

## **National Occupational Competency Testing Institute**

As part of the Texas teacher certification program, Trade and Industrial Education teachers will be required to demonstrate their occupational skills either through an approved certificate or licensure that is recognized at the local, state or national level,

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by taking a National Occupational Competency Testing Institute exam.

To determine if you will be required to take this examination, please refer to your Career Development Plan (deficiency plan).

This examination offering will only be available to Candidates who have a current Career Development Plan through UNT listing the completion of this exam as a requirement for certification.

Candidates who are pursuing completion of their Trade and Industrial certification at the University of North Texas may choose to take the NOCTI examination elsewhere. It is not a requirement that the examination be taken at UNT. If the exam is taken elsewhere, the candidate is responsible for forwarding the results of their examination to the University of North Texas.

The University of North Texas is NOT permitted to offer this examination to any candidates who have a Career Development Plan (deficiency plan) on file at another university, regional service center, or other alternative certification agency.

Candidates are not required to take the NOCTI exam during the first year of teaching; however, satisfactory scores on both portions of the NOCTI exam are required prior to applying for their Standard Teaching Certificate.

The University of North Texas, through an agreement with the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) will offer examinations twice a year.

### **NOCTI - Written Examination**

The NOCTI examination is composed of a written and a performance examination. The written portion, taken first, is a 2 ½ - 3 hour, multiple-choice examination in the candidate's field of specialization. Once the written portion of the examination complete, it will be scored by the NOCTI center and the results will be returned to the University of North Texas. It takes approximately 10 days to get the results from the NOCTI center. Candidates will be notified in writing as to whether they have passed the written examination. It has been agreed upon in the state of Texas that passage of the written examination will be one-half standard deviation below the national norm for all individuals who have taken the NOCTI examination in their area of specialization.

### **NOCTI - Performance Examination**

Once UNT receives notice of a satisfactory score of the written examination, arrangements will be made by UNT with a program close to the candidate's home school for the performance portion of the examination. Upon completion of the performance examination, the test will be turned over to UNT personnel to send to NOCTI. Once UNT receives notice of a satisfactory score of the performance examination, the candidate will be notified and sent a copy confirming their scores. It is up to the candidate to keep this documentation to present when applying for the Standard Teaching Certificate.

Test descriptions, sample questions, areas covered, scope, percentages, etc. of all NOCTI examinations are available for review at [www.nocti.org](http://www.nocti.org).

Choose: Student Assessment

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### **Cost**

\$400 (includes written and performance examination) Pricing subject to change.

Payment must be made in the form of a money order made payable to the University of North Texas. No personal checks accepted.

The examination charge covers procurement of both the written and performance exams, proctoring both examinations, and scoring of those examinations.

If a candidate is unsuccessful with the written portion of the examination, the application fee for the performance examination will be refunded or held pending the candidates' decision as to whether or not they choose to retake the written examination at UNT or elsewhere.

If the written examination must be retaken, there is a \$160 charge.

If the performance examination must be retaken, there is a \$240 charge.

All travel expenses associated with the NOCTI examination are the responsibility of the candidate.

Contacts:

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