STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCY TESTING PROGRAM
2024-2025 Pennsylvania NOCTI Test Cut Score Development

We need your help! Can you identify business and industry partners who are familiar with your program's curriculum? Understand what skills your students have when they graduate? Are willing to spend three to four hours reviewing the NOCTI test that your students take?

Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Career and Technical Education develops cut scores for new or revised NOCTI tests. This year, cut scores are being developed for the following NOCTI tests:

New/Revised Test Titles	Aligned CIP Codes
Accounting Basic (4100)	**52.0302**
Fashion Technology and Merchandising (4018)	**19.0905**
Architectural Drafting (4104)	**15.1303**
Building Construction Operations (4111)	**46.9999**
Computer Programming (4123)	**11.0201**
Electronics Technology (4135)	**15.0399/15.0303**
Graphic Production Technology (4342)	**10.0399**
Hospitality Management – Lodging (3180)	**52.1905**
Nursing Assisting (4358)	**51.3902**
Retail Commercial Baking (4110)	**12.0501**
Small Engine Technology (4178)	**47.0699**
Visual Comm & Interactive Media (3525)	**09.0702**
Web Design (4750)	**11.080112.0501**

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PARTNER REQUIREMENTS

For this activity, your business and industry partners will be part of a committee that will review the NOCTI test that is given to students in your program.   You should think about your **occupational advisory committee (OAC) members** and **Cooperative Education (Co-Op) employers who are familiar with your program**. To establish a valid and reliable cut score, committee members should have current knowledge of your career and technical education program so that they understand the skills that your students have learned during their time spent in your program. We are asking you to recommend your active and supportive OAC members or Co-Op employers who meet these requirements:

OAC Members:
- Familiar with your program task list and curriculum
- An **active** member of your OAC for at least 3 years
- Knowledge of the skills students are able to perform at the end of their program

Co-Op Employers:
- Provides Co-Op placement for students
- Hires career and technical education graduates
- Knowledge of the skills students are able to perform at the end of their program

Each committee member will use an on-line version of the NOCTI test to review each test question.

It is important to remember that business and industry partner chosen to serve on a cut score committee is determining the cut score for all students who are enrolled in programs like yours across Pennsylvania.

We need your OAC members and Co-Op employers to participate – those who have an investment in your program.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PARTNER APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Each interested business and industry partner must apply by **completing an application form**. (This application form will be reviewed to determine eligibility to serve on a cut score committee.)

2. Accepted applicants will receive instructions to **watch an on-line training video**. (This training should take about one hour to complete.)

3. After watching the training video, applicants will receive instructions to **complete the NOCTI test review**. (The review activity will take two to three hours and must be completed within one week.)

4. Applicants who complete the activity will **receive a stipend** for each test reviewed.

Submitted applications will be reviewed and applicants will be notified of their acceptance to a cut score committee.

Remember, if selected, these business and industry partners are determining the Pennsylvania cut scores for YOUR students!

CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUR STUDENTS IF WE CAN'T CREATE A CUT SCORE

If we do not have enough business and industry partners participate on a cut score committee and review the NOCTI test, your **students will not be eligible to take the NOCTI post-test** under the Student Occupational Competency Testing Program. Program test data will not be available for students who are secondary concentrators in your program and your **students will not be CTE completers**. Also, your **students may not receive college credit**. This **may impact funding** for your program or your school.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact the Education Resource Center, Penn State Greater Allegheny at testing@careertechpa.org.

We thank you for your support and dedication to the development of Pennsylvania's cut scores and the Student Occupational Competency Testing Program.

Interested applicants should complete the electronic application at:
https://www.careertechpa.org/application/
or by scanning the QR Code.