

Promoting Career and College Readiness for Students

by addressing the assessment needs of the career and technical education community

Who Must Take the Assessments

Technical skills assessments are given to **all** students who have: Completed a career and technical education (CTE) program or are leaving a program and have completed more than half of the program (at least 7 segments).

2013-2014 TECHNICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT COORDINATORS BRIEFING WEB MEETINGS (every month on Tuesday: 3:00 – 4:00 pm)

December 17, 2013 January 28, 2014 February 18, 2014 March 25, 2014 April 29, 2014 May 27, 2014 June 24, 2014

PROGRAMS WITH REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS FOR 2013-14

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| - Automotive Repair Technician (47.0604) | - Collision Repair Technician (NATEF Certified) (47.0603) |
| - Medium/Heavy Truck Technician (NATEF Certified) (47.0613) | - Business, Management and Administration (52.0299) |
| - Health Science (26.0102, 51.0000, 51.1000, 51.0707) | - Education and Training (13.0000) |
| - Marketing (52.1999) | - Law and Public Safety (43.0100) |
| | - Finance (52.0800) |

PROGRAMS WITH REQUIRED INTERIM ASSESSMENTS FOR 2013-14 IMPLEMENTATION

· *Radio and TV Broadcasting Technology (10.0202)* · *Graphics and Printing Technology and Communications (10.0301)*

For detailed information on 2013-14 Implemented Assessments: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629_53970---,00.html

STUDENT ID UPLOADS

NOCTI, Precision Exams, and SkillsUSA will be able to upload student IDs to allow districts to select students for assessment. In order to accommodate as many districts with quarter sessions, semesters, and trimesters, the dates of student demographic data access will be made on the following dates:

January 10, 2014 **March 26, 2014** **April 15, 2014** (for non-NOCTI only)

Students **must be enrolled in CTEIS course-sections** by these dates to be available for selection for testing within participating CTE assessment systems.

SURVEYS FOR NEW ASSESSMENTS ADDED TO TIP SHEETS

Survey links have been added to the bottom of the assessment tip sheets for teachers, proctors, and students and will be posted on the CTE Skills Assessment website for **Collision Repair Technician, Medium/Heavy Truck Technician, Marketing, Radio and TV Broadcasting Technology, and Graphics and Printing Technology and Communication.**

TEST ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

STUDENTS WHO ARE COMPLETERS:

Questions have been asked about students who have become completers of a program. Can these students still take an assessment? Yes, students can take the assessment if they have become completers during the previous year. However, their scores will not be counted for Core Performance Indicator Reporting.

HEALTH SCIENCE

The following message is from the National Consortium for Health Science Education in regard to their partnership with Precision Exams: The National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) wants to ensure that you, the Health Science Educator, are aware of improvements that were made to the 2013-14 National Health Science Assessment as part of the new partnership with Precision Exams. As stated in the NCHSE press release in September 2013, "The partnership with Precision Exams will enable NCHSE to enhance the health science assessment to better meet the different learning styles and sets of knowledge for each student...". NCHSE took the opportunity to improve some items for this year's assessment.

The actual content that the assessment measures remains the same. However, in addition to the assessment's multiple choice questions, students will now see some enhanced question types that provide more ways to present and process information. Students should be prepared to answer enhanced questions that might appear in the following formats:

***Multiple Choice *Labeling *Matching *Sequencing/Ordering**

These enhanced questions may involve using the cursor to drag and drop and/or choosing an answer by visual picture depiction, etc. By delivering the test item content in multiple formats, the National Health Science Assessment is remaining current with testing standards that require critical thinking and problem solving. All assessment content is still aligned to the Nation Health Science Standards that can be found at:

http://www.healthscienceconsortium.org/docs/Foundation_Standards_AC_October_2013.pdf.

SkillsUSA

Webinars are scheduled that explain how to prepare students for the Skill Connect Assessment process and the Assessment Ordering and Management Tools. Archived webinars are also posted. Please see link: <http://www.workforcereadysystem.org/webinars.shtml>.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Instructors who teach the content related to the assessment **should not** be administering the assessment to their students.
- None of the secondary CTE assessments currently identified in Michigan for federal reporting of CTE program effectiveness have been validated for measuring growth and should not be used as the sole element in educator evaluations at this point. Please see the following link for full policy statement: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-2629_53970---,00.html.