

HEALTH SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

Another Piece of the Puzzle



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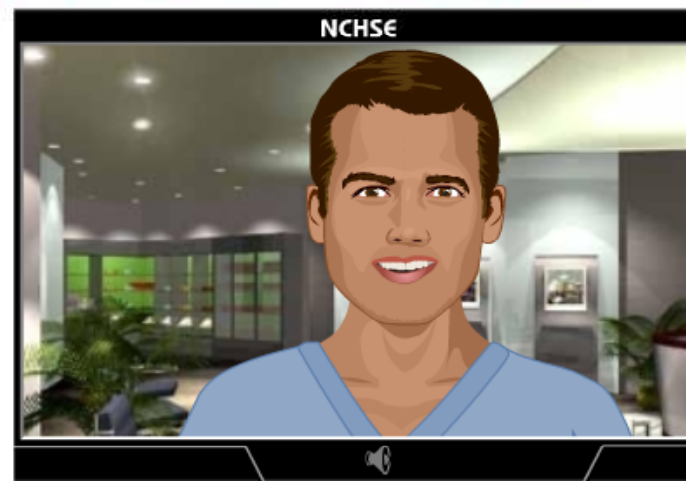
- ➡ Established by the National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) the National Healthcare Foundation Skills Certificate program provides a way to:
 - ➡ identify,
 - ➡ demonstrate,
 - ➡ measure,
 - ➡ recognize student achievement



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NCHSE is ...

... a national partnership of individuals and organizations with a vested interest in health science education.

... working to stimulate creative and innovative leadership for ensuring a well-prepared healthcare workforce.

Partnership Launches Health Science Instructional Supplements

Investment in Health Science Education
July 2009

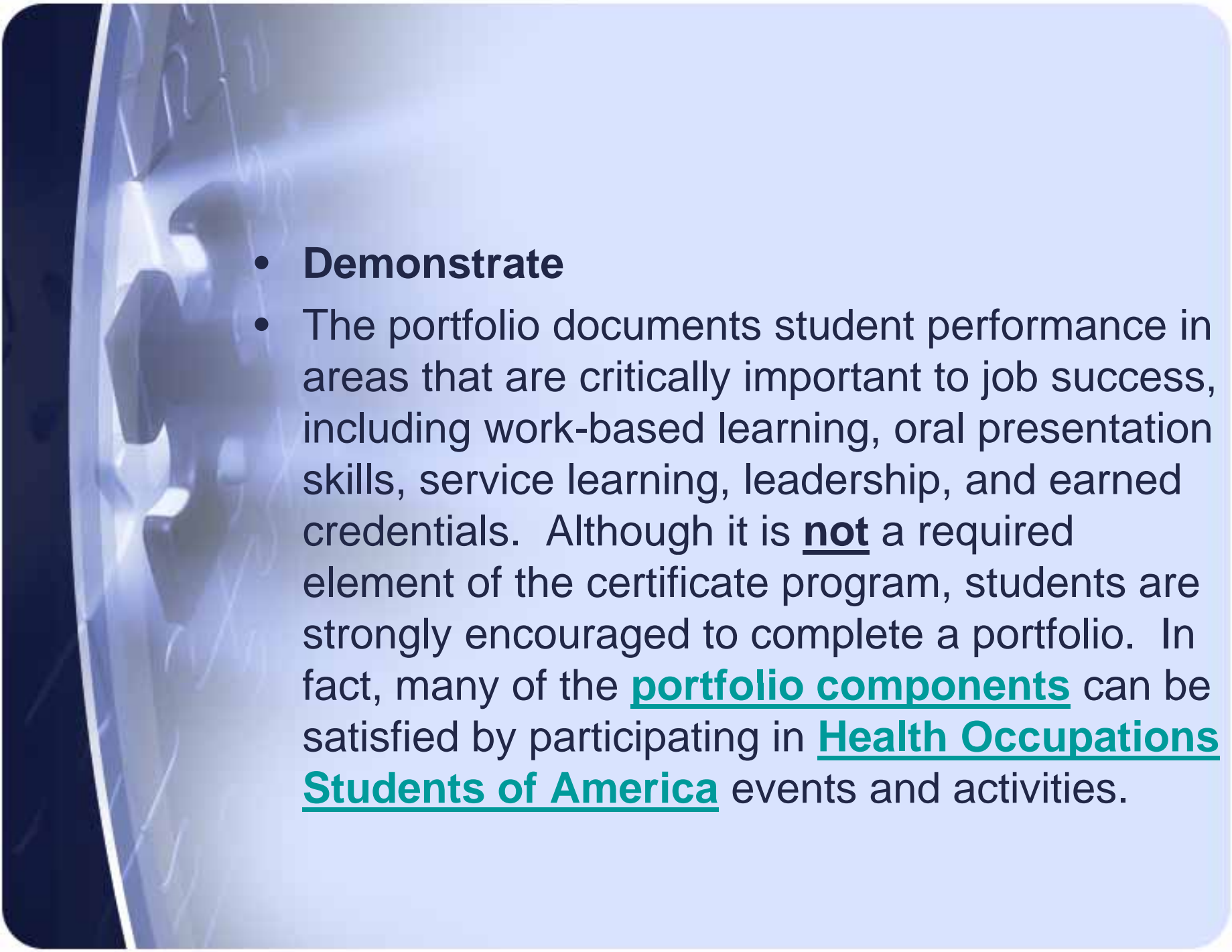
At a time when funding and resources are compromised, the National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) is committed to pushing forward to support and strengthen health science education nationwide. In partnership with CreativEd Services, the National Consortium for Health Science Education is pleased to announce the launch of ***Health Science Instructional Supplements*** to support health science teachers in the alignment of classroom instruction to the National Healthcare Foundation Standards.

