

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 one or more of 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.

- PreACT®
- ACT with writing or ACT, INC.
- Digital SAT, The College Board
- Digital PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10, The College Board
- PERT
- Next Generation Accuplacer, The College Board

***Please note additional exams may apply, see Rule 6A-10.315, F.A.C.**

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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