



## *Frequently Asked Questions about the NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health Test*

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### **What is the NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health test?**

The NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health test is a new online test that launched in spring 2023. Successful completion of this test will result in a digital certificate of completion, the NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health Certificate. This certificate documents an individual's knowledge of the entire *Core Curriculum for Arts in Health Professionals* book publication and is intended to demonstrate a person's foundational competency in the arts in health field. This certificate is intended for artists and administrators who are using the arts to support health and well-being in healthcare facilities and community settings. Anyone will be able to achieve this certificate by successfully completing an online test on the *Core Curriculum*.

### **Why should I take this test? What does this certificate qualify me to do?**

When you successfully complete the online test, you will receive from NOAH a digital certificate of completion that designates you as having demonstrated your knowledge of the NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health. You can list this certificate on your resume. You can layer this certificate with other academic degrees and professional development programs to develop a highly individualized career trajectory that includes arts in health. Please note, however, that this certificate is not equivalent to a professional certification.

### **Who is eligible to take this test?**

Any adult who is a high school graduate or equivalent, anywhere in the world! This certificate is intended to offer an accessible and inclusive "on-ramp" to the arts in health field. We expect this certificate of completion to be of interest to visual artists, performing artists, literary artists, healthcare administrators, arts administrators, healthcare architects and designers, art consultants, recreational therapists, creative arts therapists, expressive arts therapists, nurses, physicians, public health professionals, and more.

### **What does the test look like?**

This is an online, asynchronous, English-language test. As long as you have a strong internet connection, you can take this online test in any quiet place during one of our scheduled times. An online proctoring system will be used for all test-takers.

This is a three-hour online test that is divided into three sections of 50 questions each. There will be breaks between the sections. The three sections are identified as *Understanding the Arts in Health Field*; *Designing, Leading, and Managing Arts in Health Programs*; and *Professional Practice of Artists in Healthcare*. The questions are in multiple-choice or true/false format. The test assesses knowledge, comprehension, and application of the entire *Core Curriculum for Arts in Health Professionals*.

Even for individuals who already have academic degrees and/or extensive professional experience in arts in health, the breadth of the Core Curriculum requires – at minimum – careful study of the entire book before you take the test. Additional information is available in the document titled "NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health Test-Taking Policies and Procedures." Please also keep an eye on NOAH newsletters and the NOAH website for updated information.

### **Who created the test, and how do you know it's valid and reliable?**

A national group of content-area experts and testing experts (ASC, see below) worked together throughout 2022 to develop the online test, which launched in 2023. A team of three test-question item writers drafted the questions, all drawn from content in the Core Curriculum for Arts in Health Professionals. Three rounds of content-area expert peer review were set up to revise and refine the questions. The questions were tested and evaluated in their online test format in winter 2023 to ensure statistical validity. In short, all questions on the test have multiple stages of content development and review for the quality, accuracy, validity, and reliability of the test. The test will be continually monitored after it is launched to ensure its quality.

### **Who is the testing company?**

The testing company is Assessment Systems Corporation (ASC), which has decades of global experience in computerized testing. NOAH contracted ASC to be the external testing company. Consultants from ASC worked closely with NOAH content-area experts to develop the test.

### **How will I actually go about taking this online test?**

NOAH has detailed information about the registration and test-taking process, available to you on the NOAH website. In general, you'll register to take the test through an online form. NOAH will coordinate your test-taking with ASC, and you'll receive a passcode and detailed test-taking instructions. An online proctor will be set up for you. When you're ready to take the test, you'll want to make sure you have at least three hours set aside in a continuous block of time. Make sure to allow yourself plenty of time to study the Core Curriculum for Arts in Health Professionals before you take the test!

### **How much will it cost to take this online test?**

NOAH has set a "standard" cost for taking the Essentials of Arts in Health online test at \$275 per person for 2023. Please note that NOAH will be developing a sliding scale for this fee, will be pursuing external funding for scholarships, and will be offering many "package deals" to promote the new online test and certificate of completion. We want to make this educational opportunity as accessible as possible. Please keep an eye on the NOAH website and newsletters for forthcoming details.

### **What happens when I pass the test?**

When you pass the test, you'll receive a packet of information from NOAH that also contains your NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health digital certificate of completion.

### **What happens if I don't pass the test?**

If you don't pass the test, you'll receive helpful information and guidance from NOAH about ways in which you might prepare to take the test again. You are welcome to repeat the test, but you'll need to register (and pay) to take it again.

**How can I best prepare for taking the test?**

The best thing you can do is review your own academic and professional resources, and carefully read the *Core Curriculum for Arts in Health Professionals* book. Numerous reference citations are provided throughout this publication, and you may also want to read some of these.

**I'm completely new to the Arts in Health field. What are the best ways to be introduced to this professional field so that I can get the NOAH Essentials of Arts in Health Certificate sometime in the future?**

The website of the National Organization for Arts in Health has several excellent resources and reference materials linked to its pages "Open Resources" and "NOAH Publications." These readings, as well as the *Core Curriculum for Arts in Health Professionals*, will give you a good introduction to the field. If you're eager to get started with your educational pathway, please take a look at all the links provided to educational programs across the country, on the page "Higher Education." We also expect that additional introductory educational materials will be available to you through NOAH in the next few years.

**Can I complete this test for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits?**

This will depend on decisions made by your professional association and your professional certification or license. NOAH will be gradually reaching out to relevant professional associations to make our educational materials available to allied professions for CEUs.