

National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment



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What is the National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment?



- Pre- and post-test
- Written assessment delivered online
- Aligned to National Foundation Healthcare Skills Standards
- Provides an indicator of competency of basic healthcare knowledge and skills

What does the test cover?



National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment Test Content

Topic name	Number of questions
Standard 1: Academic Foundation	18
Standard 2: Communications	12
Standard 3: Systems	2
Standard 4: Employability Skills	15
Standard 5: Legal Responsibilities	8
Standard 6: Ethics	9
Standard 7: Safety	17
Standard 8: Teamwork	6
Standard 9: Health Maintenance Practices	4
Standard 10: Technical Skills	4
Beta Test Items	5
Number of Questions on Assessment	100

How was the test developed?



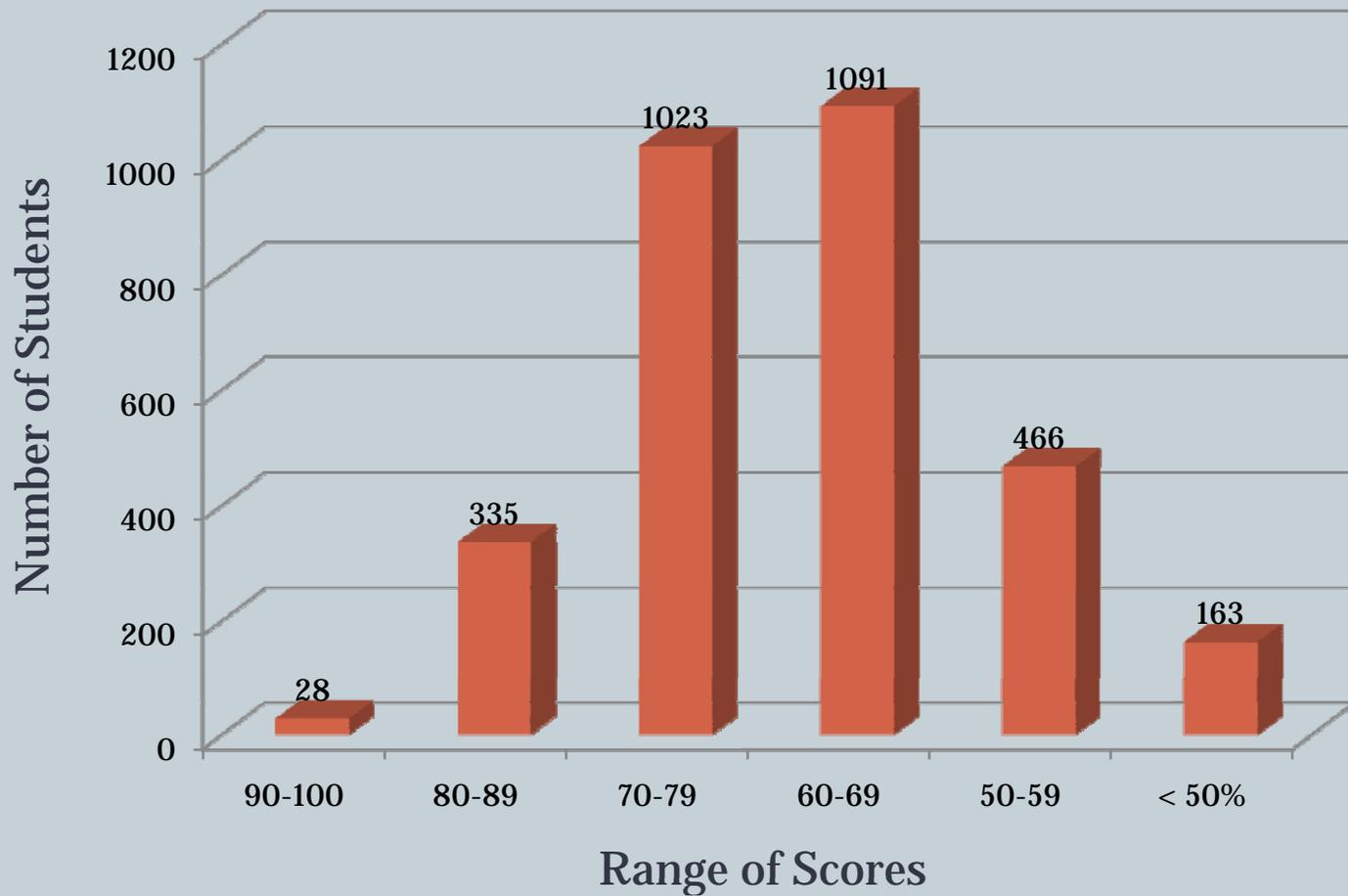
- National committee of subject matter experts
- Streamlined and clarified accountabilities in the National Healthcare Foundation Skills Standards
- Reviewed/revised existing test items from previous vendor
- Wrote/reviewed/validated new test items

