We're at a correctional institution in Massachusetts and we'd like to use the MAPT-CCR with our students. What do we need to know and do?

First things first: About the MAPT-CCR

The MAPT-CCR is the Massachusetts Adult Proficiency Test-College and Career Readiness (MAPT-CCR). The MAPT-CCR is a standardized test that measures the wide range of knowledge and skills present in the population of adult learners in Massachusetts, which ranges from Adult Basic Education Level 2 (GLE 2.0) to Adult Basic Education Level 6 (GLE 12.9). It is a multistage adaptive test (MST) delivered over the Internet and uses adaptive testing technology to select and deliver sets of test items to test-takers. It is called *adaptive* because the computer selects the item sets to be administered to a specific test-taker based on his or her achievement level and the difficulty of the items.

Next: Overview of MAPT-CCR for Corrections

Starting with FY2020, the Adult and Community Learning Services (ACLS) unit of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MA DESE) determined that Adult Education programs in Correctional Institutions (AECI) can use the MAPT-CCR for Reading and/or the MAPT-CCR for Math for NRS pre- and post- assessment purposes. The MAPT-CCR for Corrections is an Internet-delivered test housed on a dedicated server at UMass-Amherst that is accessible by correctional institutions by means of a specific whitelisted IP address. The MAPT-CCR does not include any links to content or websites outside of this whitelisted server, and there is no mechanism by which corrections test-takers can access outside content or individuals. MAPT technical support can be requested by corrections staff by means of a one-way closed message ticket system that is routed to the UMass OWL Support team only.

Getting Started with the MAPT-CCR in Corrections
For a correctional institution in Massachusetts to use the MAPT-CCR, there are a few setup steps that must occur.

》》 *Whitelisting the OWL Server to Access the MAPT-CCR for Correctional Institutions*
The URL that Correctional Institution IT staff at each site must whitelist is:
http://mapt-ccr-cf.owl.umass.edu/
The URL that should be bookmarked/used to access OWL from student computers is:
https://mapt-ccr-cf.owl.umass.edu/start/

》》 *Providing AECI Staff Contact Info to UMass*
IT person(s): We need the name and contact information for IT person(s) at your facility that OWL staff should be communicating with regarding the whitelisting of the MAPT-CCR server/IP address, and any other questions relating to connectivity and technical issues.
Education staff for support requests: We also need the name and contact information for the education program staff at your facility that should be contacted when we get support requests through OWL.
Note: OWL has a one-way closed messaging system that acts like a tech support ticket request, not like email to the outside world. OWL staff receive the message and, knowing which site the message came from, will then reach out to the designated staffers at the specific program to follow up.
MAPT-CCR Test Administrators: Finally, we need the name and contact information for education program staff at your facility who will administer the MAPT-CCR. All MAPT-CCR tests must be proctored by certified administrators. So, before the MAPT-CCR can be administered in a site, there should be at least 1-2 people who have completed the 45-minute MAPT-CCR Test Administrator online training through the SABES website.

Please send AECI staff contact information to azenisky@educ.umass.edu.

》》 *MAPT-CCR Test Administrator Training*
To become a MAPT-CCR Test Administrator, please visit
https://umassamherst.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cOzTFuhOmYmilX7?Q_JFE=qdg
at your convenience and complete the training. Anyone wishing to administer the MAPT-CCR must complete this training and have a record of completion on file with UMass.

》》 *Entering AECI Students in LACES*
AECI students can log into OWL to take the MAPT-CCR only if they are entered into the LACES system and enrolled in classes in the current fiscal year, because OWL receives information from LACES twice a day as to who is eligible to test. Information about LACES can be found on the MA DESE website, http://www.doe.mass.edu/acls/laces/.

Need Help? Contact Information

UMass-Amherst Center for Educational Assessment Contacts

The project manager and lead psychometrician for the MAPT-CCR is April Zenisky, Research Associate Professor. April can be reached at azenisky@educ.umass.edu. On occasion, you may hear from the CEA assessment support team as well, which includes:

- Francis O'Donnell, Research Fellow, fodonnell@educ.umass.edu

- Scott Latham, Administrative Assistant, srlatham@educ.umass.edu

Note: You can always send help requests to aclstesthelp@umass.edu and April, Francis, and Scott will all see your message.

OWL Staff Contacts

Correctional institution staff may get emails from the OWL support team if technical support questions arise. The people that are most likely to be in contact are Cindy Stein and Gail Parsloe, but there are other UMass OWL staff people that may email you on as needed.

- Cindy Stein – project manager, cindy.stein@umass.edu
- Gail Parsloe – tech support lead, gail.parsloe@umass.edu
- Charlie Hebert – tech support, cherbert@umass.edu
- Steve Battisti – technical lead, stephen.battisti@umass.edu
- Mayumi Fraser – software development, mayumi.fraser@umass.edu

Additional Resources

The MAPT-CCR Test Administrator Manual
http://www.doe.mass.edu/acls/assessment/MAPT/adminmanual.docx

The MAPT-CCR Technical Manual
https://www.umass.edu/education/sites/default/files/remp/mapt-ccr_tm_final-2.pdf