Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections Core Assessment
INFORMATION SHEET

What is the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster Core Assessment?
The Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections Core assessment is an end-of-program assessment for students in law enforcement, criminal justice, security and or corrections programs. The assessment provides an indication of student mastery of basic knowledge and concepts necessary for success in careers in these areas.

Who developed the assessment?
The assessment was developed by the CareerTech Testing Center in partnership with the National Partnership for Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security to help programs meet federal end-of-program testing requirements for Career and Technology Education training programs.

How was the assessment developed?
The assessment is the result of more than a year of development, revision and validation. Items were developed and reviewed by a committee of subject matter experts from several states, including Michigan, North Carolina, Alaska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas. In addition, students from across the United States assisted with beta-testing the assessment. The questions are written contextually—using terminology found in the five pathways for the LPSCS Career Cluster.

What does the assessment cover?
The assessment is aligned to the Knowledge and Skills Statements for the Law, Public Safety, Security and Corrections cluster that were developed by the States' Career Clusters Initiative. Specifically, the test includes 100 multiple-choice test items over the following areas:

Academic Foundations	10%	Communications	21%
Problem Solving & Critical Thinking	8%	Information Technology Applications	3%
Systems	4%	Safety, Health, & Environmental	13%
Leadership & Teamwork	18%	Ethics & Legal Responsibilities	11%
Employability & Career Dev.	10%	Technical Skills	3%

What are the benefits of using the assessment?
For the student, the assessment provides a measure of mastery of basic knowledge and skills needed by employees in law-related careers. Students who score 70% or higher on the assessment receive a Certificate of Mastery bearing the Partnership's logo, which can be displayed in the student's portfolio. Group analysis provides meaningful information on program strengths and weaknesses that can be used in program planning, curriculum selection, etc.

Is the assessment timed?
The assessment is not timed. Most students will be able to finish the assessment in one hour.

How is the assessment delivered?
The assessment is web-based and delivered exclusively online. Once the student completes the assessment, it is submitted for scoring and the student receives immediate results feedback.
*****The assessment CANNOT be administered by instructors, and instructors CANNOT serve as testing proctors.*****

How much does the assessment cost?
The assessment costs $12 per student per administration. Members the National Partnership for Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security will also receive state level data at no additional cost. School purchase orders or credit cards may be used to purchase the assessment.

Is the assessment available now?
Yes! Information about the assessment, including ordering information, can be obtained from www.careertechtesting.com.