

**Press Release for:**

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**CAS Announces New Publication**

CAS announced it will suspend all sales of its current publications effective April 15, 2012, and will start immediately taking orders for its new publications to be released on August 1, 2012. In the interim, if colleagues want to purchase publications, they should realize that the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *CAS Professional Standards for Higher Education* will be replaced with the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition.

The *CAS Professional Standards for Higher Education* to be released in August 2012 will introduce five new functional areas of standards and guidelines: Campus Police and Security Programs, Parent and Family Programs, Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Prevention Programs, Transfer Student Programs and Services, and Veterans and Military Programs and Services. In addition, the General Standards have been updated to include technology and distance education services. The Book will continue to carry the 38 functional areas already published, while several functional area standards and guidelines have been revised and unanimously approved by the CAS Board of Directors.

Version 5.0 of the CD that contains all 43 functional area standards and guidelines and Self-Assessment Guides (SAGs) will also be released in August. Other information on the CD includes an e-learning course about how to conduct self-assessment, a PowerPoint presentation that can be used to give an overview of CAS and the assessment process, and links to the CAS website.

Mailings to student affairs, library, and institutional research officers at most every college or university will be distributed by CAS in mid-April and again in late August to notify them of the changes and distribution schedule.