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2019 WORKSHOP in Toronto

In partnership with: **Yardstick** Assessment Strategies
Stratégies en évaluation

Location: Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, 250 Bloor Street E, Toronto

Date/time: May 29, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dealing with testing accommodations: From developing policies and procedures to implementing requests while keeping in mind the purpose and risks

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Credentialing and licensing organizations are facing a growing number of requests for testing accommodations from candidates wanting to take their certification or licensing examinations. These candidates whom have often been receiving accommodations through the completion of their education program expect to receive equivalent accommodations when taking their certification or licensure examination. However, the accommodation needs for educational purposes (i.e.: for learning and development) are different from the accommodation needs for the assessment of candidates' skills, knowledge and abilities to practice in a specific occupation.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss key elements to consider in reviewing testing accommodation requests. More specifically, it will dive deeper into which components need to be covered in testing accommodation policies and will provide more information regarding what should be communicated to candidates. It is not meant to be prescriptive as the objective is to ensure consistency of the review and application of the accommodation requests by outlining key considerations for what to cover in policies and how to communicate to candidates. Participants will be presented with scenarios and asked to highlight challenges and potential solutions to specific situations.

Objectives for the workshop:

- Discuss and review key elements to cover in testing accommodation policies.
- Review challenges and potential solutions in dealing with testing accommodation requests.
- Identify potential risks to exam security and integrity and ways to address these risks.
- Review communication needs and processes when dealing with testing accommodation requests.
- Discuss case scenarios and identify solutions to address challenges and risks.