

# UCCI:ORAS

ORAS: OHIO RISK ASSESSMENT SYSTEM



The Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) is a dynamic risk/needs assessment system to be used with adult offenders. It offers criminal justice actors the ability to assess individuals at various decision points across the criminal justice system. The ORAS is comprised of nine tools, and while the assessment is free to use, agencies must be trained prior to implementation. Training on the system provides an overview of the assessment tools with techniques for administering and scoring the individual assessments. In addition, the training will review how to use the scores obtained from individuals' ORAS assessments to develop case plans for reducing risk to re-offend. The University of Cincinnati (UC) serves as the sole owner and proprietor of the copyright in the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS), and its corresponding manual and training program.

## OVERVIEW

Components of the assessment include nine instruments:

Pre-Trial Tool (ORAS-PAT)	Prison Intake Screening Tool (ORAS-PST)
Community Supervision Screening Tool (ORAS-CSST)	Prison Intake Tool (ORAS-PIT)
Community Supervision Assessment Tool (ORAS-CST)	Reentry Tool (ORAS-RT)
Misdemeanor Screening Tool (ORAS-MST)	Supplemental Reentry Tool (ORAS-SRT)
Misdemeanor Assessment Tool (ORAS-MAT)	

## END USER

The end user session is two days of training for a maximum of 30 trainees, and is outlined below:

Day 1: Introduction to the ORAS, review and practice scoring tools

Day 2: Practice Interview Skills, review and practice scoring tools, review assessment driven case planning, certification test

Our goal is to provide a high-fidelity program. UCCI assessments are free to use! Our mission is to research, develop, disseminate and implement evidence-based practices in corrections. As such, we've worked with the university to offer this program at no "per-participant" fee. While copyrighted property of the University of Cincinnati, training materials received in our training events include permission to photocopy resources needed to conduct assessments. Once trained facilitators have conducted at least 15 live assessments with individuals, they may be eligible to participate in a training-of-trainers' session to build agency sustainability of the program.

## AUTOMATED SYSTEM

UCCI has partnered with the UC IT Solutions Center (ITSC) to create an automated tool to provide agencies with the ability to integrate the ORAS seamlessly into their day-to-day work. The automated system can be accessed via a secure web-based portal and all agency data can either be housed on UC's servers or on individual agency servers. Like the pen/paper version, there is no "per-participant" fee to use the system. Start-up and annual help-desk/maintenance contracts are required for agency integration.

## CONTACT

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### *DESCRIPTION OF TOOLS*

**Pretrial Assessment Tool (PAT):** Designed to be predictive of both a defendant's failure-to-appear and risk of violating pretrial probation with a new offense. The tool consists of 7 items and can be administered in approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

**Community Supervision Screening Tool (ORAS-CSST):** Designed for use in a community setting. The tool consists of 4 items and can be administered in 5 to 10 minutes. *It is recommended that a full CST be conducted on offenders who score moderate to high risk on this screening instrument.*

**Community Screening Tool (ORAS-CST):** Designed for use in a community setting. The tool consists of 35 items and can be administered in approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

**Misdemeanor Screening Tool (ORAS-MST):** Designed for use in municipal court settings. The tool consists of 6 items and can be administered in 5 to 10 minutes. *It is recommended that a full MAT be conducted on offenders who score moderate to high risk on this screening instrument.*

**Misdemeanor Assessment Tool (ORAS-MAT):** Designed for use in municipal court settings. The tool consists of 12 items and can be administered in approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

**Prison Screening Tool (ORAS-PST):** Designed to be used upon prison entry. The tool consists of 4 items and can be administered in 5 to 10 minutes. *It is recommended that a full PIT be conducted on offenders who score moderate to high risk on this screening instrument.*

**Prison Intake Tool (ORAS-PIT):** Designed to be used upon prison entry. The tool consists of 30 items and can be administered in 40 to 50 minutes.

**Reentry Tool (ORAS-RT):** Designed to be used prior to release from prison with a stay longer than 4 years. The tool consists of 18 items and can be administered in 30 to 45 minutes.

**Supplemental Reentry Tool (ORAS-SRT):** Designed to be used prior to release from prison with a stay shorter than 4 years. The tool consists of 18 items and can be administered in 20 to 30 minutes.