

## Assessments vs Basic Skills Exemption Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why do I have to take the CASAS assessment(s)?**

The Florida Department of Education requires that all students enrolled in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program meet basic skills requirements for program exit.

### **What programs require the CASAS assessment(s)?**

CTE programs that are 450 hours or more must have valid CASAS scores on file prior to enrollment. Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) scores will be accepted.

### **Will my CASAS scores keep me from entering my desired CTE program?**

No, valid assessment scores cannot prohibit a student from entering their desired CTE program.

### **Are there exemptions from taking the CASAS assessment(s)?**

Yes, the following criteria **may** exempt a student from meeting assessment requirements:

1. Any student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school and earned a Florida standard high school diploma with a graduation date of 2007 or after.
2. Any student who earned a 2014 series GED.
3. Any student serving as an active-duty member of any branch of the United States Armed services.
4. If you have taken the following exams within 2 years prior to starting your desired CTE program:  
**Specific scores apply per exam. For score requirements, please see Rule 6A-10.315, F.A.C.**
  - ACT with writing or ACT, INC.
  - SAT, The College Board
  - PERT
  - Next Generation Accuplacer, The College Board
5. Any student who has earned an accepted, accredited college/university degree

***If a student believes they may meet a basic skills exemption, they must present an official document or transcript to an FCTC Student Advisor for approval***

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