



# Special Alternate Assessment E-Mail

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**IMPORTANT: The information below only pertains to students in grades 12 and 14. No participation in either program is required until grade 12. Teachers with students in grades 3-11 will not need to complete any of the tasks below.**

## **CAREER WORK EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATION AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS ATTAINMENT RECORD**

Opportunities for students with significant cognitive disabilities have sometimes been limited. Schools and districts often struggled with the transition from high school to postsecondary career opportunities for students. In 2012, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and the University of Kentucky (UK) through the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) created a partnership to develop career pathways. The **Career Work Experience Certification (CWEC)** is a sequence of four courses with work experience embedded within the pathway. The CWEC is one of four components of the Kentucky Alternate Assessment. The achievement of the CWEC is a process, not an assessment. The CWEC along with the **Employability Skills Attainment Record (ESAR)** is designed to provide a measure of career readiness within the Transition Readiness component of Kentucky's Accountability System.

## **EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS ATTAINMENT RECORD TRAINING AND QUIZ**

The ESAR training and qualifying quiz opened September 10. To access the training select the ESAR Training Link below. The quiz will be housed in the Online Training System (OTS). This is the same location where the Combined Overview-Attainment Tasks Quiz and the Transition Attainment Record Quiz have always been provided. Once you have logged into the OTS, select "Access KDE Training Materials and Take Quizzes" found under Teacher Tools on the left of the screen.

[ESAR TRAINING LINK](#)

[ONLINE TRAINING SYSTEM](#)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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