

Practice Analysis

Before items can be written or exams created, a guiding connection is needed between the real world in which the credential will be used and test content.

That critical link is the practice analysis study, also

delineation.

ACT[®] Professional Services has deep expertise in practice analysis studies, applying recognized

seven decades across a range of professions, industries

trusted and legally defensible credentialing program that is tied to real-world requirements.

Description

Practice Analysis



Validation

The initial description is validated, following ACT® Professional Services's established – and at the same time, uniquely tailored – process.

1. We work closely with you to identify a representative sample of current practitioners—locally, nationally or internationally—to take part
2. Survey participants review domain, competency-task-activity and knowledge-skill statements, rating them with validation scales that are
3. Detailed description of practice and validate similarities and differences related to professional or demographic variables such as years of experience, geographic location, industry sector and work setting.

ACT® Professional Services Credentialing Services

Strategic & Policy Planning

- Analyzing Strategic Fit
- Evaluating Program Feasibility and Business Impact
- Expanding Your Organization's Credentialing Portfolio

Ensuring Validity & Defensibility

- Conducting Practice Analysis
- Standard Setting

Improving & Enhancing Established Programs

- Value Proposition
- Credentialing Mobility
- Innovative Assessment

Accreditation Guidance

ACT® Professional Services prepares reports that document the results of the practice analysis study, providing a robust description of practice. And, at your request, we can present those results at a national conference or prepare articles for a

Results

Practice, competency or role are now accurately described.

ACT® Professional Services uses the ratings from the validation

we review and augment the study results. This creates the content of your program's examination. The examination, along with decisions that are made on experience and

education requirements, leads to a valid, legally defensible

be used to achieve other organizational and credentialing insights:

- Establishing continuing competency or re-credentialing
- Identifying emerging areas of practice and opportunities
- Evaluating the value and meaning of your credential to stakeholders.

Based on industry standards, ACT® Professional Services generally recommends that a practice analysis be conducted every four to seven years. We'll work with you to determine an appropriate time frame based on the rate of change within your profession or industry.

About ACT® Professional Services

ACT® Professional Services is a mission-based not-for-

training, continuing professional education, and workforce development across industries and professions.