

PreACT in South Carolina

Give South Carolina Students the Diagnostic They Deserve

Actionable data for students, teachers, and counselors

Your assessment choice shapes what students, teachers, and counselors can actually do with the data. PreACT is built to deliver the diagnostic depth South Carolina educators need — tied directly to the career-readiness conversations already happening in your schools.

PreACT gives every student a complete feedback loop — their scores, the skills behind them, and the actual test items — so Individual Graduation Plan conversations, classroom instruction, and student goal-setting all work from the same evidence.

What PreACT Delivers

For Students

- Predicted ACT score ranges — early visibility into ACT readiness, with time to grow before test day
- Item Response Analysis showing performance by reporting category
- Access to the actual test items (paper booklet returned, or PDF for online testers) to review missed questions
- Ideas for Progress — improvement suggestions tied to each student's scores and the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards
- Interest Inventory results, Career Map, and Progress Toward ACT NCRC indicator

For Teachers

- Item Response Summary — item-level data to align and improve curriculum and instruction
- Concrete evidence for adjusting instruction, reteaching priority skills, and grouping students
- A shared resource with students — teachers and students can review the same items together
- Predicted score data to inform course placement and targeted support

For Counselors

- Early Intervention Roster — identifies students who may need support with college plans, readiness, or core coursework
- Career Area suggestions and Interest-Career Fit to drive IGP conversations
- Profile for Success comparison — is the student on track for their chosen Career Area?
- Progress Toward NCRC indicator as an early signal of career readiness
- Reporting category details on the score report to guide individualized advising

Built for South Carolina's IGP Work

Under the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA), every SC student meets annually with a counselor to review their Individual Graduation Plan beginning in 8th grade. PreACT gives counselors the data they need to make those conversations concrete: predicted ACT performance, skill-specific strengths and gaps, career interest alignment, and progress toward the NCRC. One assessment. Data that serves every stakeholder in the IGP conversation.

The Complete Diagnostic Feedback Loop

PreACT is built so that students, teachers, and counselors can work from the same concrete evidence:

1

Take the Test

PreACT for 10th graders (fall juniors can also take). Paper or online, aligned to the ACT.

2

See the Data

Student Report with scores, Item Response Analysis, and skill suggestions based on scores.

3

Review the Items

Students keep the booklet (or receive a PDF) — they can see the exact questions they missed.

4

Act On It

Teachers use the Item Response Summary to align and improve curriculum and instruction. Counselors use the Early Intervention Roster, career data, and score details for IGP advising.

Career Readiness Data That Informs Advising

Every PreACT Student Report includes built-in career exploration tools that give SC counselors actionable data for IGP conferences:

- **Interest Inventory and Career Map —** students identify Career Areas aligned with their interests across the People, Data, Things, and Ideas framework.
- **Profile for Success —** shows whether a student's predicted ACT Composite is on track for successful college sophomores in their chosen Career Area.
- **Interest-Career Fit —** measures how well a student's interests align with the Career Area they selected, opening a natural advising conversation.
- **Progress Toward the ACT NCRC —** an early indicator of the workforce credential a student is on track to earn, connecting K–12 advising to post-secondary and workforce pathways.

One Connected Pathway, Classroom to Career

PreACT
Grades 10–11 diagnostic & practice

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ACT
College admission & readiness

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WorkKeys NCRC
Work readiness credential
ACE-recommended for college credit

The pipeline doesn't end at the ACT. WorkKeys assessments measure the applied workplace skills employers value, and students who meet score benchmarks earn the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate — a portable credential recognized by employers nationwide and evaluated by the **American Council on Education** (ACE) for **college credit** at participating institutions. The Progress Toward NCRC indicator appears on both the PreACT and ACT Student Score Reports, connecting this pathway from 8th grade through high school.

Ready to Talk About PreACT in Your District?

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