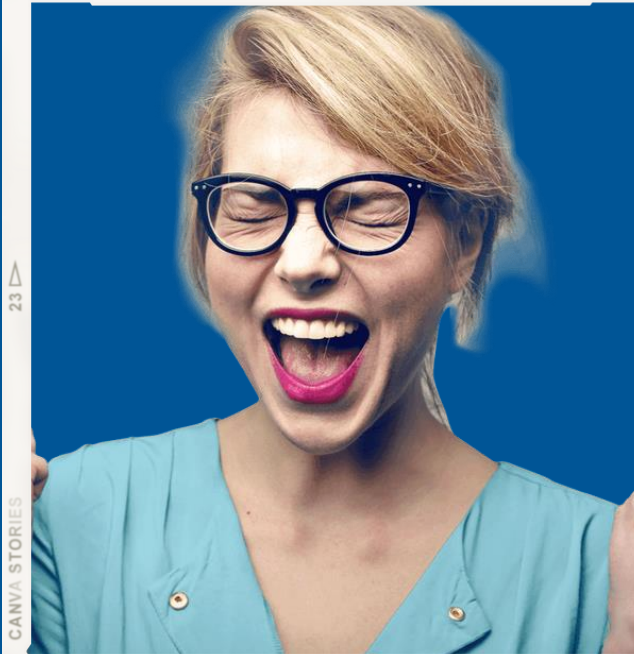
[FAQs](#)



Dedicated Sessions:

 **CASAS** National
Summer Institute **2024**

June 17-20, 2024 | Hyatt Regency Orange County, California



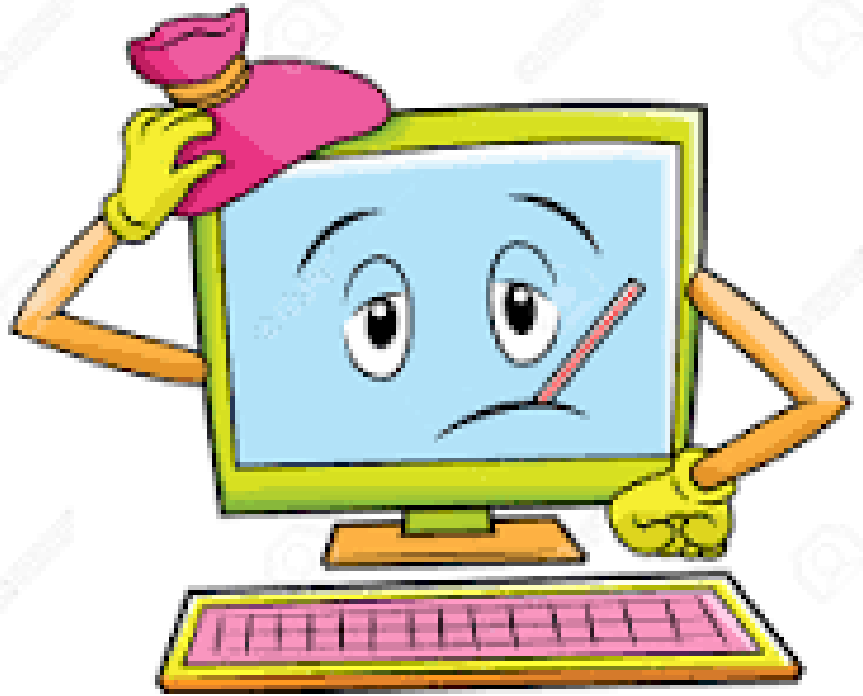
WTUs vs. TEUs: Which Should We Choose?

