



Getting the Most out of Teaching the **Workplace Readiness Skills (WRS)**

NEW ADMINISTRATORS

REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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AGENDA



- ▶ Welcome Back
- ▶ Plan: Pre-Test, Data, Curriculum, Post-Test, Badge
- ▶ Partner with WBL Programs
- ▶ WRS (Online) Curriculum
- ▶ New Digital Ecosystem and Badging with Credly
- ▶ Get Started with Testing

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Since 1973, to provide industry-based resources and services for the improvement of career technical education and workforce development instruction, assessment, certification, and delivery.

Consortium of states dedicated to CTE program improvement.

Virginia is a charter member.



Recommended Plan

1. Pre-Test early.
2. Evaluate instant reports.
3. Identify weaknesses.
4. Apply specific skill modules in the curriculum.
5. Teach the vocabulary.
6. Post-Test early enough (Feb.) to remediate and re-test.
7. Once passed, encourage students to claim their digital badge.
8. Encourage them to connect with career building opportunities.
9. Satisfy graduation credential requirements and help them stand out.
10. Request VDOE reimbursement for testing costs.

Use WRS Results for WBL Decisions

- ▶ WRS are a mandatory teaching requirement of every Virginia CTE program.
- ▶ Not all WBL experiences are equal, and outcomes are difficult to measure.
- ▶ Use WRS with WBL, and suddenly you have data that measures the effectiveness of the experiences.
- ▶ Plus, students who pass the test now have a digital badge ecosystem in which they can begin to build and share a portfolio of experiences.
- ▶ The WRS allows students and job candidates to stand out.



Enhanced WRS Instructional Resources



- As always, visit our **Practice page** for quizzes and instructional modules:
<https://wrs.ctecs.org/practice/>
- **Scenarios have been released to Canvas** through the CTE Resource Center:
<http://cteresource.org/wrs/index.html>

Easy to implement and meaningful

- ▶ Online courses for blended learning, with options
- ▶ Level 1: Career Interest Development (Grades 8-9)
- ▶ **Level 2: WRS (Grades 10-12)**
- ▶ Short, guided activities, vocabulary, and more



Partnership with Credly

- ▶ Badge is offered through the successful test.
- ▶ Digital transcript
- ▶ Students showcase their experiences, credentials, and skills, organize their future goals and plans, and share with meaningful career opportunities and talent seekers.

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Credly

Admin Process

Getting started with testing involves two easy steps: Every school year...

- Submit the Purchaser's webform (Contract #)
- Submit the Test Site Administrator's webform (Many under the same Contract #)

Next steps:

- Register Students
- Reference E-SESS Guide

Get Started

by completing the Purchaser's Contract

Purchase

1

Get Your Login

by submitting the webform

Test Site Administration

2

Enroll Students

by following the spreadsheet

Registration

3

Use E-SESS

to generate test tickets & reports

Test Online

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Testing Reminders

- ▶ Each student can take up to One Pre-Test and three Post-Tests (until they pass)
- ▶ Test cost: \$7 Pre-Test / \$10 Post-Test reimbursable through the Virginia DOE
- ▶ 100 multi-choice questions, improved every year, online only, proctored locally
- ▶ Reports, Retakes, Policies (accommodations)

