KANSAS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS PROJECT

NATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCE ASSESSMENT and CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

FACT SHEET 2011 - 2012

Purpose

- Provide free access to student instruction and/or assessment/testing for targeted areas of study in an approved Kansas Career Cluster/Pathway.
- Provide free access for teacher training for targeted areas of study in an approved Career Cluster/Pathway.
- Support the Kansas State Board Of Education policy motions for Career and Technical Education.

Registration Procedures

- Register for the National Health Science Assessment and Certificate Program using the Kansas State Department of Education's (KSDE) online registration at the following link: http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=479.
- Registration will include the number of students who will take the assessment.
- Put **KSPO** for the PO number and indicate **KSDE** in the "bill to" field. Customer service staff will know billing information is on file.
- Registration and KSDE approval required.
- Deadline for registration is October 17, 2011.

What is the National Health Science Assessment and Certificate Program?

The National Health Science Assessment and Certificate Program is a certificate program offered by the National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) that measures student mastery of basic skills and knowledge that workers in all aspects of the health industry need to know. The assessment satisfies the technical skills assessment requirement in state and federal legislation. The National Health Science Assessment and Certificate Program assist student achievement by:

- Identifying the basic knowledge and skills that all entry-level healthcare workers need to be successful, regardless of the pathway or occupation they select.
- Demonstrating student performance in areas that are critically important to job success, including work-based learning, oral presentation skills, service learning, leadership and earned credentials. Students are encouraged to complete a portfolio that is satisfied through participation in HOSA, a recognized career and technical education student organization.
- Measuring what students know upon entry into a health science plan of study by pre-testing and student mastery of the basic knowledge and skills needed by all healthcare workers by post-testing.
- Recognizing students scoring 70% or higher on the National Health Science Assessment and Certificate Program (post-test) with a certificate recognizing their accomplishment.
- Website: http://www.healthsciencetest.com

Targeted Clusters/Pathways

- Health Science Education Cluster
  - Diagnostic Pathway
  - Therapeutic Pathway
  - Health Informatics
  - Support Services
  - Biotechnology Research and Development

Pre-requisites

- Students must be enrolled in approved Health Science Education cluster
- Teachers must currently be teaching in the Health Science clusters/pathways/courses.
- Teacher must hold the certification for which they are instructing students.

Data Reporting

- The site authorizes the release of student-level assessment data for state data collection.
- Data results will be reported to KSDE by June 30, 2012.

Cost

- There is no cost to the district or the individual.
- Federal funds paid for this project.

Additional Information

- There can be up to 500 students tested statewide.
- KSDE will approve registrations based on applicability, availability and non-duplication of students.
- Continuance of this project is contingent upon federal funding.
- Assessment registration and administration are internet-based and completed online.
- Assessment provides immediate feedback to students.

Testing Window

- Once a student begins the online instruction, they have until May 1, 2012 to complete the testing process.

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