- ✓ Every purchase of CASAS eTests includes a free package of our data accountability software, TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
- ✓ Both packages of TE are compatible with external student information systems, such as LACES
- ✓ TEUs required for:
 - ✓ Class and Agency Level Reports
 - ✓ CASAS eWORKS
 - ✓ Teacher Portal



	Test units	Student Level Reports	Class and Agency Level Reports	Federal Reports	CASAS eWORKs	Teacher Portal
TE Basic	WTUs	✓				
TE Enhanced	TEUs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Want to switch to TEUs?
Email: golive@casas.org



Tech Support

If you have any questions or need assistance

Call: 1 (800) 255-1036, option 2

email techsupport@casas.org

Training Update



Astrid Robitaille
National Program and Online Training Specialist

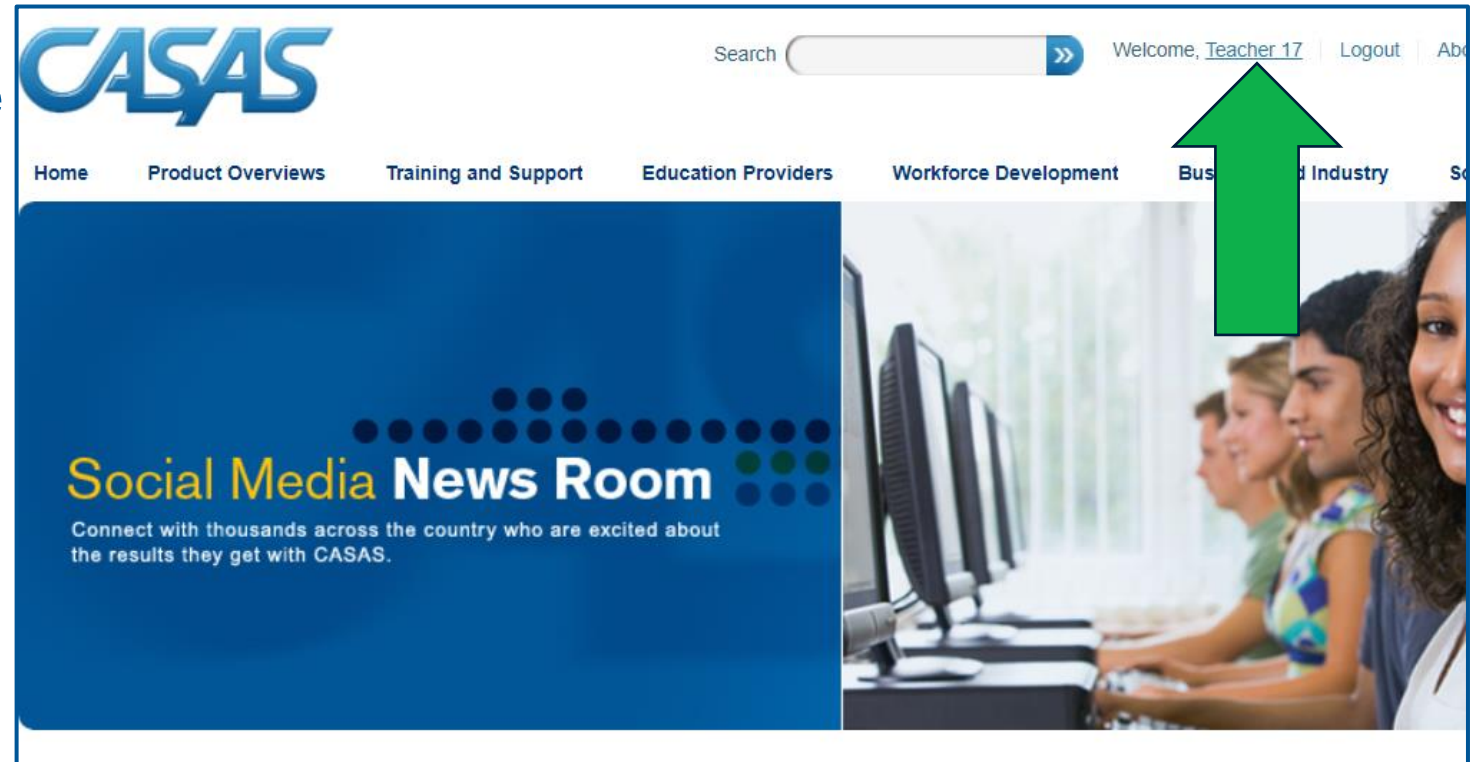
**Searching
for your
certificates
or training
history?**



Online Training Update: Where Are My Certificates?

