What Testing Issues Do You Anticipate in the Next Five Years?

A Discussion Group Session

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide a brief overview of trends in the testing landscape for certification/licensure
2. Reflect/discuss which testing issues are likely to impact your program in the next 5 years
3. Drill down/explore further the issues/areas of most interest - What new information will be most helpful?

5 Testing Areas - 5 Years...

- In which of these 5 areas do you anticipate change for your program(s)?
  - Test Development
  - Credentialing Models/Systems
  - Test Delivery
  - Candidate Services
  - Legal Issues
**Test Development**

Higher Fidelity Testing
- Practical/Demonstrations (e.g., what we used to call “Practical Exams” - now more commonly OSCEs or SPs)
- Simulation (e.g., PMPs, virtual simulation of equipment (e.g. ARDMS medical sonography equipment))

**Test Development**

Testing Models
- LOFT
- CAT
- MST

**Test Development**

Additional Item Types
- Three-option
- Hot spots
- Automated scoring (e.g., Essay scoring, scoring models for architectural or engineering drawings, CPA spreadsheets, etc.)
Credentialing Models/Systems

- Digital Badges
- Fingerprinting/Other Biometrics
- Continued education and competency assessment
- Knowledge-based to competencies-based systems

Credentialing Models/Systems

- Exam-based learning - (e.g., “Assess & Learn” products - usually CE products that combine instruction and assessment into one package)

Test Delivery

- Remote or Unproctored Proctoring
- Security - defense against cheating and harvesting
Candidate Services

- ADA accommodations - increasing? New or enhanced accommodations available?
- Registration and Scheduling - Changes? Increasing mobile device use?

Legal Issues

- TD - Trends in litigation
- GB - Deregulation/Expanding regulation
- GB - Focus on Public Protection (more public members on boards? Stringency in sunrise/sunset?)

Testing Areas of Interest?

- Now that we've had a brief overview of issues in 5 testing areas,
  - Which issues are most likely to impact your program(s) in the next 5 years?
  - What impact will these issues have on your programs?
  - What additional information do you need to address/inform these issues?
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