



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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TO: District Test Coordinators

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SUBJECT: 2014-15 Required Training for Connecticut Alternate Assessments

All special education teachers with the primary responsibility for assessing students with significant cognitive disabilities are required to receive training by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). The Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA), also referred to as NCSC, and the CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science **require** participation in one of two options prior to March 1, 2015. Please forward this information to special education directors and teachers who will be administering the CTAA/NCSC and/or CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science in the spring of 2015.

All teachers responsible for administering these alternate assessments, including those teachers with current Skills Checklist Administration certifications, **must** participate in one of two types of CSDE training. The CTAA/NCSC is replacing the CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist in English language arts and mathematics for the 2015 administration.

Training Options:

2014-15 ONLINE CSDE Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) and Skills Checklist Science Training

OR

2014-15 LIVE CSDE Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) and Skills Checklist Science Training

- **Option 1: 2014-15 ONLINE CSDE Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA/NCSC) and CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science Training** - includes three online sessions. Participating teachers completing the required sessions will receive a certificate of participation provided by SERC.

Opens August 29, 2014 Must be completed by March 2, 2015	Session 1	<i>General Introduction for the CTAA/NCSC and CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science</i>
	Session 2	<i>How to Complete and Submit the CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science</i>
	Session 3	<i>Components of the Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA/NCSC)</i>

Accessing the 2014-15 ONLINE CSDE CTAA/NCSC and CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Training

- Go to <http://ctserc.org/ctaa>; (Opens August 29, 2014)
- Register with your name, e-mail address and 10 digit [Educator Identification Number \(EIN\)](#); and
- You will create a username and password.
- **Option 2: 2014-15 LIVE CSDE Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA/NCSC) and Skills Checklist Science Training** is a professional learning activity that will be presented at each of the six Regional Educational Service Centers (RESC). Morning and afternoon sessions will be available depending on enrollment numbers. **Pre-registration is required.**

2014-2015 LIVE CSDE CT Alternate Assessment (CTAA) and Skills Checklist Science Training			
RESC	Date	AM Session 8:30-12:00	PM Session 12:30-4:00
CES	Wednesday September 24, 2014	Maximum Capacity: 50	Maximum Capacity: 50
EASTCONN	Friday October 10, 2014	Maximum Capacity: 70	Maximum Capacity: 70
CREC	Wednesday October 22, 2014	Maximum Capacity: 35	Maximum Capacity: 35
LEARN	Wednesday Nov 12, 2014	Maximum Capacity: 40	Maximum Capacity: 40
ED CONNECTION	Friday Nov 14, 2014	Maximum Capacity: 75	Maximum Capacity: 75
ACES	Wednesday December 3, 2014	Maximum Capacity: 60	Maximum Capacity: 60

Accessing the 2014-2015 LIVE CSDE CTAA/NCSC and CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science Training

The Online Registration process will be available beginning in July.

- Go to www.ctserc.org
- Click on *Professional Development* tab at the top of the page.
- Access the *List or Calendar* function on the right to register for the appropriate session
- Register with your name, school e-mail address and 10 digit [Educator Identification Number \(EIN\)](#)

To determine the potential names of teachers eligible for this training, the DTC may access the Skills Checklist Certified User searchable database on the [Measurement Incorporated Web Portal](#).

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