

## Placement Testing Procedure at WSC

### STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Williston State College is committed to assisting students in reaching their academic goals. To enhance our students' chances of success, it is important for students to be enrolled in appropriate level courses. Therefore, Williston State College is implementing pre-enrollment assessment scores for proper placement in English and Math courses.

### PRE-ENROLLMENT STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Students enrolling for an Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) or in a Certificate Program are strongly encouraged to take the ACT battery (preferred) or the SAT exam. However, students in these programs may elect to take the EdReady or Accuplacer tests. Scores are considered for placement purposes only.

All tests scores must be received prior to the first semester of enrollment. Students with ACT scores more than 5 years old must complete the EdReady and Accuplacer tests prior to the first semester of enrollment. Advisors will have access to the assessment scores and transcripts in order to assist students in registering for the appropriate level of coursework.

#### **Dual-Credit or Home School Students**

Dual-credit or home-schooled students who have not taken the ACT or SAT test are required to take the EdReady and Accuplacer tests for appropriate placement into college courses.

#### **Transfer Students**

Transfer applicants with 24 or more semester hours of transferable credit will not be required to have an ACT or SAT score, however, may be required to take an EdReady and Accuplacer test for placement purposes.

#### **Students from a Foreign Country other than Canada**

Students from a foreign country other than Canada are not required to take an ACT or SAT test for admission. However, for placement purposes, students from a foreign country will be required to take an EdReady and Accuplacer test.

#### **Students 25 Years or Older**

Students age 25 or older on the first day of class are not required to have ACT or SAT test scores for admission. However, for placement purposes only, students age 25 or older enrolling in either English or Math courses are required to take the EdReady or Accuplacer test series.

**ACT Assessment:** Students must register directly with ACT for specific test dates and test sites. Scores should be sent directly to the WSC Office of Admissions and Records. Students may register online using the ACT website: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

**EdReady and Accuplacer Assessment:** Students will be allowed to complete tests on designated registration day. Other test times may be available by appointment. Students must fill out and submit

the North Dakota University System Application for Admission before setting up a testing appointment. Fee for placement exams is \$10 per tested area.

Test fees must be paid at the time of the exam and a receipt must be presented to the test administrator. Fees can be paid on your testing day.

**RETEST POLICY**

Students who do not believe their ACT or SAT scores accurately reflect their ability can take the EdReady or Accuplacer tests.

## Placement Guidelines for English Courses:

Test	Test Component	Minimum Score	Suggested Course
Accuplacer	WritePlacer	5	College Comp I (ENG 110)
ACT	English Subtest	18	College Comp I (ENG 110)
ACT Aspire	English Subtest	426	College Comp I (ENG 110)
EdReady (NROC)	English Placement	TBD	College Comp I (ENG 110)
Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, & Others)	English	70%	College Comp I (ENG 110)
SAT(old)	Writing Subtest	430	College Comp I (ENG 110)
SAT(new)	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480	College Comp I (ENG 110)
ACT Compass	Writing Skills	77	College Comp I (ENG 110)
Smarter Balanced	Grade 11/12 English Language Arts (ELA)	3	College Comp I (ENG 110)

*\*Scores falling below these marks require students to take College Writing Prep (ASC 087)*

*\*\* SAT (old) tests taken prior to March 5, 2016*

## Placement Guidelines for Math Courses

Suggested Course	Placement Test		
Algebra Prep III (ASC 093)	Accuplacer	College Level Math	0-49
	ACT	Math Subtest	0-20
	ACT Aspire	Math Subtest	0-430
	ALEKS	Mathematics PPL	0-45
	EdReady (NROC)	Mathematic Placement	0-74
	MAA Maplesoft	Algebra	0-11
	Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, & Others)	Math	0-69%
	SAT(old)	Reading+Math	0-989
	SAT(new)	Math	0-529
	Smarter Balanced	Grade 11/12 Mathematics	0-2
College Algebra (MATH 103) Trigonometry (MATH 105) Precalculus (MATH 107) Elementary Stats (MATH 210)	Accuplacer	College Level Math	50
	ACT	Math Subtest	21
	ACT Aspire	Math Subtest	431
	ALEKS	Mathematics PPL	46
	EdReady (NROC)	Mathematic Placement	75
	MAA Maplesoft	Algebra	12
	Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, & Others)	Math	70%
	SAT(old)	Reading+Math	990
	SAT(new)	Math	530
	Smarter Balanced	Grade 11/12 Mathematics	3
Calculus I (MATH 165) Applied Calculus (MATH 146)	Accuplacer	College Level Math	86-99
	ACT	Math Subtest	24-36
	SAT(old)	Reading+Math	1100 +
	SAT(new)	Math	TBD

**\*Note:** Applied Calculus or Math for Elementary Teachers may be a requirement for some majors. Applied Calculus does not require Trig. Trig is a prerequisite for Calculus 165.

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