Pre-Test Information
Pre-tests are the multiple-choice component of NOCTI’s Job-Ready post-tests. Pre-test data includes a Group Score Report, Competency Reports and Individual Participant Reports. These reports provide schools with information and data to assist instructors and students in identifying skill strengths as well as gap areas that need further remediation. In addition, these reports are excellent diagnostic tools to help instructors adjust curriculum to meet the specific needs of students. Targeting identified curriculum areas for remediation throughout the school year has shown improved student performance on the post-test. Pre- and post-test comparative data is provided after post-tests are completed.

Requirements
NOCTI pre-tests are to be administered once to each student who in the spring of their graduating year, are:
1) enrolled in an approved career and technical education program,
2) anticipated to be a secondary concentrator, and
3) scheduled to post-test in conjunction with the Student Occupational Competency Testing Program.

Costs
PDE’s Bureau of Career and Technical Education will assume the costs of pre-tests and study guides for all approved career and technical education programs. Pre-test costs will be covered only once per student.

Testing Windows
Pre-tests are to be administered once per student, either in the spring of the junior year OR in the fall of the senior year. Seniors graduating in the spring of 2020 are to be pre-tested during one of the following testing windows:
• Spring 2019 pre-testing (juniors only): March 1, 2019 – April 30, 2019
• Fall 2019 pre-testing (seniors only): September 2, 2019 – October 31, 2019

Study Guide Information
Study guides contain information on both the multiple-choice and performance components of the post-test including an overview of the test which shows a percentage of each standard covered and checklists for each standard in the multiple-choice and performance components of the test. The accompanying Teacher Companion Guide includes suggestions for using the study guides in conjunction with current curriculum and classroom instruction; tips for helping students get the most out of their study guides; and information to help students prepare for the post-test, including information on the duty areas and performance jobs and rationale for the sample items – why the identified answer is correct and the other choices are incorrect. Using the study guides to target the identified curriculum areas for remediation, throughout the school year, will ultimately improve student performance on the post-test.

Requirements
Study guides are to be used with students throughout the school year between the pre- and post-tests.

Ordering Information
Pennsylvania’s Student Test Crosswalk is to be used to determine which pre-tests and study guides should be ordered for each program. Orders route through Penn State Greater Allegheny for approval.

Directions
Test site coordinators are responsible for ordering pre-tests and study guides through NOCTI’s Client Services Center website. NOTE: Prior to placing orders all programs, teachers, and students MUST be added and linked in NOCTI’s Client Services Center.
1) Log onto http://clientservices.nocti.org
2) Select the “Ordering” tab
3) Select the product you are ordering
4) Choose a program to begin with and follow the prompts
5) Repeat for each program until your order is complete

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