

6A-10.040 Basic Skills Requirements for Postsecondary Career Certificate and Applied Technology

Diploma Programs Education.

(1) Students enrolled in a career certificate program as defined in Section 1004.02, F.S., or an Applied Technology Diploma (ATD) program as defined in Rule 6A-10.024(6), F.A.C., offered for career education credit of 450 hours or more must complete an entry-level basic skills examination within the first six (6) weeks after admission into the program. The assessment instruments and methods listed in paragraphs (1)(a) through (1)(f), of this rule, (English version only) are designated to assess student mastery of basic communication (reading language arts) and computation (mathematics) skills and must be used according to standards established for test administration and interpretation set forth in Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing (American Psychological Association (APA), American Educational Research Association (AERA), National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME), 2014) and with appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities.

(a) Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE), Forms 13 and 14 ~~11 and 12, 2017~~;

Basic Skills Area	Grade Level	Minimum Scale Score necessary for Demonstration Grade Level
TABE Reading		
Communications (Reading and Language Arts)	8	<u>536</u> 563
	9	<u>550</u> 576
	10	<u>563</u> 597
	11	<u>576</u> 617
	12	<u>597</u> 710
TABE Language Arts		
Communications (Reading and Language Arts)	8	<u>547</u> 572
	9	<u>560</u> 584
	10	<u>573</u> 608
	11	<u>584</u> 631
	12	<u>608</u> 717

TABE Math		
Computations (Mathematics)	8	<u>537</u> 577
	9	<u>557</u> 596
	10	<u>577</u> 627
	11	<u>596</u> 657
	12	<u>627</u> 730

(b) Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS), GOALS ~~2~~ 900 Series, 2019 for Reading;

Basic Skills Area	Grade Level	Minimum Scale Score necessary for Demonstration Grade Level
CASAS GOALS Reading		
Communications (Reading and Language Arts)	8	235
	9	239
	10	244
	11	249
	12	254

(c) Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS), ~~Math~~ GOALS 2 for Math:

Basic Skills Area	Grade Level	Minimum Scale Score necessary for Demonstration Grade Level
CASAS GOALS 2 Math		
Computations (Mathematics)	8	<u>229</u> 222
	9	<u>236</u> 225
	10	<u>241</u> 230
	11	<u>245</u> 236
	12	<u>249</u> 249

(d) through (f) No change.

(2) Minimum basic skills grade levels in each career education program description adopted under Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C., and published annually in the curriculum frameworks and posted on the Department of Education's website at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/>, must be used to determine basic skills levels required for completion of career certificate or ATD programs.

(3) Students deemed to lack the required minimal level of basic skills as measured by one of the designated examinations must be provided with instruction specifically designed to correct the deficiencies. After a student completes the remediation prescribed for basic skills deficiencies, the student must be retested using an alternative form (if possible) of the same examination that was used for initial testing. A career certificate of completion or ATD shall not be awarded until the minimum, or higher, required level of basic skills, as designated in the program's curriculum framework, is achieved.

(4) A student may be exempted from the basic skills requirements for career certificate and ATD programs as follows:

(a) An adult with a disability as defined in Section 1004.02(6), F.S., may be exempted, contingent upon the from meeting the career basic skills grade levels required for completion of the career certificate program. Each school district ~~or and~~ Florida College System institution's locally adopted ~~college institution must adopt~~ a policy addressing procedures for exempting eligible adults with disabilities ~~from the basic skills exit requirements~~ as permitted in Section 1004.91(3), F.S. Alternative assessments may also be used for adults with disabilities, as set forth in subsection (7).

(b) A student who holds a high school diploma issued by a private school in compliance with Section 1002.42, F.S., may be exempted, contingent upon the submission of an official transcript and verification of the school's eligibility.

(c) A student who has completed a home education program or a personalized education program may be exempted, contingent upon submission of an affidavit signed by the student's parent or legal guardian attesting that the student has completed a home education program pursuant to the requirements of Section 1002.41, F.S. or a personalized education program pursuant to the requirements of Section 1002.395, F.S.

(5) Procedures for students whose first language is not English:

(a) No change.

(b) ELL students must achieve the minimum grade level/scale score or higher on one of the designated tests in subsection (1) of this rule as required by the Department to be awarded a career certificate or ATD ~~of completion~~ in a career education program.

(6) through (7) No change.

(8) Exemptions. The following students are exempt from the basic skills examination requirement, and the designated program administrator must receive an official copy of the degree, transcript, or test score in order to allow any of these exemptions;

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) One who passes a state, national or industry certification or licensure examination aligned to their career certificate or ATD program and identified in the “Basic Skills Licensure Exemption List,” effective December ~~2025~~ 2024, which is incorporated by reference herein (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18877> ~~17268~~). The Basic Skills Licensure Exemption List may be requested from the Department of Education, Division of Career and Adult Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

(d) through (e) No change.

~~(f) A student who possesses a high school diploma from a private school that is in compliance with section 1002.42, F.S.~~

~~(g) A student in a home education program or a personalized education program, with a signed affidavit submitted by the student's parent or legal guardian attesting that the student has completed a home education program pursuant to the requirements of section 1002.41, F.S. or a personalized education program pursuant to the requirements of section 1002.395 F.S.~~

(9) Dual enrollment. Pursuant to paragraph (8)(b) of this rule, students enrolled in an eligible career education dual enrollment program under Section 1007.271, F.S., are exempt from the basic skills examination requirement if they have demonstrated readiness for postsecondary education in accordance with Rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C. prior to admission into the career certificate or ATD program. Dual enrollment students who have not met this requirement must complete the basic skills examination, unless otherwise exempt.

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