End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA) Update

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FY2012 EOPA Testing Process

- Successfully concluded
- Real Champions:
  - CTAE Administrators
  - CTAE Instructors
  - CTAE Pathway Completers
- EOPA Demographic Data Reporting
  - Deadline for reporting: June 29, 2012
  - Most systems have reported
  - We need your report data

FY2012 EOPA Demographic Data

- Submitting your data is critical:
  - CAR Report/Core Indicator 2S1
  - CCRPI Reporting
- Input from all systems is critical to determine:
  - Overall state performance
  - Individual exam pass rates

FY2013 Assessment Information Sheets

- ***Your Key to Unlocking Student Technical Skill Attainment and Industry Recognized Credentials***

Your Key USB Flash Drive

- Contains **_ALL_** the Assessment Information Sheets for each exam included in the FY2013 EOPA Technical Skill Attainment Inventory

- Includes all the pertinent information you need to establish your school as a testing site and to order exams

- In both Word and PDF formats

- Assessment Information Sheets will be posted to the CTAE Assessment Web Page by August 1st

CTAE Assessment Web Page

- **The CTAE Assessment Web Page will contain:**
  - Any updates to Assessment Information Sheets
  - FY2013 EOPA Technical Skill Attainment Inventory Listing
    - Exam Name
    - Career Pathway Name
  - An updated copy of Special Accommodations by Testing Agency document
  - A copy of the EOPA State Guidelines
  - Any updates to the FY2013 CTAE Program Concentration & Pathway Related Courses Document
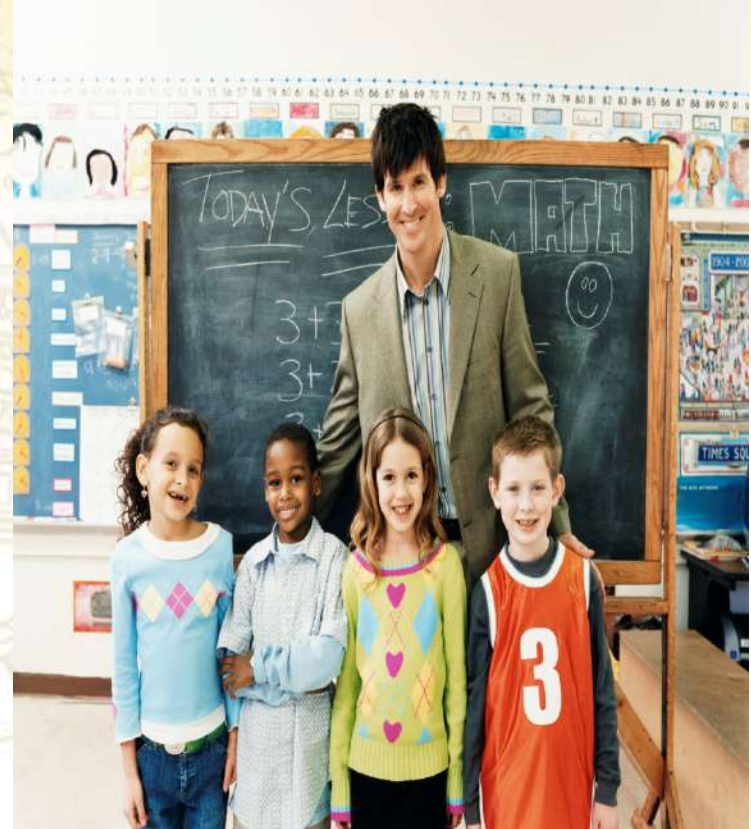- **Initial access through the main GaDOE website**

Culinary Arts

- Added two new exams:
  - NOCTI Culinary Arts Cook, Level 2
  - ACF Secondary Graduate Certificate
    - Written portion of the Certified Junior Culinarian Exam
    - Does not yield a industry credential
  - Make a careful determination on exam choice

Early Childhood Education

- Child Development Associate (CDA) Exam (Preschool)
- Six step process
- Certification process entails:
  - Verification Visit
    - Review documentation
    - Administer Early Childhood Studies Review (2 hour multiple choice exam)
    - Conduct oral interview
- Credentialing Decision
- $325.00 exam fee

Nutrition & Food Science

- ServSafe Food Safety Manager Certification
- Program area instructors must become ***Certified ServSafe Instructors***
- Candidates must be familiar with ServSafe Curriculum
- Do not need textbooks for each student
- $36.00 exam fee

Healthcare Science

- National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT):
  - Provisional Certifications for hard to earn credentials:
    - Certified ECG Tech
    - Certified Patient Care Tech
    - Certified Phlebotomy Tech
  - Work experience on live subjects within 6 months after HS graduation

Healthcare Science

- **Deleted Exams**
  - NCCT:
    - National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA)
    - Tech in Surgery-Certified (TS-C)

