



Career and Technical Education (CTE)  
 Technical Skills Assessment (TSAs) for Spring 2020  
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Program	Technical Skills Assessment	Certification/Licensure	Message to Parents	Contact
<b>ARTS, MEDIA, AND COMMUNICATION</b>				
<b>Interactive Media Production (IMP)</b>	Certiport, a Pearson VUE Company  <u><b>Adobe Creative Suites</b></u> Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Adobe InDesign Adobe Dreamweaver Adobe Premiere Pro	Adobe Certified Associate  Adobe Photoshop <u>or</u> Adobe Illustrator <u>or</u> Adobe InDesign <u>or</u> Adobe Dreamweaver <u>or</u> Adobe Premiere Pro <u>or</u>  MSDE requires that students pass only one of the five exams in Adobe Creative Suites. <b>Seniors will be scheduled for their exams before students in other grades are scheduled.</b>	Students are now able to take their certifications from home using "Certiport Exams from Home." Teachers have begun scheduling students for the home-based certification exams. <b>Please note SENIORS will be scheduled first.</b>  <b>Note:</b> Students must have a PC, MAC, or Chromebook and internet access to take the exam.	Kenyetta Lewis-White <a href="mailto:Kenyetta.lewiswhite@pgcps.org">Kenyetta.lewiswhite@pgcps.org</a>
<b>PrintED</b>	PrintED/SkillsUSA  Graphic Communication <b>plus</b> Digital File Preparation and Output <u>or</u> Digital Production Printing <u>or</u> Offset Press	SkillsUSA Career Essentials Proficiency Assessment (Based on PrintED Blueprint and the SkillsUSA Framework Essential Elements)  <b>Certification is valid for two (2) years.</b>	Students are now able to take their assessments from home using the online testing portal. Students must have internet access to take the assessment. Based on articulation agreements and dual enrollment options in the program, students may obtain TSAs once they have passed course requirements and are eligible to receive college credit.	Kenyetta Lewis-White <a href="mailto:Kenyetta.lewiswhite@pgcps.org">Kenyetta.lewiswhite@pgcps.org</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL, AGRICULTURE &amp; NATURAL RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE)</b>  <u><b>Animal Science Pathway</b></u> Intro to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Principles of Agricultural Science-Animal Animal and Plant Biotechnology Agricultural Research and Development	National Association of Agricultural Educators, Inc.  All End-of-Course Exams are taken except for the senior year course.	College Credit	Students may access the CASE online End-of-Course (EOC) exams if they have an internet connection.	Kenyetta Lewis-White <a href="mailto:Kenyetta.lewiswhite@pgcps.org">Kenyetta.lewiswhite@pgcps.org</a>

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<p><b>Natural Resources Pathway</b> Intro to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Natural Resources and Human Ecology Environmental Science Issues Agricultural Research and Development</p>				
<b>HEALTH AND BIOSCIENCES</b>				
<p><b>Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)</b></p>	<p>Credentia/Pearson VUE approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON)</p>	<p>GNA Certification provided by MBON</p>	<p>The requirements that the students need to meet are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Pass the written exam with the score stated in the CNA program application to the MBON;</li> <li>--Complete the 100 hours of instruction: 60 hours devoted to didactic instruction of which 16 hours are classroom lab practice and 40 hours to clinical practice;</li> <li>--Demonstrate the ability to perform nursing functions with clients of any age and with various levels of physical, sensory, cognitive and emotional ability;</li> <li>--Demonstrate competence in meeting the objectives and performance indicators contained in the training requirements; and</li> <li>--Be evaluated on their ability to meet the program objectives in the classroom, laboratory, and clinical setting.</li> </ul>	<p>Josephine Michael <a href="mailto:Jos.michael@pgcps.org">Jos.michael@pgcps.org</a></p>
<p><b>Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)</b></p>	<p>National Healthcareer Association (NHA)</p>	<p>CCMA Certification provided by the NHA</p>	<p>The CCMA certification exam is administered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). The exam is online, proctored, and in a secured format. Students must complete all program requirements before sitting for the CCMA exam.</p>	<p>Josephine Michael <a href="mailto:Jos.michael@pgcps.org">Jos.michael@pgcps.org</a></p>