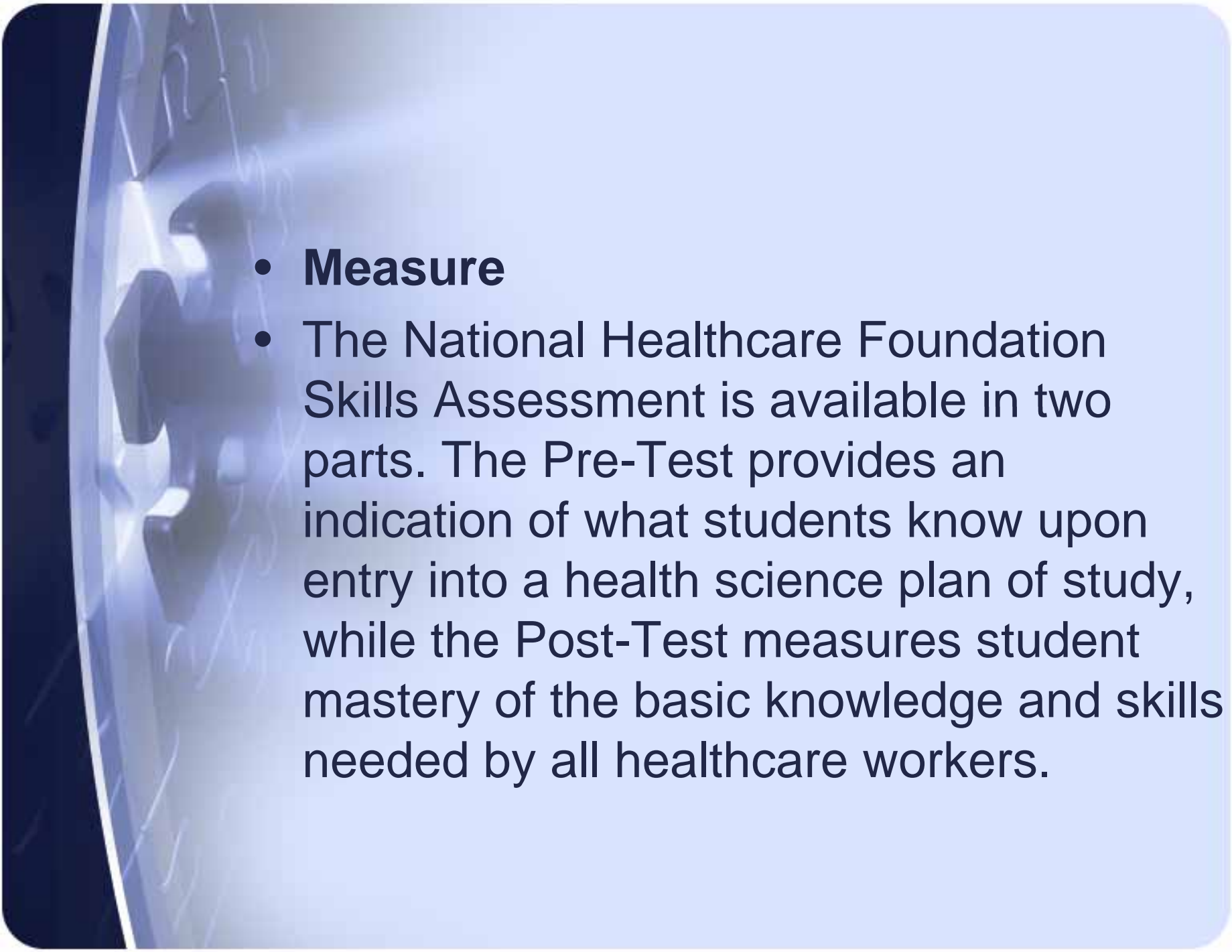


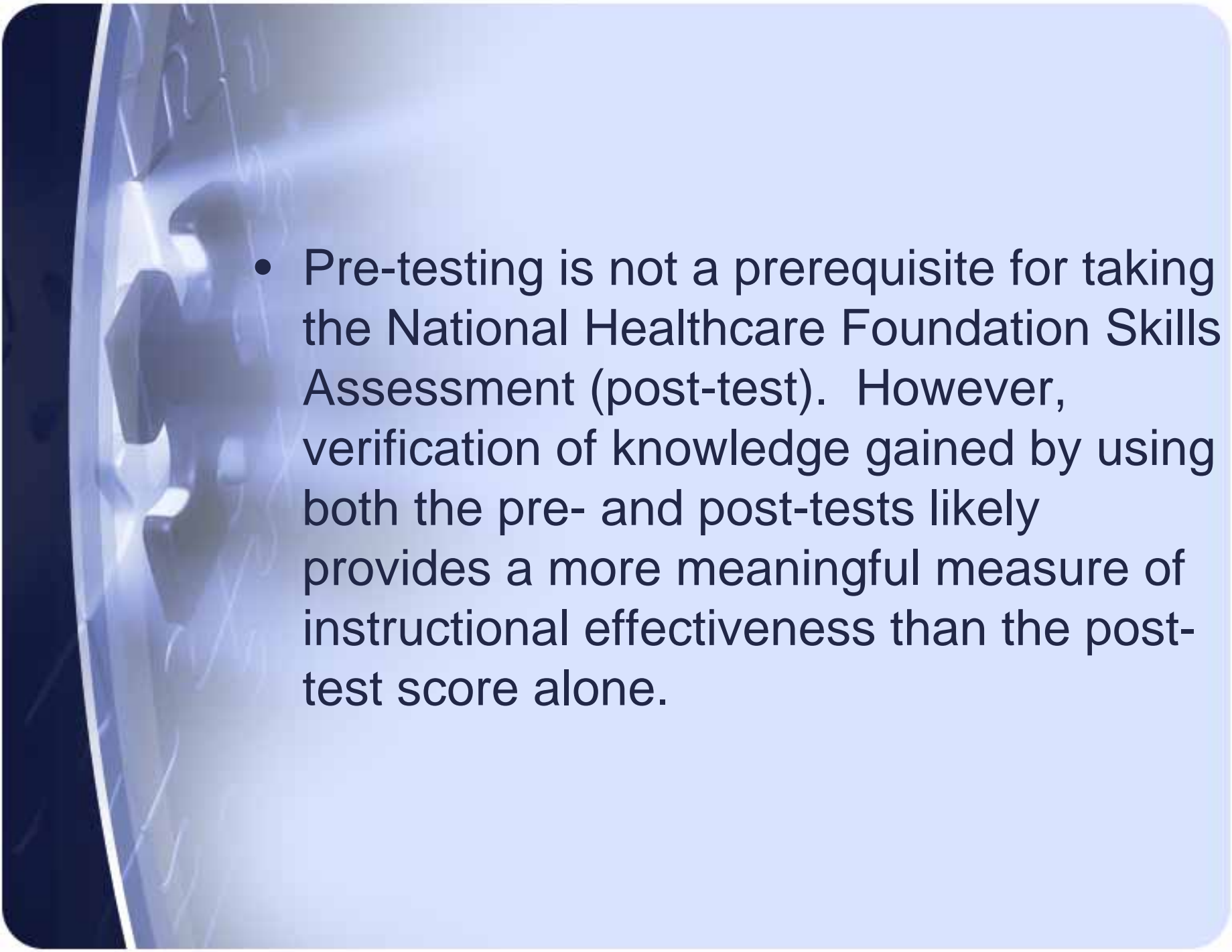



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- <http://www.healthscienceconsortium.org/>

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- A person wearing a white lab coat and a face mask is working in a laboratory. The person is leaning over a piece of equipment, possibly a microscope or a piece of lab machinery. The background is a light blue wall with some equipment visible. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a clean and professional environment.
- **Demonstrate**
 - The portfolio documents student performance in areas that are critically important to job success, including work-based learning, oral presentation skills, service learning, leadership, and earned credentials. Although it is **not** a required element of the certificate program, students are strongly encouraged to complete a portfolio. In fact, many of the **portfolio components** can be satisfied by participating in **Health Occupations Students of America** events and activities.

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- **Measure**
 - The National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment is available in two parts. The Pre-Test provides an indication of what students know upon entry into a health science plan of study, while the Post-Test measures student mastery of the basic knowledge and skills needed by all healthcare workers.