Your Certificates of Completion are only available for download during the program year in which you earned them.

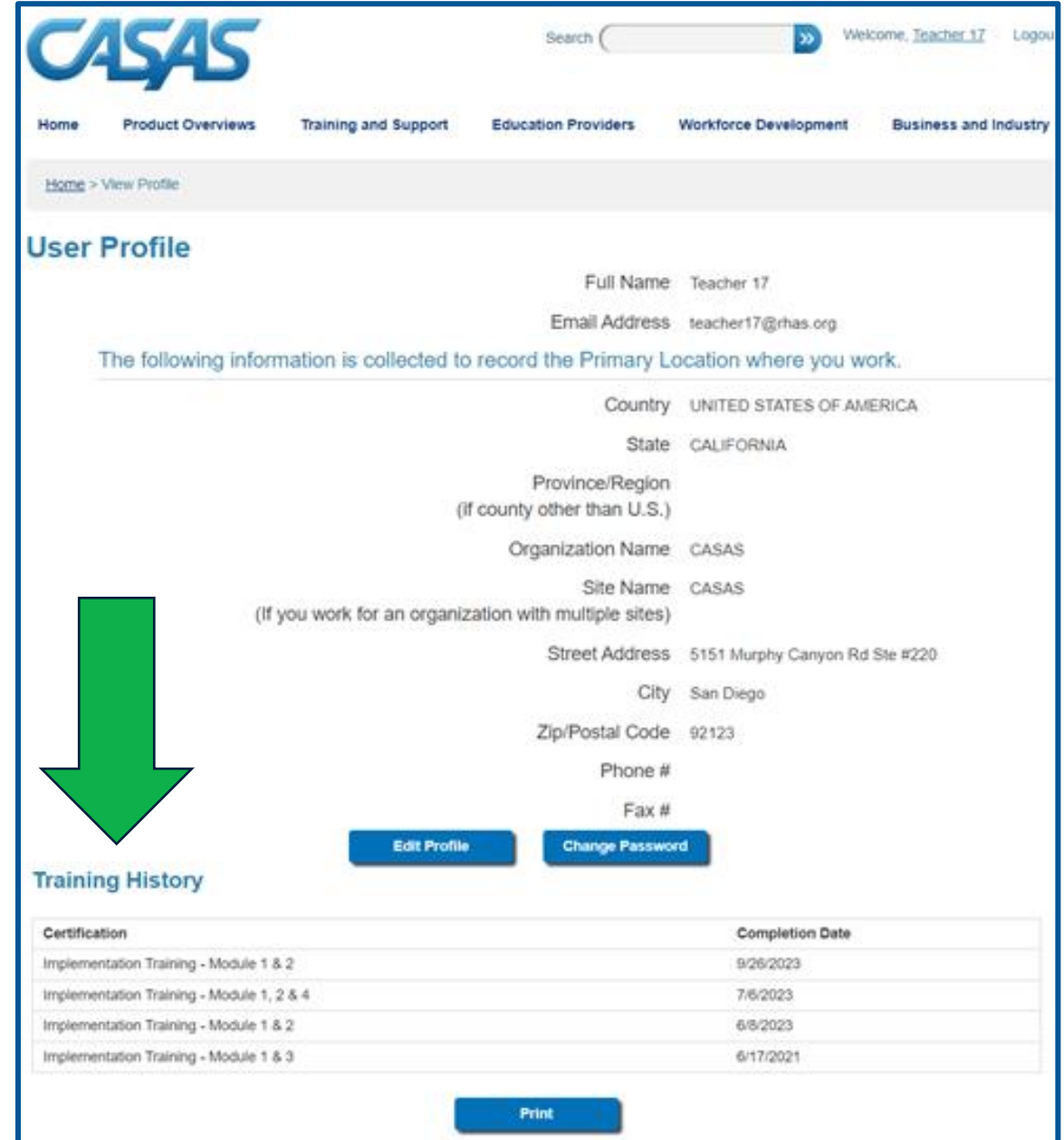
That's why we urge you to download and save the PDFs when you complete a training.



