



# TABE SUCCESS STORY

## CLOVIS ADULT EDUCATION

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### SETTING STUDENTS UP FOR SUCCESS WITH TABE IN CALIFORNIA

In this TABE customer spotlight, Courtney McMahon, Learning Director for Clovis Adult Education in California, shares how her center uses TABE as a screening tool to ensure students are prepared to succeed and graduate on time from their chosen programs.

### HOW DOES YOUR PROGRAM USE TABE?

Clovis Adult Education uses TABE testing as a screening tool for our incoming Career Technical Education (CTE) students. We have both nursing and business classes that need various levels of knowledge prior to starting our programs to ensure student success.

We use TABE primarily for our Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) program, which is among the top scoring in California with a 98% graduation rate and 96% licensure rate. To ensure our students are prepared for the rigorous curriculum, we use the TABE test as a screening tool to assess whether they are at approximately a twelfth-grade level. This helps us set them up for success from the start.

In addition to our LVN program, we also use the TABE test for screening applicants to our Nurse Assistant and Office Assistant programs. We offer weekly testing sessions, with anywhere from 5 to 25 students participating at a time.

## WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BENEFITS OF CHOOSING TABE? WHICH FEATURES ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO YOUR PROGRAM?

TABE has been extremely easy to work with. When we decided to move from written tests to online, we met with staff to go over our specific needs. I was so pleased with the many different options that were available and how you can really customize it to your school's specific needs.

## WHAT LEARNER INSIGHTS ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, AND HOW DO YOU USE THE DATA RECEIVED FROM TABE?

Each student receives a score at the end of their test that determines if they are qualified for a particular program. This helps us to identify which students may need to take supplemental courses to strengthen areas of knowledge, and which students have the best chance of being successful in their program of choice.

## HOW DO YOU PREPARE STUDENTS FOR TAKING THE TABE ASSESSMENT?

We have the TABE information on our website that includes what subjects they will be tested in. We also offer academic courses that can improve their scores.

## WHAT SUCCESSES HAVE YOU SEEN IN YOUR TABE ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND DATA USE?

The biggest success for us is that the students that enter our programs are successful and graduating on time. TABE has been instrumental in making sure our students are ready for their next step.

## WHAT KEY TAKE-AWAYS OR RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD YOU SHARE WITH OTHER ADULT ED PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONSIDERING USING TABE?

TABE is very easy to work with, provides great data for incoming students, and allows you to really customize your tests depending on what your site needs are. Very easy, very effective.



### ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Part of the Clovis Unified School District since 1968
- Serving the Fresno/Clovis area and surrounding communities
- Third largest adult school in the Central Valley

### STUDENT POPULATION

- Approximately 10,000 students enrolled annually

### CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

- Academics
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Career Technical Education in Business and Nurse Education & Health Careers
- Older Adult
- Community Education



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