

Occupational Competency Assessment (OCA) Detail - Credential Review

NOCTI Teachers' Credential Review

1. For candidates teaching the following Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes:

12.0401 Cosmetologist
12.0402 Barbering/Barber
51.0601 Dental Assistant
51.0707 Health
Information
Technology/Technician
51.0808 Veterinarian Assistant/Animal
Health Technology/ Technician and
Veterinary Assistant
51.1508 Medical Health
Counselor/Counseling

51.0904 Emergency Medical
Technology/Technician
51.2604 Rehabilitation Aide
51.0899 Health and Medical Assistants,
Other
51.0801 Medical Assistant
51.1614 / 51.3902 Nursing Assistant/Aide
51.9999 Health Professions and Related Sciences
51.0909 Surgical Technology/Technologist

2. **No written or performance test is required.** A review of required credentials is completed. Requirements will vary based on CIP codes.
3. The cost for the credential review is **\$155**.

Application Link:

[OCA Credential Review Application](#)

NOTE: Candidates pursuing certification for 51.0899 or 51.9999 with an LPN license will follow the **Complete Review OCA Pathway** and not the credential review.

General application guidelines for ALL applicants

1. All applications **must** be accompanied by the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code. CIP codes are to be provided by your school administrator and may be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) website at www.education.pa.gov
2. Applications for the OCA are processed online.
3. **Applications must be completed by the stated deadlines** (all required documents uploaded, notarized and fees paid). *Please see application deadlines on reverse side.*
4. PDE requires Candidates to show proof of 4 years or 8000 hours of paid work experience. The work experience must be related to the OCA being pursued. If the Candidate currently possesses a bachelors degree or higher, you must show proof of 2 years or 4000 hours of paid work experience related to the OCA being pursued.
5. Applications are to be accompanied by a high school diploma or undergraduate/graduate degree/transcripts.
6. Temple University Main Campus Computer help services may be contacted at 215-204-8000 for IT related issues

Occupational Competency Exam (OCA) Schedule (2026 - 2027)

	Fall Cycle 2026 (Cycle I)	
	Date	Site
Application Deadline	October 19, 2026	Submit using OCA Application link
Written Test	November 14, 2026	Temple Univ Ambler Campus
Remote Written Test Window	November - December 2026	TBD by candidate
Performance Test Window	November - December 2026	Area Career & Technical Schools

	Winter Cycle 2027 (Cycle II)	
	Date	Site
Application Deadline	January 11, 2027	Submit using OCA Application link
Written Test	February 13, 2026 Snow date – February 20, 2026	Temple Univ Ambler Campus
Remote Written Test Window	February – March 2027	TBD by candidate
Performance Test Window	February - March 2027	Area Career & Technical Schools

	Spring Cycle 2027 (Cycle III)	
	Date	Site
Application Deadline	March 12, 2027	Submit using OCA Application link
Written Test	April 10, 2027	Temple Univ Ambler Campus
Remote Written Test Window	April – early June 2027	TBD by candidate
Performance Test Window	April - early June 2027	Area Career & Technical Schools

Application Processing Timelines

- Applications are processed with 3-5 days upon receipt. You will receive a follow-up email with directions for your next steps from mme@temple.edu or cteoca@temple.edu

NOCTI Test

- A registration confirmation will be provided by the OCA Coordinator/Assistant typically within **One (1) week** of meeting all application submission requirements.
- **Written** test results will be provided within **3-5 days** of testing.
- Upon receiving **Performance** results from NOCTI; an OCA certificate will be issued, providing both written and performance scores meet the state's established cut scores.
- Candidates not meeting the cut scores in one or both areas will be required to complete remediation activities prior to retesting. Candidates are **not** allowed more than two **retest** attempts.

Contact Personnel

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