HOWEVER,
You can always check your Training History by logging into the [CASAS homepage](#) and then clicking on your name....

This opens up your User Profile, where you can:

- ✓ Edit your profile
- ✓ Change your password
- ✓ View your training history
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User Profile

Full Name: Teacher 17
Email Address: teacher17@rhas.org

The following information is collected to record the Primary Location where you work.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State: CALIFORNIA
Province/Region (if county other than U.S.):
Organization Name: CASAS
Site Name: CASAS
(If you work for an organization with multiple sites)
Street Address: 5151 Murphy Canyon Rd Ste #220
City: San Diego
Zip/Postal Code: 92123
Phone #
Fax #

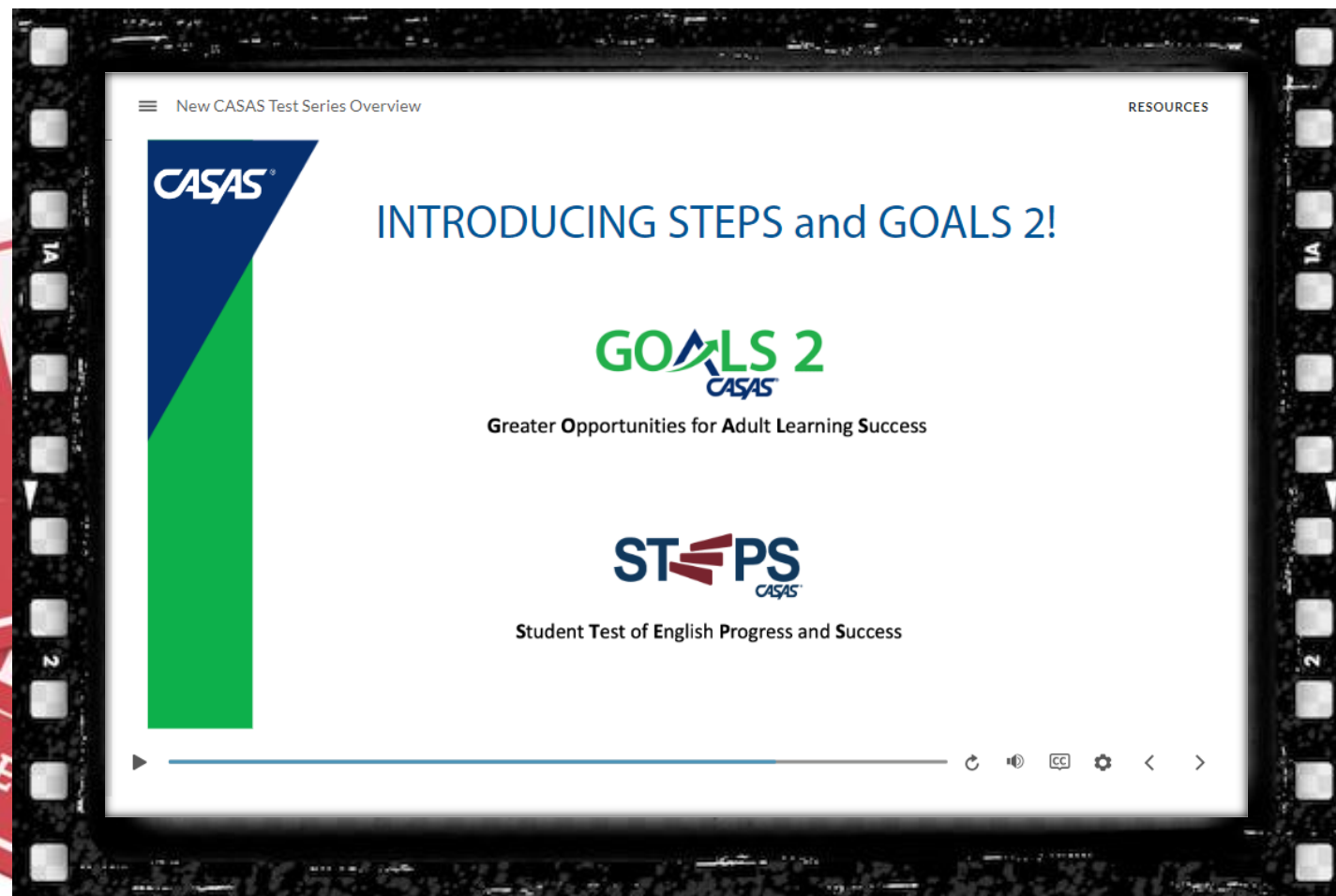
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Training History