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- Pre-testing is not a prerequisite for taking the National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment (post-test). However, verification of knowledge gained by using both the pre- and post-tests likely provides a more meaningful measure of instructional effectiveness than the post-test score alone.

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- A person wearing a white lab coat and a face mask is working in a laboratory or clinical setting. The person is leaning over a piece of equipment, possibly a microscope or a piece of diagnostic machinery. The background is slightly blurred, showing other equipment and a clean, professional environment.
- **Recognize**
 - Students scoring 70% or higher on the National Healthcare Foundation Skills Post-Test receive a certificate recognizing their accomplishment.
 - Although the program **is not** a certification that allows a student to work in a healthcare setting, it has been used as screening criteria for scholarships, to improve standing for admission into nursing and other occupational training programs, and as a selection tool for choosing candidates to employer-provided, paid training programs.

The number of test items per standard is provided below:

STANDARD	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS
1: Academic Foundation	19
2: Communications	13
3: Systems	2
4: Employability Skills	16
5: Legal Responsibilities	8
6: Ethics	9
7: Safety	18
8: Teamwork	6
9: Health Maintenance Practices	4
10: Technical Skills	5
Number of Questions on Assessment	100

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Test Information for Students – YOU GOTTA READ THIS!!! Everything you need and want to know (including what's on the test!).

Healthcare Foundation Skills Standards & Accountability criteria

Sample Questions - Use **health** for the username and **health** for the password when prompted.

Practice Test – When you think you're ready, take this.

Evaluating the Assessment – "How was it?" – *coming soon*

Frequently Asked Questions – *coming soon*

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Technical Specifications

CareerTech Testing Center online testing is designed for Internet-accessible machines to have the least client system requirements possible. Due to its interactive nature, CTTC requires the following:

- PC users must use Internet Explorer 6.0 or above or Mozilla Firefox 1.x. For Mac users, Firefox 1.x or Safari is recommended.
- Active Scripting (JavaScript) enabled.
- Cookies enabled. Note, CTTC uses cookies for session management only and are deleted when you the testing session ends.
- Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption supported.
- IT staff should ensure that the network security settings allow an unbroken connection to a website without activity for at least 90 minutes.

