Test Type: The Security and Protective Services industry-based credential is included in NOCTI’s Pathway assessment battery. Pathway assessments assess knowledge and skills at a broader level than the Job Ready assessments and focus on the Pathways established as part of the national career cluster model. Pathway assessments are delivered entirely online which allows NOCTI to include engaging interactive items.

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In the lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in Security and Protective Services
Written Assessment

NOCTI written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual’s factual theoretical knowledge.

**Administration Time:** 2 hours  
**Number of Questions:** 109  
**Number of Sessions:** This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

**Areas Covered**

- **General Law, Public Safety, and Security Technical Skills:** 10%
- **Security and Protective Services Technical Skills:** 22%
- **Academic Foundations:** 15%
- **Systems:** 6%
- **Ethics and Legal Responsibilities:** 7%
- **Communications:** 6%
- **Information Technology Applications:** 5%
- **Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, and Decision Making:** 6%
- **Leadership and Teamwork:** 5%
- **Safety, Health, and Environmental:** 11%
- **Employability and Career Development:** 7%
Specific Standards and Competencies Included in this Assessment

General Law, Public Safety, and Security Technical Skills

- Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in the law and public safety fields
- Identify and use appropriate terminology for the law and public safety fields
- Describe risk management practices that minimize liability

Security and Protective Services Technical Skills

- Collect, document, and analyze evidence
- Identify the societal needs for crime control and individual rights
- Describe the Use of Force Continuum according to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and threat assessment protocols
- Identify appropriate emergency vehicle procedures
- Describe the history and scope of homeland security

Academic Foundations

- Apply reading skills in a law and public safety environment
- Apply writing skills in a law and public safety environment
- Apply mathematical skills in a law and public safety environment
- Apply science skills in a law and public safety environment

Systems

- Describe the relationships, roles, and responsibilities among law and public safety professionals
- Analyze the impact on law and public safety based on technological advances

Ethics and Legal Responsibilities

- Apply appropriate laws, regulations, and industry standards in law and public safety situations
- Identify ethical issues and demonstrate ethical behavior in law and public safety situations

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Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

Communications
• Communicate using appropriate language and level, including using appropriate techniques for communicating with special needs individuals (e.g., hard of hearing)
• Apply listening skills and interpret verbal and nonverbal behaviors to enhance communication with coworkers and the public
• Interpret and use tables, charts, and figures to support written and oral communication

Information Technology Applications
• Use word processing, presentation software, and email applications to prepare communications
• Use spreadsheet and database applications to manage and communicate data and information

Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, and Decision Making
• Use problem solving and critical thinking skills to locate credible sources of information about problems and determine appropriate methods for investigating causes
• Use problem solving and critical thinking skills to determine root causes of problems and to suggest and evaluate solutions

Leadership and Teamwork
• Apply leadership qualities to improve the quality of work and the work environment
• Work effectively in a team environment to improve the quality of work and the work environment

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Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

**Safety, Health, and Environmental**
- Identify and practice appropriate safety and health procedures for law and public safety occupations
- Demonstrate appropriate emergency and first aid knowledge and procedures for law and public safety occupations
- Identify and practice appropriate environmental procedures for law and public safety occupations

**Employability and Career Development**
- Demonstrate appropriate workplace behaviors related to a career in law and public safety
- Pursue career development skills to advance in law and public safety careers
Sample Questions

The **most widely abused drug (a depressant)** in the United States is
  A. marijuana
  B. cocaine
  C. LSD
  D. alcohol

A **police report** is
  A. a legal document
  B. not available to the public
  C. published in the newspaper
  D. a confidential document

The **written log used to track the possession and location of evidence is known as**
  A. chain of custody
  B. book of evidence
  C. property sheet
  D. rap sheet

**Touching or treating a patient without consent is**
  A. slander
  B. libel
  C. assault
  D. battery

The **National Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) was created by the**
  A. ATF
  B. FBI
  C. Secret Service
  D. State Department

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Sample Questions (continued)

Which of the following words is spelled correctly?
A. saturation
B. artikulate
C. expresionism
D. reprasentational

What are the three components of the fire triangle?
A. hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen
B. stop, drop, and roll
C. gas, kerosene, and diesel
D. oxygen, heat, and fuel

The use of pressure points is considered an example of _____ force on the use of force continuum.
A. verbal
B. soft hand
C. deadly
D. hard hand

When composing a formal business email, avoid the use of
A. abbreviations like "LOL"
B. descriptive phrases
C. exclamation points
D. acronyms like "OSHA"

When dealing with stress management, a public safety professional should
A. eat comfort food
B. exercise regularly
C. not speak to anyone
D. take a personal day