Certification	Completion Date
Implementation Training - Module 1 & 2	9/26/2023
Implementation Training - Module 1, 2 & 4	7/6/2023
Implementation Training - Module 1 & 2	6/8/2023
Implementation Training - Module 1 & 3	6/17/2021

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Have you checked out our new release?



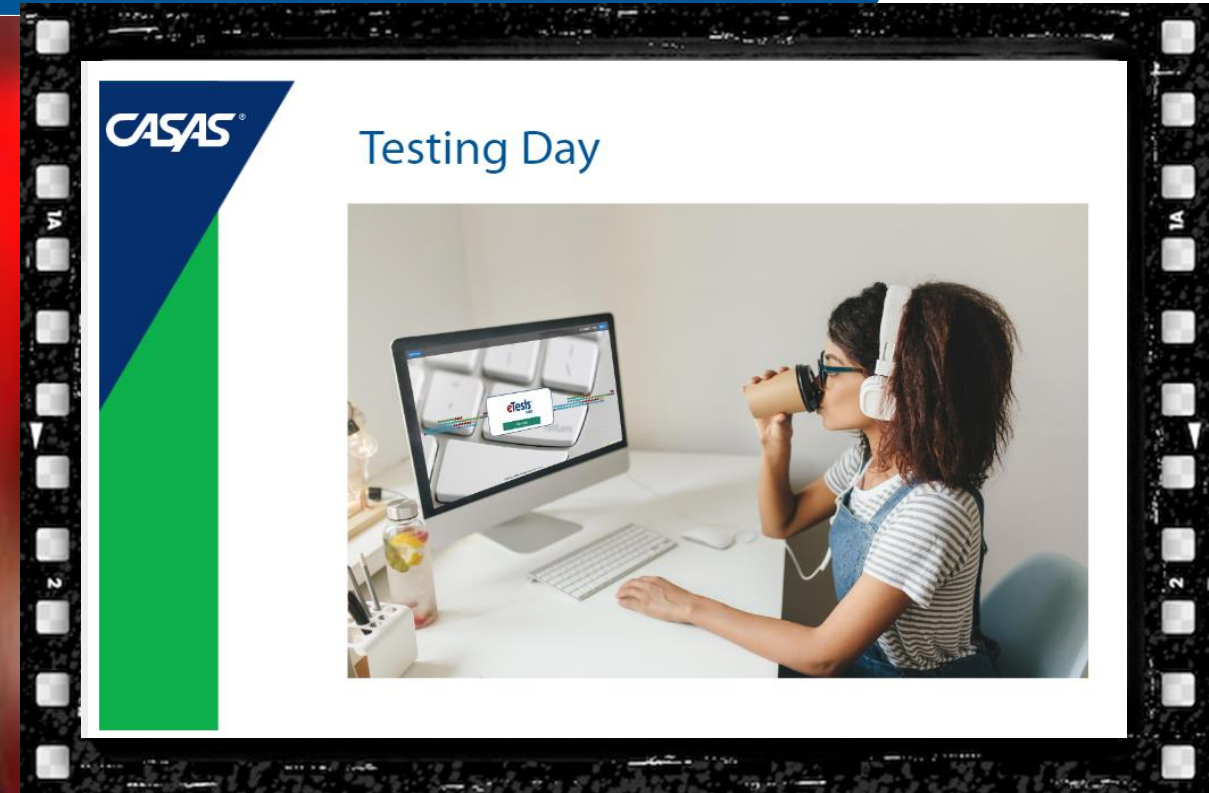
**Course
Categories**






**CASAS Help
Documentation
and Resources**



**New CASAS
Test Series
Overview**



-  Interactive and multi-media
-  For new eTests Proctors AND recertifications
-  Available soon.... Stay tuned!