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<b>Pharmacy Technician</b>	National Healthcareer Association (NHA)	Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technician (ExCPT)	NHA will administer the ExCPT certification exam. The exam is online, proctored, and in a secured format. Students must complete all of the program requirements before sitting for this exam.	Josephine Michael <a href="mailto:Jos.michael@pgcps.org">Jos.michael@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Sciences</b>	Project Lead the Way (PLTW) End-of-Course Exam	College Credit	Project Lead the Way has suspended End-of-Course online testing for SY 2020. Students are not required to take the End-of-Course Exam at this time. For more information visit <a href="https://www.pltw.org/news/still-working-to-serve-you">https://www.pltw.org/news/still-working-to-serve-you</a> .	Josephine Michael <a href="mailto:Jos.michael@pgcps.org">Jos.michael@pgcps.org</a>
<b>MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY</b>				
<b>Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering</b>	Project Lead the Way (PLTW) End-of-Course Exam	College Credit	Project Lead the Way has suspended End-of-Course online testing for SY 2020. Students are not required to take the End-of-Course Exam at this time. For more information visit <a href="https://www.pltw.org/news/still-working-to-serve-you">https://www.pltw.org/news/still-working-to-serve-you</a> .	Tonia Ziegler <a href="mailto:Tonia.ziegler@pgcps.org">Tonia.ziegler@pgcps.org</a>
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
<b>CISCO Academy</b>	<b>CompTIA, a Pearson VUE Company</b> CISCO	CISCO 200-301 CCNA exam CompTIA Security +  MSDE requires that students pass only one of two exams.	Students can take certification exams from home using a PC or MAC. For information and the requirements: <a href="https://home.pearsonvue.com/comptia/onvue">https://home.pearsonvue.com/comptia/onvue</a> .	Keith Brice <a href="mailto:Keith.brice@pgcps.org">Keith.brice@pgcps.org</a>
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b>				
<b>Computer Science</b>	Certiport, a Pearson VUE company	MTA 98-366 Fundamentals of Computer Programming	Students are now able to take their certifications from home using "Certiport Exams from Home." Teachers will begin scheduling students for home-based certification exams. Students must have a PC, MAC, or Chromebook, and internet	Keith Brice <a href="mailto:Keith.brice@pgcps.org">Keith.brice@pgcps.org</a>

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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
<b>Automotive Body Repair</b>	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Industry Conference Auto Repair (I-CAR)	ASE/I-CAR Non-Structural Certificate ASE/ I-CAR Refinishing Certificate ASE/ I-CAR Structural Certificate	ASE has no policy changes at this time. Testing for the 2020 school year will continue as scheduled through the end of June. Testing will only be administered in a secure, proctored environment.	Truell Ard <a href="mailto:Tru.ard@pgcps.org">Tru.ard@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Auto Technician</b>	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)	ASE Brakes ASE HVAC ASE Suspension and Steering ASE Electrical/Electronics ASE Engine Performance ASE Maintenance and Light Repair	ASE has no policy changes at this time. Testing for the 2020 school year will continue as scheduled through the end of June. Testing may only be administered in a secure, proctored environment.	Truell Ard <a href="mailto:Tru.ard@pgcps.org">Tru.ard@pgcps.org</a>
<b>BUSINESS</b>				
<b>Accounting</b>	College Board	Financial Accounting College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) cannot change its delivery model in the immediate future or offer remote proctoring this spring. For updates visit <a href="https://clep.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates">https://clep.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates</a>	Bridget Gillis-Cruise <a href="mailto:Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org">Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Business Administrative Services</b>	Certiport	Microsoft Office Suite (MOS) Specialist Word Excel	Students can take MOS exams from home. Certiport outlines the process to enable candidates to test from home. For more details visit <a href="http://www.certiport.com/examsfromhome">www.certiport.com/examsfromhome</a>  <b>Available through June 30, 2020.</b>	Bridget Gillis-Cruise <a href="mailto:Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org">Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Business Management</b>	College Board MBA Research (NOCTI)	Principles of Management College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) cannot change its delivery model in the immediate future	Bridget Gillis-Cruise <a href="mailto:Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org">Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org</a>

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		Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (A*S*K) Business Institute Certification Exams	or offer remote proctoring this spring. The A*S*K certification will not be administered remotely at the time.  For more details visit <a href="https://clep.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates">https://clep.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates</a> .	
<b>Finance</b>	National Academy of Finance (NAF)	NAF Academy of Finance End-of-Course Assessments <b>and</b> Course Projects	NAF Academy of Finance will not require End-of-Course exams for the second semester or year-long courses that need to be completed in order to earn credit towards NAFTrack Certification.	Bridget Gillis-Cruise <a href="mailto:Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org">Bridget.cruise@pgcps.org</a>
<b>CONSUMER SERVICES, HOSPITALITY, AND TOURISM</b>				
<b>Barbering</b>	PSI Services, LLC	Maryland Board of Barbers License	Testing sites are now open, but there are no available test dates until August. Students will need to bring their personal supply kit.	Melissa Richardson <a href="mailto:Meli.richardson@pgcps.org">Meli.richardson@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Careers in Cosmetology</b>	PSI Services, LLC	Maryland Board of Cosmetology License	Testing sites are open, but there are no available test dates until August. Students will need to bring their personal supply kit.	Melissa Richardson <a href="mailto:Meli.richardson@pgcps.org">Meli.richardson@pgcps.org</a>
<b>ACF Culinary Arts</b>	American Culinary Federation	ACF Culinary Arts Certification	To receive certification, students must complete an accredited ACF program (all PGCPS programs are accredited), and the program instructor must submit the application along with student transcript to ACF Certification Department.	Melissa Richardson <a href="mailto:Meli.richardson@pgcps.org">Meli.richardson@pgcps.org</a>
<b>ProStart</b>	National Restaurant Association	NRA Certificate of Achievement (COA)	Students will need internet access and an online access code to take the exam, and teachers will need to monitor and verify certification activities.	Melissa Richardson <a href="mailto:Meli.richardson@pgcps.org">Meli.richardson@pgcps.org</a>

