



# Behavioral Health Knowledge Test

## ***New for 2017-2018***

Test plan has been changed to better align with resources.

**Purpose** To encourage HOSA members to explore and learn about the promotion of mental health, resilience and well-being; the prevention and treatment of mental and substance use disorders; and the support of those who are in recovery, their families and the health community.

**Description** The event shall be a written test requiring competitors to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate information related to behavioral health. Competitors will recognize, identify, define, interpret and apply behavioral health terms and concepts in a 100 item multiple choice test plus one tie-breaker essay question. Written test will measure knowledge and understanding at the recall, application or analysis levels. Higher-order thinking skills will be incorporated as appropriate.

**Dress Code** Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for [proper dress](#).

- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and in good standing in the division in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
  2. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."
  3. One essay question will be administered with the original test. In case of a tie, the essay question will be judged and used to break the tie.
  4. The test plan and resources for the Behavioral Health Knowledge Test are:

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- The Mind (including Biology, Sensation, Perception, Consciousness, Motivation, Emotion, Learning and Memory) 25%
- Psychological and Behavioral Health Disorders, Treatments, Therapies and Services (including Autism, ADHD, Schizophrenia, Bipolar, Depression, Anxiety, OCD, PTSD, Personality, Dissociative and Eating Disorders) 25%
- Prevention, Identification, Recovery and Management of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness 25%
- Wellness, Stress, Coping 15%
- Workforce/Careers and Laws, Regulations and Guidelines 5%

**References for Behavioral Health**

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration website](#)
- [Cacioppo, John and Laura Freberg, Discovering Psychology. Cengage Learning, Latest edition.](#)
- [National Alliance on Mental Illness website](#)
- [CVS Prescription Drug Abuse](#)

NOTE: States/regions may use a different process for testing, to include but not limited to pre-conference testing, online testing, and testing at a computer. Check with your Area/Region/State for the process you will be using.

5. All competitors shall report to the site of the event at the time designated for the event orientation. The test will immediately follow the orientation. **No proxies will be allowed for the orientation.**
6. [Test Instructions](#): Competitors will be given instructions on the use of the Scantron form. After instructions have been given to the competitors, they will be notified to start the test. There will be a maximum of **90 minutes** to complete the test. There will be a verbal announcement when there are 15 minutes remaining for the test period. Competitors may be excused from the testing site promptly after completion of the test.
7. The competitor should write his/her answer to the tie-breaker essay question on the tie-breaker page of the test that remains attached to the original test.

**Competitor Must Provide:**

- Event guidelines (orientation)
- Two #2 pencils with erasers

**Required Personnel:**

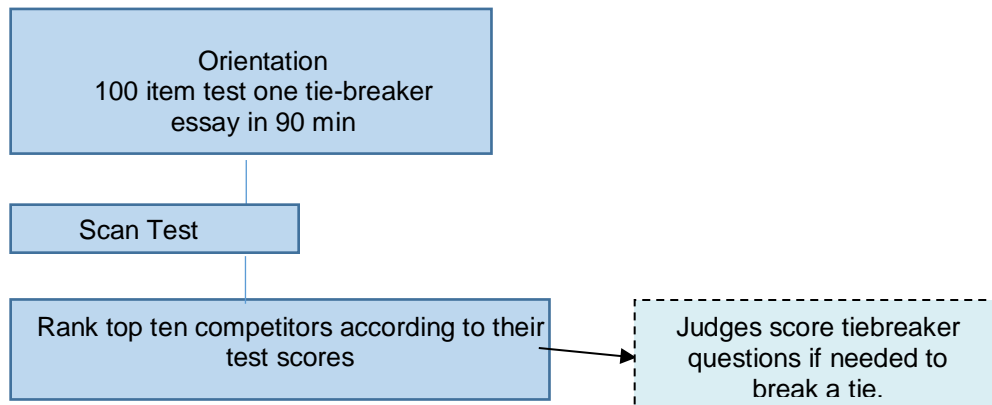
- One Event Manager
- One QA to provide quality assurance for the event by ensuring that the guidelines are followed and all event documents are complete.
- Proctors for Testing - Approximately one proctor per 20 competitors
- One judge who is considered by the HOSA Competitive Events committee to be an expert in the area being tested - to grade the essay questions in case of a tie
- Event assistants as needed

**Facilities, Equipment and Materials:**

- One room to accommodate the total number of competitors
- Tables/chairs or schoolroom desks/chairs for total number of competitors
- Table/chairs for event personnel to provide for registration and materials distribution
- Test packets which are pre-numbered and Scantron / answer forms
- Timer or clock

- Evaluation Forms – competitor and personnel
- #2 lead pencils with eraser to complete evaluations

## Event Flow Chart



## Sample Test Questions

1. The kind of therapy based on principles of motivational psychology and designed to produce rapid, internally motivated change is called:
  - A. Motivational Enhancement Therapy.
  - B. Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy.
  - C. Shock Therapy.
  - D. Motivational Assistive Therapy.
  
2. A student is seeking a counselor to work on individual strategies to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills needed to change certain behaviors. The counselor knows that effective programs have all of the following elements EXCEPT:
  - A. peer support services.
  - B. focusing on life and social skills.
  - C. focusing on physical skills.
  - D. social commitment to not using drugs.
  
3. The type of psychology that explores the normal changes in behavior that occur across the life span is called:
  - A. cognitive psychology.
  - B. developmental psychology.
  - C. clinical psychology.
  - D. behavioral psychology.