Summer Institute



Kristine Mains
National Program and Training Specialist

The logo features a stylized orange sun with rays on the left. To its right, the word "CASAS" is written in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. Further right, the word "National" is in a smaller, blue sans-serif font. Below "CASAS" and "National", the words "Summer Institute" are written in a blue sans-serif font. Finally, the year "2024" is written in a large, bold, green sans-serif font.

CASAS National Summer Institute 2024

SAVE the DATES!

Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 20

Hyatt Regency Orange County, California

Save money by booking through
the link on [our website](#).

Rooms often sell out so book
A.S.A.P.!



Session Topics

Highlights

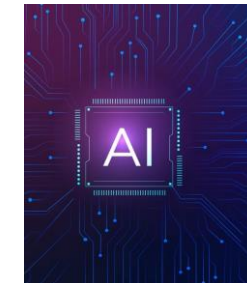
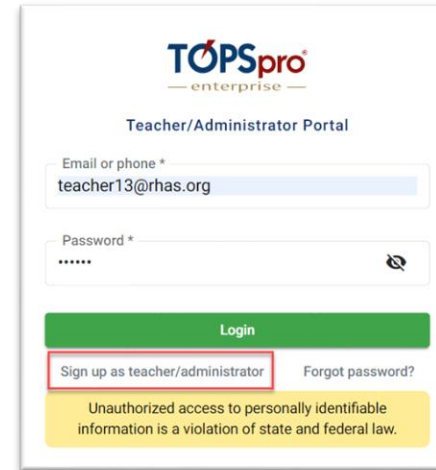
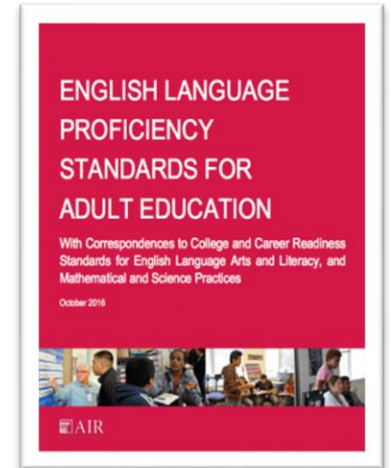
New STEPS and GOALS 2 Assessments

Tips for teaching the ELP standards

Teacher, Student and Administrator Portals

Chat GPT and AI applications for Adult Learners

NEW! CASAS eWORKs - Soft Skills and Work Readiness



What makes CASAS Summer Institute different?



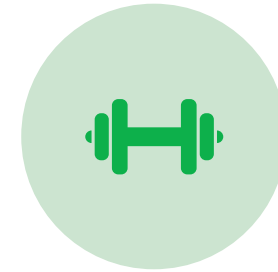
OVER 1400
ATTENDEES



STATE
DIRECTORS,
PROGRAM
DIRECTORS,
TEACHERS,
DATA
MANAGERS,
CURRICULUM
SPECIALISTS



INCLUDES
MEALS



INCLUDES
FITNESS
CLASSES:
MOBILITY &
MINDFULNES
S, FITNESS
ON FIRE



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Register

Registration

- In-person and Virtual Registration Available
- In-person Technology Labs
- New this year! Special discount on Disneyland tickets
- Conference Questions?
casas-si@casas.org




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Nicole Jordan



2024 CASAS National Summer Institute

Garden Grove, California (View map) Jun 17 – 20, 2024

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Welcomel We are thrilled you have joined us for the 2024 National Summer Institute. We hope you can learn, collaborate and grow!

"The institute is jam packed with great sessions that are relevant."
~ 2022 SI Attendee




Technology Trainings - In-Person Only sessions are an additional **\$80 per training** and do require preregistration. Register for the trainings on the [Registration Website](#).

Activity Feed




Start connecting with other attendees!

[Introduce yourself](#) [Share a photo](#)



Spark interesting conversations with others!

