

Dear Educator/Administrator:

As a former educator with a focus on higher education and career pathways, I understand the importance of preparing students for the workforce. Throughout their education journey, students need to be assessed to ascertain their ability to retain and build upon their coursework.

I was involved in the development of the education careers assessment within the AAFCS Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) portfolio, and remain convinced of the assessment's ability to appraise the individual's knowledge and understanding of the subject matter. The national competency-based assessment and corresponding certification can play a vital role in documenting relevant industry skills and preparing students for careers.

The more that students and parents learn about the AAFCS Pre-PAC program, the more they may value it as an indispensable tool to distinguish themselves from their classmates and other applicants for employment. The more that businesses, schools and industries learn about the AAFCS Pre-PAC program, the more they will regard it as an effective means of hiring the best qualified and most motivated employee.

I would highly encourage the use of AAFCS Pre-Professional Assessments and Certifications in your pathways and programs of study as you prepare students for both college and career.

Sincerely,

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