



## **NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

*Peter Hans, President*

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Basic Skills Directors, LEIS Coordinators

**FROM:** Dr. Marlena S. Everett, Director of Performance and Partners, CCR

**DATE:** January 26, 2019

**SUBJECT:** New Assessment Patches Update

New tests have been approved by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) to assess Measurable Skill Gains. OCTAE announced in the Federal Register the approval of an additional test, test forms and delivery formats that are determined to be suitable for use in the National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education for a seven-year period. OCTAE approved the following assessments: The Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE), Forms 11 & 12; and the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) Reading GOALS. These tests have been aligned to the College and Career Readiness standards.

NCCCS, College and Career Readiness has approved use of the new forms to be implemented April 2, 2019. Colleges are able to begin using the new assessments on April 2, 2019, but **NOT** before. The expiring assessments, TABE 9/10, CASAS Life & Work for ABE/ASE, and Gain, may not be used after June 30, 2019.

The following patches update the system to accept the new test forms. These patches are scheduled to be released to the colleges by the Systems Office IT on February 28, 2019:

Assessments: TABE 11/12-Language, Math, Reading  
CASAS Reading GOALS

For Community College providers, this requires that all patches from the System Office are installed promptly. Colleague patches must be installed in a timely manner and per the communicated CIS Release Management timelines. Patches are designed to deliver new functionality to the colleges and address bugs in the programming.

Thank you all for your patience with the Colleague changes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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