[Create discussion](#) [Suggest a meet-up](#)

Welcome message from the organizer

Welcome to the 2024 CASAS National Summer Institute. You can use this app to see the agenda, see where all the sessions are located, as well as connect with other attendees.

February 7, 2024

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Join the fun in 2024!

If you want to know what's happening in adult education, this is the place to be.

-Summer Institute 2023 Attendee

Other news

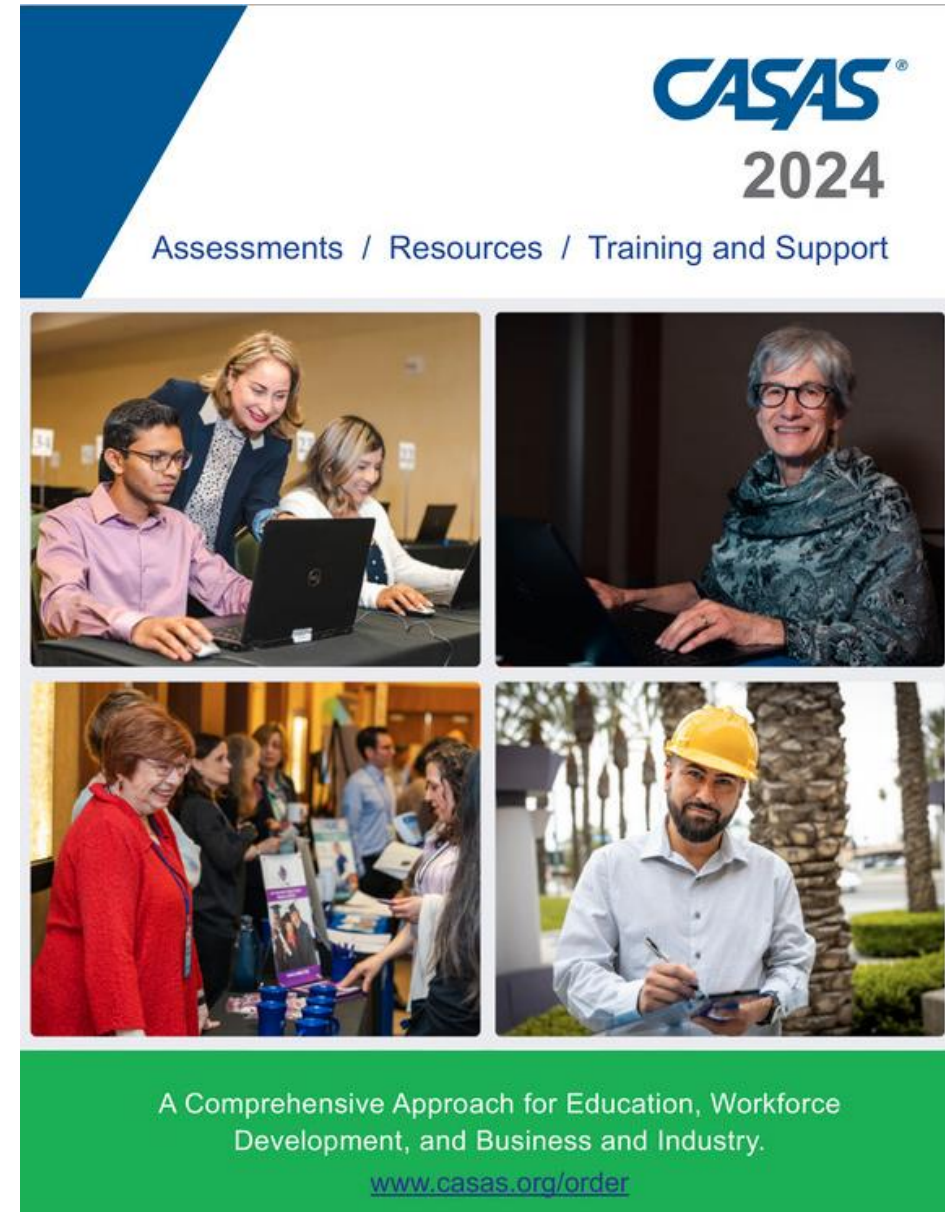


Karen Burger
National Program and Field Studies Specialist

- ❖ Simplified
- ❖ Easier to read
- ❖ Includes new test series
- ❖ Online only (not printed)
- ❖ www.casas.org

