



## Canadian Higher Education Testing Association Vancouver 2025

### Detailed Descriptions of Sessions

**Monday, June 2**

Time	Facilitator(s)	Title & Description
9:15 – 10:00 am Group Session # 1	Cindy James, <i>TRU</i> & Courtney Habara, <i>Durham College</i>	<i>Proctoring Best Practices</i> This session will cover insights and effective strategies for both in-person and online proctoring. Learn practical tips, tools, and lessons learned to enhance exam integrity and improve the test-taker experience. Whether you're refining your current practices or building new ones, you'll leave with ideas on how to strengthen your proctoring approach across delivery formats.
10:00 – 11:00 am Sponsor Workshop # 1	Michele Pratt, Teri Moore & Kyla Gregory <i>RegisterBlast</i>	<i>Built Together, Stronger Than Ever: 22 Years of Collaboration in Testing</i> The Presentation will highlight the emergence of testing center best practices in the 22 years RB has collaborated with TC directors to build the platform. It will show how we've gone from a simple registration tool to a complete testing center management platform, built from the ground up to support testing centers. We will also solicit feedback on what enhancements will be most useful to continue our mission as an extra set of hands serving this community.
11:00 – 12:15 am Presentation	Early Assist Group <i>BCIT</i>	<i>Capacity to Connect: Students in Distress</i> After participating in the workshop, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe what mental health and well-being is, and how students show resilience.</li><li>• Recognize and respond to a student with a mental health concern in an empathetic way.</li><li>• Refer a student in distress to appropriate resources.</li></ul>

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1:30 – 2:30 pm Sponsor Workshop # 2	Introduction to the ACCUPLACER Program and Updates Kathie Montognese <i>College Board ACCUPLACER</i>	<i>Introduction to the ACCUPLACER Program and Updates</i> Discover how ACCUPLACER can be a powerful tool in guiding students toward academic success. This session explores the benefits of using ACCUPLACER's computer adaptive assessments to accurately place students in appropriate courses, identify students who need extra support, and personalize learning pathways. Whether you're new to ACCUPLACER or looking to enhance its impact, this session offers practical insights and strategies to maximize its value for your students.
2:30 – 3:15 pm Breakout Session #1A	Nadia Rusan, <i>BCIT</i> & Courtney Habara <i>Durham College</i>	<i>Building Revenue in Test Centres</i> This session will explore how college and university test centres can diversify their offerings by integrating professional and accreditation exams. Learn how to take the first steps toward expanding services and generating new revenue streams for your institution.
2:30 – 3:15 pm Breakout Session #1B	Maureen Niwa Angelica Lopex Musa Heinen <i>Camosun College</i>	<i>Indigenous English Placement</i> This session shares work on the national initiative to develop a culturally responsive Indigenous English Placement Assessment that incorporates Indigenous content, worldviews, and trauma-informed practices to better support Indigenous learners transitioning into post-secondary education in Canada. This initiative responds directly to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and UNDRIP principles by addressing systemic barriers in English assessment tools, promoting inclusive, equitable assessment methods, and recognizing Indigenous ways of learning, such as traditional oral storytelling and land-based learning. Backed by a 25-member steering committee from 19 post-secondary institutions and an Indigenous Advisory Circle, this initiative places Indigenous learners at the center of assessment and seeks to improve their assessment experience. Try some sample questions, and feel the difference!

## Tuesday, June 3

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9:30 to 10:30 am Sponsor Workshop # 3	Aryan Aryanpour Janet Stickney <i>Precise Solutions</i>	<i>A total testing solution for Canadian higher education institutions</i> We will share with the participants a Canadian made and hosted admission/placement testing product that includes built-in proctoring and accessibility tools, as well as online registration, plus a test and report management dashboard.
10:30 – 11:30 am Group Session # 2	Moderator: Natasha Vandenberghe <i>Assiniboine College</i> Panelists: Joanna Angelidis & Patrice Langins <i>BCIT</i>	<i>Panel on Testing Accommodations</i> Join us for a panel conversation exploring best practices, challenges, and innovative approaches to providing accommodations in test centers. Panelists will share insights on policy, accessibility, and creating inclusive testing experiences for all learners.
11:30 – 12:30 pm Sponsor Workshop # 4	John Kalafatis & Natasha Noble <i>ALEKS PPL McGraw Hill</i>	<i>ALEKS PPL McGraw Hill</i> ALEKS Placement, Preparation and Learning (PPL) offers higher education institutions a comprehensive solution for math placement testing and course preparedness. By combining a highly accurate, research-based placement assessment with individualized learning resources, ALEKS PPL accurately places students in the right course and equips them with tools to refresh lost math knowledge. Learn how ALEKS has been leveraging machine learning AI for 25 years and how this technology delivers accurate assessments and personalized practice.
1:30 – 2:30 pm Q & A with Sponsors	All sponsors	Chance to engage with any sponsor in Q & A/demo
2:30 – 3:15 Breakout Session # 2A	Beth Konomoto & Nick Travers <i>Camosun College</i>	<i>Lessons Learned from Developing an In-House English Language Placement and Reading Assessment</i> We will discuss the development of an in-house placement test for English language learners at Camosun College in Victoria, BC. This reflective talk will focus on the lessons learned from this process, with a focus on the four skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

2:30 – 3:15

Breakout Session # 2B

Courtney Habara

*Durham College*

*The Art of Digital Transformation in Testing Centers: Managing Change  
Effectively While Implementing New Technologies*

This session will focus on how testing centers can successfully navigate digital transformation by managing change effectively. Learn strategies for implementing new technologies while supporting staff, maintaining service quality, and fostering long-term innovation.