**Test Type:** The Architectural Drafting industry-based credential is included in NOCTI's Job Ready assessment battery. Job Ready assessments measure technical skills at the occupational level and include items which gauge factual and theoretical knowledge. Job Ready assessments typically offer both a written and performance component and can be used at the secondary and post-secondary levels. Job Ready assessments can be delivered in an online or paper/pencil format.

**Revision Team:** The assessment content is based on input from secondary, post-secondary, and business/industry representatives from the states of Florida, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

**CIP Code**
15.1303- Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD

**Career Cluster 1- Architecture and Construction**

**O*NET**
17-3011.01- Architectural Drafters

In the lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in Architectural Drafting

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

**Administration Time:** 3 hours  
**Number of Questions:** 152  
**Number of Sessions:** This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

**Areas Covered**

- **Preparing to Draw** 8%  
- **Geometric Construction** 4%  
- **Applied Mathematics** 16%  
- **Drawing Techniques - Supplementary Views** 9%  
- **Planning** 8%  
- **Architectural Drawing Types** 18%  
- **Site Plans** 11%  
- **Structural Drawings** 8%  
- **Mechanical and Electrical Systems** 4%  
- **Supplemental Drafting Activities** 10%  
- **Sustainable Architecture and Design** 4%
Specific Standards and Competencies Included in this Assessment

Preparing to Draw
• Identify drafting tools and equipment (including CAD)
• Identify and select paper sizes/types, and determine scale and layout
• Identify various line types

Geometric Construction
• Construct and manipulate geometric elements
• Construct and manipulate lines, arcs, and angles

Applied Mathematics
• Demonstrate knowledge of basic mathematical operations
• Perform calculations involving fractions, decimals, and percents
• Demonstrate knowledge of geometry
• Demonstrate knowledge of trigonometry with respect to pitch, rise, and run
• Calculate measures, area, and volume
• Convert scales
Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

Drawing Techniques - Supplementary Views
• Identify pictorial drawings (e.g., perspective)
• Demonstrate knowledge of schematic diagrams
• Demonstrate knowledge of orthographic drawings
• Place dimensions and notes

Planning
• Examine spatial relationships
• Identify types of house design (e.g., duplex, split level, ranch)
• Determine client needs
• Identify common construction material, properties, and use

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Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

Architectural Drawing Types
• Identify architectural terms and symbols
• Identify and develop roof types
• Identify and develop floor plans
• Develop basement and foundation plans
• Identify kitchen and bath arrangements
• Develop interior and exterior elevations
• Develop a wall and a building section
• Draw architectural details

Site Plans
• Draw and dimension site plans
• Interpret landscape plans
• Interpret contours and topographical profiles
• Identify setbacks and easements
• Identify above- and below-ground utilities

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

**Structural Drawings**
- Draw structural details
- Identify framing and structural components

**Mechanical and Electrical Systems**
- Identify electrical terms, symbols, and components
- Identify plumbing terms, symbols, and components

**Supplemental Drafting Activities**
- Draw cover sheet and title block information
- Develop schedules
- Describe responsibilities of related parties (e.g., design professional, contractor)
- Identify basic ADA accessibility compliance regulations
- Recognize ordinances and local building codes

**Sustainable Architecture and Design**
- Identify various rating systems (e.g., LEED, R-Value)
- Recognize recyclable and “green” building materials and systems
Sample Questions

Bisecting a line creates a second line that is _____ to the original line.
A. parallel
B. tangent
C. perpendicular
D. horizontal

What is the minimum landing depth required for an entrance door to meet ADA regulations?
A. 24 inches
B. 36 inches
C. 48 inches
D. 60 inches

A landscape plan uses much of the same information as a _____ plan.
A. structural
B. plumbing
C. site
D. floor

In a right triangle, the tangent of an acute angle is equal to the
A. opposite side divided by the hypotenuse
B. adjacent side divided by the hypotenuse
C. adjacent side divided by the opposite side
D. opposite side divided by the adjacent side

Where would a stringer be used?
A. at a door frame
B. on a roof truss
C. at a stair
D. as part of a joist

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Sample Questions (continued)

A structural component that rests on the sole plate and extends to the top plate is called a
   A. rafter
   B. cripple
   C. stud
   D. jack

In the water supply system, the pipe that enters the house is known as the
   A. branch supply
   B. building main
   C. prime line
   D. branch line

Where can detailed information for windows and doors be found?
   A. Bill of Material
   B. rendering
   C. schedules
   D. compass rose

Which of the following regulates the design of a building?
   A. building codes
   B. OSHA standards
   C. general conditions
   D. specifications

Which is most associated with active solar energy?
   A. photovoltaic panels
   B. rainscreens
   C. windmills
   D. Trombe walls
NOCTI performance assessments allow individuals to demonstrate their acquired skills by completing actual jobs using the tools, materials, machines, and equipment related to the technical area.

**Administration Time:** 4 hours and 15 minutes  
**Number of Jobs:** 3

**Areas Covered:**

17% **Construction Components**  
Participant will match the number in the diagram of construction components with corresponding term.

53% **Kitchen and Bath Floor Plan**  
Participant will create the correct drawing of the kitchen and bath layout, sheet size, line work, dimensions, and notes.

30% **Front Elevation**  
Participant will create a front elevation using a plan view and wall section to a correct scale and present final project in digital or hard copy format.
Sample Job

Kitchen and Bath Floor Plan

**Maximum Time:** 1 hour and 30 minutes

**Participant Activity:** Each participant will redraw the kitchen/bath plan according to specifications. The final project will be presented in digital or hard copy format.