Welcome to CASAS

CASAS CATALOG



The image shows the cover of the CASAS 2024 catalog. At the top right is the CASAS logo and the year 2024. Below this is the text 'Assessments / Resources / Training and Support'. The cover features four photographs: a group of people working on laptops, an older woman with glasses using a laptop, a group of people at a trade show booth, and a man in a yellow hard hat holding a clipboard. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text 'A Comprehensive Approach for Education, Workforce Development, and Business and Industry.' and the website www.casas.org/order.

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2024

Assessments / Resources / Training and Support

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www.casas.org/order

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*

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

Reading 2 Final Form Studies

When?

- Now – June 30, 2024

Who?

- All Levels ABE / ASE learners


Student Gift Cards

- \$15 for one / \$40 for two field tests

Free WTUs

- 100 Complimentary WTUs / TEUs

What about Form 27/28?



Forms 27/28 are gone? What do I do with my low-literacy ESL students when they come into the program?

The STEPS Level A test may be administered as a consumable paper test with students circling answers in the test booklet.

A touch screen device is suggested for low-level learners on eTests.

Navigating to the new test series:

Let CASAS be your Compass!

Need help adding the new testing sessions?

Email golive@casas.org

Our GoLive! Team is ready and willing to help you set sail to STEPS and GOALS 2

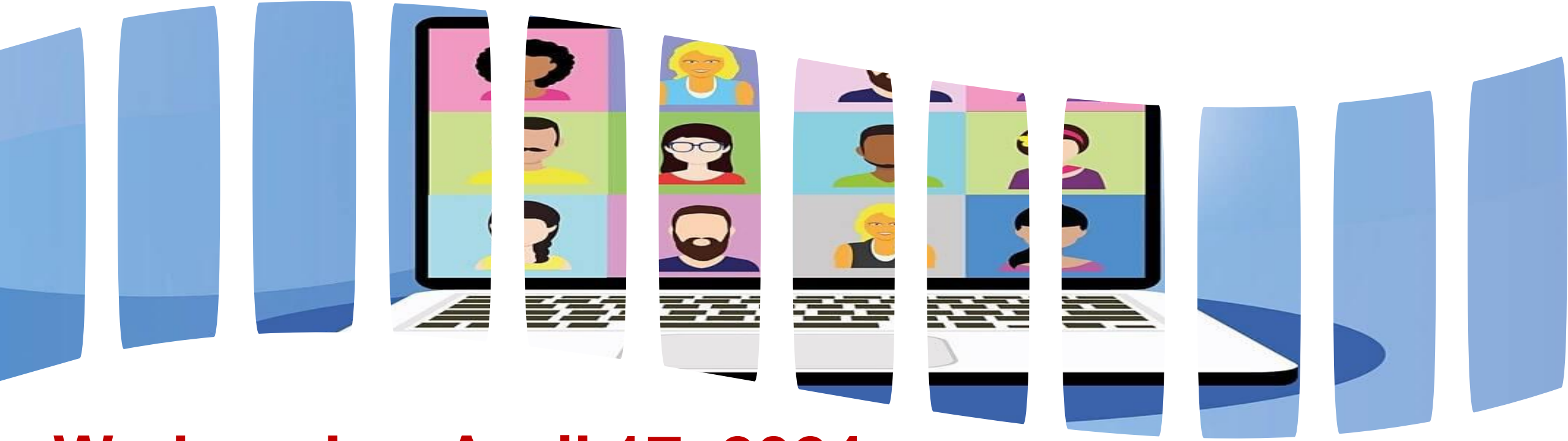
Use [CASAS QuickSearch](#) to find instructional materials



Don't forget our partners:



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







Wednesday, April 17, 2024

11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern

<https://tinyurl.com/CASAS-webinar>



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Thank You!

