

## SkillsUSA Advisors, (SkillsUSA 2025-2026 #14) **2 Attachments With This Update**

### Item #1: **ACTION ITEM!** SkillsUSA Professional Development and Technical Online Testing

All competing students must complete the SkillsUSA Professional Development online test before the State Championship (includes contestants with IEPs). Exceptions apply for Medical Math, Medical Terminology and Related Technical Math contests.

Online testing opens **Friday, March 20** and closes **Tuesday, April 14**. Make sure your competing students take the PD test – not taking it could cost them a medal!

For competitions with program-aligned technical tests, students are strongly encouraged to take the online technical tests offered during the pre-conference testing window (**3/20-4/14**). Technical online test scores **will not** be included in state contest scores, and online technical tests **will not** be offered after the State Championship.

**Chapter lists with competitor test credentials, user codes and passwords, will be emailed to chapter lead advisors later today.** Students will need this information to access the NOCTI testing platform and the SkillsUSA PD test via this link: <https://testing.nocti.org/SkillsUSA>

Before allowing students to take the SkillsUSA PD test - please **encourage students to study!** Sample questions have been posted to the “State Conference” page along with a study guide link (scroll down page to find link): <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/state-conference/>

NOCTI offers a demo test to familiarize students and proctors with the testing platform. Visit the same link, <https://testing.nocti.org/SkillsUSA> and click on the “**Try the Testing System**” button. No login credentials are required. The demo test consists of nine questions and allows users to explore navigation process. Additionally, proctors and competitors can use the “**Get Device Ready for Testing**” feature on the same page to check system compatibility before scheduling a test session.

If students encounter challenges with the provided login information please contact the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team for assistance. The team can help confirm and retrieve testing credentials for registered competitors to ensure student access to the PD test:

- **Online Chat:** [SkillsUSA.org/Customer-Care/](https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/customer-care/)
- **Email:** [customercare@skillsusa.org](mailto:customercare@skillsusa.org)
- **Phone:** (844) 875-4557

For online testing technical support, contact NOCTI Technical Assistance at (800) 278-8506, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern.

Refer to the SkillsUSA **NOCTI Proctor Guide** and additional **NOCTI Online Testing Information** for additional troubleshooting steps, **attached**.

### Item #2: Keep Checking the State Conference Page for Contest Updates!

**Contest updates are posted as they are received until Tuesday, April 14, 2026.** Be sure to encourage students to keep checking the webpage! <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/state-conference/>



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