Business & Computer Science

- **Business Logistics Management EOPA**
  - MSSC Certified Logistics Associate (CLA)
  - MSSC Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)
  - Dispensed by NOCTI
  - $19.00 exam fee (per exam)

Business & Computer Science

- **Interactive Media**
  - **<u>Previously</u>** required passing two different exams to obtain CIW Associate Design Specialist Certification
  - **<u>Currently</u>** each exam yields a separate certification:
    - CIW Site Development Associate
    - CIW Web Design Specialist
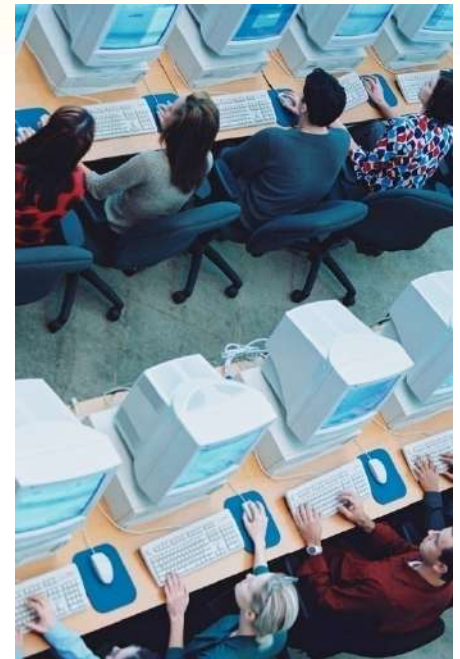   - Either exam can be used

Business & Computer Science

- **Administrative / Information Support Pathway:**
  - Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification Exam
  - Last year that MOS will be used as EOPA
  - Other EOPA exam options will be identified for the '014 school year

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Exam Clarification

- FEMA Emergency Management Institute *"Are You Ready" Exam*
  - Homeland Security Pathway
  - Emergency Services Pathway
    - Exam can be taken
    - Students must provide SS# at the completion of exam
    - Inform students before exam

911

FY2013 EOPA Testing Guidelines

- Any eligible student can be tested; no grade level restrictions

- Eligible students:
  - Have successfully completed three or four designated courses, OR,
  - Enrolled in the third or fourth (last) designated course and on track to successfully complete

FY2013 EOPA Testing Guidelines

- ## *EOPA **Retest** Administration*:
  - Not mandated to be offered by LEAs
  - Systems that allow retest option will:
    - Offer focused remediation to students before retest
    - Allow a **single** retest opportunity for failed exam
    - Adhere to any stated "waiting periods" established by the testing agency
  - Students eligible to utilize retest option:
    - Students who have successfully completed the designated courses
    - Students who failed the EOPA on the first attempt
    - Students who have participated in focused remediation

FY2013 EOPA Testing Guidelines

- EOPA Pre-Testing:
  - EOPA tests knowledge, skills, and abilities throughout the course of pathway
  - Difficult to decide in which course to dispense
  - Many exams do not offer pre-test option
  - Many systems can't afford pre-tests

- In an effort to ensure equity for all EOPA participants, pre-testing is **<u>not recommended</u>**.

Special Accommodations

- IEP: Point of Reference
- Direct link between classroom and assessment accommodations
- IEP Team should review available EOPAs to determine most appropriate exam option
- Some testing agencies allow a number of accommodations
- Some agencies may not allow the same accommodations that a student receives instructionally

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Special Accommodations

- These agencies require individuals to have certain cognitive and physical abilities to complete job tasks
- CTAE instructor involvement with IEP process
- List of available Special Accommodations by testing agency posted on CTAE Assessment Web Page

EOPA State Guidelines

- Documented Guidelines
- Guidelines based on feedback obtained from:
  - EOPA best practices from local systems
  - Collaboration with EOPA Testing Advisory Committee
- Addresses general EOPA topics:
  - Retests; pre-tests; test security measures; reporting testing irregularities; roles of local administrators
- GaDOE Testing Division Guidelines

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FY2013 EOPA Demographic Data Reporting

- Reported through student data portal
- Must ensure that completer data is captured accurately
- FY2013 CTAE Program Concentration & Pathway Related Courses
- Lists course numbers, assessment codes and titles
- Check CTAE website for updates

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FY2013 EOPA Demographic Data Reporting

- ## **Course Numbering:**
  - **<u>Please do not</u>** alter the following digits in the state referenced course number locally:
    - two digits to the left of the decimal
    - second digit to the right of the decimal
    - third digit to the right of the decimal
- Drop down menus will be developed to select Assessment Codes and Titles
- More information to come on the utilization of the system

FY2013 Industry Certification Grants

- Email Notifications
- 91 Approved Grants
- Grant Timeline: July 1st – June 30th
- CTAE Administrator must work with instructors to ensure completion of process
- Reminder: Utilize *Industry Certification Checklist*
- September 30th deadline to return funds