College, Career, and Life Readiness

Prepare your students for postsecondary success, work readiness, and social-emotional health with PreACT, WorkKeys, and Tessera.
ACT’s mission is to help people achieve education and workplace success. One of the ways we accomplish this mission is through offering a comprehensive, holistic approach to college and career readiness, workforce development and social emotional learning solutions.
Readiness as a definition isn’t helpful to anyone without a way to measure and use it to make decisions.
How do I know if my students are going to be ready for college?
A Simulated ACT Test Experience

- Administered by Schools
- Designed for 10th grade
- PnP Multiple Choice assessment in English, Math, Reading, and Science
- Early practice for the ACT test with flexible test administration dates – test on your schedule between Sept. 1 and June 1
- PreACT score and predicted ACT score ranges in each subject align to the ACT 1–36 scale
- Students may opt to share their information with colleges and scholarship agencies
- $13 per test
PreACT Key Benefits for Educators

- Provides a snapshot of how students are performing across academic standards
- Reporting categories provide insights to inform classroom and educator intervention
- Enables counselors with early postsecondary planning and career investigation tools and facilitates informed conversations about academics, interests, college, career choices, and course selection
- Quick access to individual student data and patterns of performance, plus item-response reporting
- Additional insights such as STEM and Text Complexity scores
Composite Scores

Composite scores and subject test scores tell you and your students which subjects need more focus before graduation.

Predicted ACT Scores

PreACT scores can be used to predict how well students are likely to perform on the ACT test. These can help determine if there are subject areas requiring more focus to improve skills and scores.

Detailed Results

This score shows the percent and number of points earned out of the total number of points possible on the skills tested within each subject.
Educator Reports

- Educator Reports Package

- Early Intervention Roster
  - Educational Plans
  - Career Interests
  - Needs for Assistance
  - Coursework Plans

- Item Response Summary Report

- Student List Report
  - Scores/Predicted ACT Ranges
  - Majors/Careers
**Item responses and how to make progress**

Students receive an item analysis report. Here they can view each question, know the correct answer, and identify which items they answered incorrectly. The report also gives them ideas for progress to improve scores.

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**Math**

**Correctly Answered:** 26 of 36
**Incorrectly Answered:** 10 of 36

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**Educator Item response summary**

Identify how your students answered each item: right, wrong, or did not answer

**Which specific areas can my students improve?**

Based on certain items, understand the content areas where you can improve curriculum before the ACT test to boost students' college readiness
Review the **Detailed Results** section of your ACT or PreACT student score report and enter the **percentages** below.

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How do I know if my students are ready for work and a career?
WorkKeys consists of:

**ASSESSMENTS**
Unlike other assessments, ACT WorkKeys Assessments don't simply give an indication of ready and writing competency. Instead they measure a range of hard and soft skills relevant to any occupation, at any level, across industries.

**NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE® (NCRC®)**
Powered by three ACT WorkKeys Assessments, the WorkKeys NCRC helps individuals prove they possess the skills employers deem essential. It's a portable credential that helps job seekers and current employees improve their career outcome and succeed in a variety of career pathways.

**CURRICULUM**
ACT WorkKeys Curriculum are the only courses linked to current occupational information and WorkKeys Assessment skills areas. The courses supporting the skills development needed to obtain an ACT National Career Readiness Certificate are available for mobile delivery.

**JOB PROFILES**
By linking job tasks with ACT WorkKeys Assessments, employers can pinpoint benchmarks for hiring, recruiting, advancement, and training.
A focus-group approach is used to gather input from employees to ensure customized job analysis.
Readiness Benchmarks for 14 Career Clusters

- Agriculture
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, Audio Video Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Care
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Marketing, Sales, & Service
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security
- Manufacturing
- STEM
HARD SKILLS

These are the skills that employers say are critical for career success and on-the-job training:

**APPLIED MATH**
Critical thinking, mathematical reasoning, and problem-solving techniques in workplace situations. High levels of this skill include:

- **IDENTIFYING**
  errors in calculation

- **CONVERTING**
  systems of measurement

- **CALCULATING**
  areas and volumes

**GRAPHIC LITERACY**
Reading and comprehending graphical materials to solve work-related problems. High levels of this skill include:

- **INTERPRETING**
  trends, relationships, and patterns

- **COMPARING**
  information and trends among data sets

- **USING DATA**
  to make decisions

**WORKPLACE DOCUMENTS**
Reading and comprehending written information to make decisions and solve problems. High levels of this skill include:

- **INFERRING**
  meanings of words and phrases from contexts

- **DECIPHERING**
  the meaning of acronyms, jargon, or technical content

- **APPLYING**
  information and instructions to a new situation
Implementing WorkKeys Curriculum in your classroom

- The ACT WorkKeys Curriculum provides the only content specifically aligned with the WorkKeys NCRC assessments.
- Effective for WorkKeys test prep and remediation.
- Provides an engaging and empowering user experience and is responsive on all mobile devices.
- An ACT Curriculum site license for your institution provides you with unlimited access to the curriculum.
How do I know if my students have the social-emotional skills to be successful in life?
Tessera™ is an all-in-one, multifaceted solution that gives students, parents, teachers, and schools a comprehensive view of noncognitive skills and character strengths.

- Two versions: One for students in grades 6–8 and one for students in grade 9–12.
- Advanced assessment methodology that goes beyond traditional self-reporting to yield more reliable, valid results
- Easy to administer online—about 30 min.
- Reports that are user-friendly for students and schools with recommend resources and strategies
- Strengthens and supports student self-knowledge, goal-setting and growth mindset
- $10 annual fee for unlimited use from Aug.1-July 31st
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Materials & Support
ACT Tessera Next-Generation Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Assessment System Overview
Construct Infosheets
Roster Report—Student Performance Report
ACT Tessera Teacher Playbook
ACT Tessera Quick Start Guide
ACT Tessera Technical Readiness Manual
ACT Tessera Administration Manual
ACT Tessera Accessibility Guide
Using Your ACT Tessera Results
Post Admin Recorded Webinar
ACT Teressa Communication ToolKit
3 Simple Steps To Prepare for Test Day
Teamwork Unit Overview

Intended Learning Outcomes and Essential Question

Introduction to Teamwork

Teamwork Introduction and Lecture/Discussion Material

Teamwork Group Activity

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Teamwork Knowledge Quizzes

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Teamwork Knowledge Quizzes - Answer Keys

Concern for Others Activities

Individual Differences

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Where you are today doesn’t have to be where you are tomorrow

Social and emotional skills change over time, and improving these skills can help you achieve your academic, professional, and personal goals.

This report provides you with your scores and some exercises that may help you learn more about each skill and improve. The more you practice your grit, curiosity, etc., the stronger you become in those skills.

Improve Your Grit

Other Words for Grit:
- Hard-working, organized, trustworthy, reliable, conscientious, and tenacious.

Improve Your Grit

One way you can improve your grit is to maintain an awareness of why you want to achieve your goals. What would it mean to you and others if you achieved your goal? Think about the steps you must take to achieve your goal and then monitor progress to stay on track.

Go to This Link

To access videos and other tools to help you improve your grit, go to www.act.org/curiosity.

Improve Your Teamwork

Other Words for Teamwork:
- Helpful, supportive, empathetic, respectful, collaborative, and agreeable.

Improve Your Teamwork

Considering other team members’ perspectives can enhance teamwork and cooperation. The next time you work with other team members, try to see things from their points of view.

Go to This Link

To access videos and other tools to help you improve your teamwork, go to www.act.org/leadership.

Improve Your Grit

Other Words for Resilience:
- Relaxed, calm, self-controlled, collected, not overly worried, and not overly stressed.

Improve Your Resilience

Being grateful can help improve your composition. Being grateful means being thankful for the things you have. Try to spend a little time each day thinking about the things in your life for which you are grateful.

Go to This Link

To access videos and other tools to help you improve your resilience, go to www.act.org/leadership.

Improve Your Leadership

Other Words for Leadership:
- Assertive, persuasive, influential, optimistic, encouraging, and enthusiastic.

Improve Your Leadership

Great leaders are often optimistic and enthusiastic. They see that the “glass is half full” and are confident that the future will turn out well. Do your best to see the positive side of most situations.

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Thank You!