Who has used the test?



- Program completers in Colorado, Utah, South Carolina, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, and Virginia
- 3,106 administrations

How did students perform?



Comments from users?



- Test was rated between “just right” and “too hard” by users. (None said it was too easy).
- Instructors expect scores to be higher once instruction is aligned to national standards and testing is timed closer to completion of content (not necessarily completion of course/program)
- 82% of testing sites felt that the assessment/certification added value to their training programs

Why use the National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment?



Although it is **not** a right-to-work credential, the assessment:

- Adds credibility by providing a national certification
- Satisfies Carl Perkins requirements for technical skills assessments (meets gold standard)
- Validates student mastery of fundamental healthcare knowledge and skills

Who should take the test and when?



- Testing should occur as soon as possible after training is completed
- All students who have reached ***concentrator*** status in these secondary CTE programs must test upon exit or completion:
 - ✦ Biotechnology Medical Sciences
 - ✦ Therapeutic Services
 - ✦ Diagnostic Services
 - ✦ Health Infomatics

How can teachers prepare students for the test?



- Align instruction to National Healthcare Foundation Skills Standards and Accountabilities
- Incorporate curriculum materials developed/identified by NCHSTE into instruction
- Use free practice test on website

What is the ordering process?



1. Order the tests:

- ✦ Email: jnutt@okcareertech.org
- ✦ Telephone: (405) 743-5427
- ✦ Fax: (405) 743-6885
- ✦ **INDICATE “STATE P.O.” AS METHOD OF PAYMENT**

2. CareerTech Testing Center confirms order

3. Complete site registration

- ✦ Testing Agreement
- ✦ Testing Roster

4. CareerTech Testing Center confirms test schedule with Testing Coordinator & emails practice test information to instructor.

Other FAQ's:



- **How much does the test cost?**

The test is \$12 per administration (pre- or post-test).

- **Can a student who does not pass retake the assessment?**

Yes, but he/she must wait at least three (3) days before retesting.

- **Who pays for the retesting?**

The state contract **does not** cover retesting -- the cost of testing must be paid by the school or student individually. Please contact the CTTC to make arrangements prior to retesting students.

Other FAQ's:



- **What number do we use for the Student ID?**

Michigan requires that the 10-digit Unique Identifier Code (UIC) Number be used for each student. This number can be found on the Class Student Lists report in CTEIS.

- **My students take the nurse aide test. Isn't this the same thing?**

No, nurse aide certification is limited to what federal law requires nurse aides to know and demonstrate. This test may overlap content somewhat, but is broader in scope and covers information applies to all health careers.

Other FAQ's:



- **Will I get any information on how my students performed on the test?**

Students receive a Coaching Report immediately upon completion of the test, which shows the score on the test and the student's performance in each of the foundation skill areas.

Each August, we will mail programs a comprehensive summary of how its students performed on the test and in each standard area. Statistics will also be provided based on gender and ethnicity. Each program will also receive a statewide and national statistical summary. These reports are included in the cost of testing.

Questions?



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