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<b>P-TECH</b>				
<b>Health Information Management (HIM)</b>	American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)	Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT)	Year 4 HIM students will take the RHIT Exam in the spring of 2021. P-TECH staff will notify students and parents if alternative testing options are required.	Dr. Kisha Dorch <a href="mailto:Kisha.davis@pgcps.org">Kisha.davis@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Health Information Management (HIM)</b>	American Health Information management Association (AHIMA)	Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) <u>or</u> Certified Coding Associate (CCA)	Year 4 HIM students will take the RHIT Exam in the spring of 2021. P-TECH staff will notify students and parents if alternative testing options are required.	Dr. Kisha Dorch <a href="mailto:Kisha.davis@pgcps.org">Kisha.davis@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Hospitality Services Management</b>	National Restaurant Association	ServSafe Certificate	Alternative options are not required.	Dr. Kisha Dorch <a href="mailto:Kisha.davis@pgcps.org">Kisha.davis@pgcps.org</a>
<b>CONSTRUCTION TRADES</b>				
<b>Construction Design Management</b>	Certiport – A Pearson VUE Company	AutoCAD/Revit Certification	Students can take their assessments from home and must have internet access. However, due to technical issues, students must have a MAC or PC to take the exam; Chromebooks cannot be used. Testing scheduled to begin May 15, 2020.	Carl Hall <a href="mailto:Carl.hall@pgcps.org">Carl.hall@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Carpentry</b>	National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)	Construction Core/Carpentry Level 1	Students can take their assessments from home. Must have internet access to take the assessment. Remote testing and proctoring information will come from the teacher.	Carl Hall <a href="mailto:Carl.hall@pgcps.org">Carl.hall@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Electrical</b>	National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)	Construction Core/Electrical Level 1	Students can take their assessments from home. Must have internet access to take the assessment. Remote testing and proctoring information will come from the teacher.	Carl Hall <a href="mailto:Carl.hall@pgcps.org">Carl.hall@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning (HVAC)</b>	National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)	Construction Core/HVAC Level 1	Students can take their assessments from home. Must have internet access to take the assessment. Remote testing and proctoring information will	Carl Hall <a href="mailto:Carl.hall@pgcps.org">Carl.hall@pgcps.org</a>

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<b>Masonry</b>	National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)	Construction Core/Masonry	Students can take their assessments from home. Must have internet access to take the assessment. Remote testing and proctoring information will come from the teacher.	Carl Hall <a href="mailto:Carl.hall@pgcps.org">Carl.hall@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Plumbing</b>	National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)	Construction Core/Plumbing	Students can take their assessments from home. Must have internet access to take the assessment. Remote testing and proctoring information will come from the teacher.	Carl Hall <a href="mailto:Carl.hall@pgcps.org">Carl.hall@pgcps.org</a>
<b>HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES</b>				
<b>Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)</b>	MIEMSS	National Registry Emergency Medical Technician	PGFD continues to provide online instruction on EMT with a qualified instructor. Upon the reopening of schools, an EMT boot camp will be offered to reinforce the practicum task on the NREMT certification test.	Roderick Adams <a href="mailto:Roderick.adams@pgcps.org">Roderick.adams@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Early Childhood Education/Child Care</b>	90 Clock Hours	90 Clock Hours	Certification is based on seat time. The teacher will need to monitor student activity and verify hours.	Amy Rock <a href="mailto:Amy.rock@pgcps.org">Amy.rock@pgcps.org</a>
<b>Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM)</b>	ETS/ParaPro	Certified Paraprofessional	The test will not be administered this year since the ParaPro exam must be administered at a participating testing center (school).	Amy Rock <a href="mailto:Amy.rock@pgcps.org">Amy.rock@pgcps.org</a>