

HOW TO ENROLL:

- Complete the WWCC application for admission.
- Submit transcripts from the last high school attended and previous colleges attended (if any).
- Arrange to take the American College Test (ACT). This test is not required for admission.
- Students enrolling in the Nursing program must contact the program director.

FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid is available in the form of Federal Pell Grants; Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG); Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAPP); Federal Work Study (FWS); Institutional Student Employment; WWC Foundation Civic Grants and Scholarships and WWCC Grants and Scholarships. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

Every credit student is a member of the Associated Students with the right to participate in student organizations, compete in intramural athletics, gain free admission to athletic events sponsored by the College, and participate in certain social and cultural activities in the community. College organizations include the college newspaper (The Oracle), Phi Theta Kappa (scholastic honorary), Cheerleading, and many others.

ACCREDITATION:

Western Wyoming College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

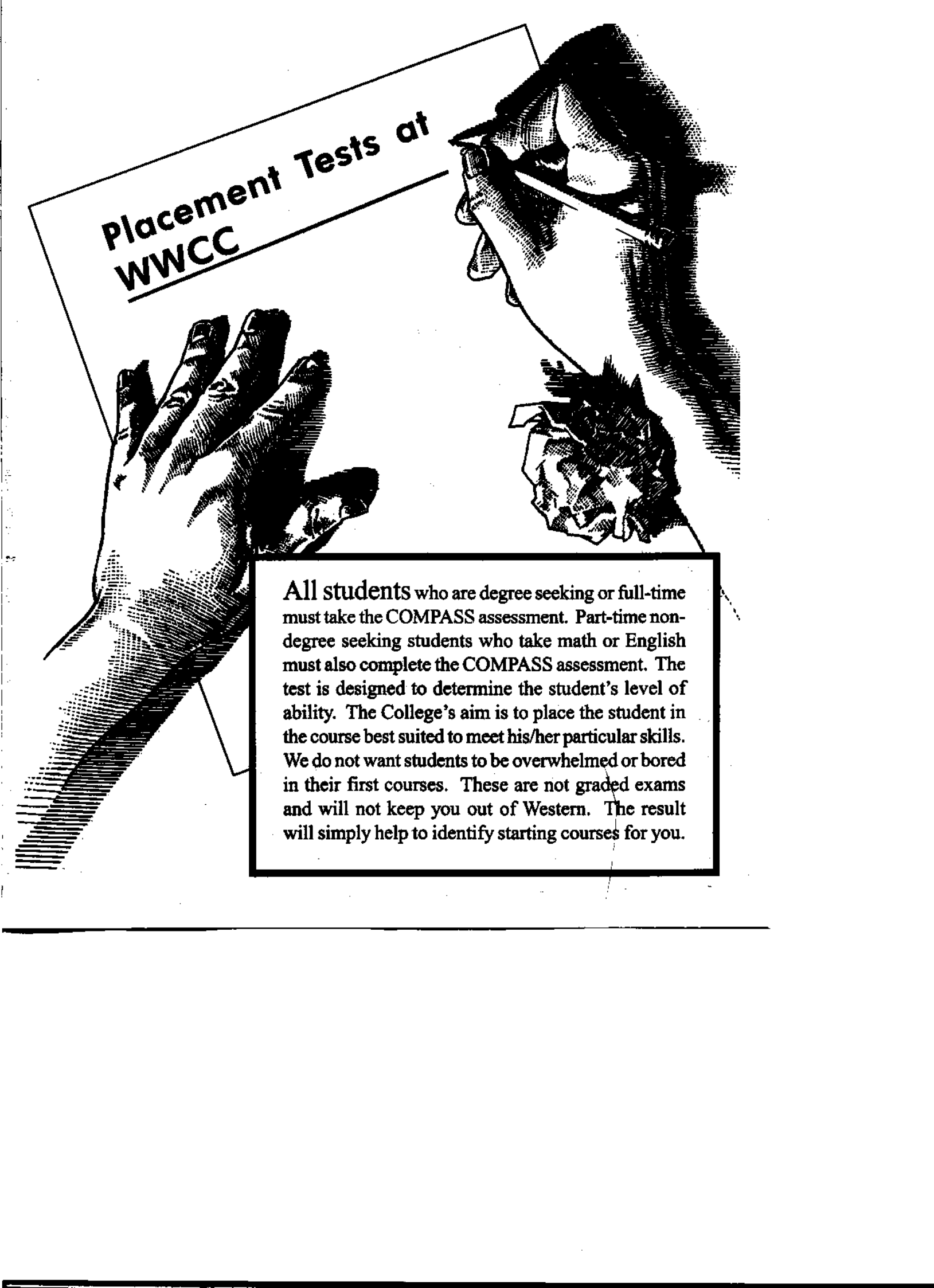
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PLACEMENT TESTS



A black and white illustration. On the right, a person with glasses is shown in profile, looking towards the left. They are holding a pen to their chin. On the left, a hand is shown holding a pen, with the pen tip pointing towards the person's face. The background is white with some shading on the hand and glasses.

Placement Tests at WWCC

All students who are degree seeking or full-time must take the COMPASS assessment. Part-time non-degree seeking students who take math or English must also complete the COMPASS assessment. The test is designed to determine the student's level of ability. The College's aim is to place the student in the course best suited to meet his/her particular skills. We do not want students to be overwhelmed or bored in their first courses. These are not graded exams and will not keep you out of Western. The result will simply help to identify starting courses for you.

What is COMPASS?

The COMPASS program is a computer based set of placement tests designed by the American College Testing Program. COMPASS can help you determine your strengths and challenges in the areas of writing, reading and math. The scores will also help your advisor guide you toward classes that build logically upon your current knowledge and skills and help you to achieve your educational goals.

COMPASS is different than many tests because it is completely computerized. It is also adaptive so that the test administers questions based on your answers. If you answer easy questions correctly, then the computer will move on to more difficult questions

What does COMPASS measure?

The test is divided into three parts: mathematics, writing and reading. There is no time limit on these tests.

The mathematics portion of COMPASS can have questions from numerical skills to trigonometry. The computer gives you questions based upon how you answered the previous question until it can determine the appropriate math placement.

The writing skills portion consists of several passages that must be revised. The passages contain errors of usage and mechanics or rhetorical skills.

The reading skills portion provides the student with a passage to read. After reading it, you answer questions about material directly stated in the passage. You will also be asked questions that you must infer the appropriate answer from the information given.

Where and when do I take COMPASS?

COMPASS tests are available on various dates at the Rock Springs Campus, Green River Center, and at our Outreach sites in Afton, Big Piney, Evanston, Kemmerer, Mountain View, Pinedale, and Rawlins.

Test dates for the Rock Springs Campus and Green River Center are listed in class schedules published each Fall, Spring and Summer. They can be found online at www.wvcc.cc.wy.us/advising. To register, call (307) 382-1600. Contact your local Outreach site for testing dates and times.

What does COMPASS cost?

All full-time or degree seeking WVCC students may take the COMPASS test one time free of charge. If you feel you did not do as well as you could on COMPASS, you should talk to the Coordinator of Academic Advising about preparing for the exam. Students may retake the exam. There is a \$10 charge for both repeat testing and to transfer COMPASS scores to other institutions. Scores are valid as long as you have continuous attendance at WVCC.

ACT Scores

If you have taken the ACT within the last two years, you may use these scores for placement. If you have a 23 or above on the math or English segments, you may move into college level courses.

How are my scores used?

First, you cannot pass or fail this test. It is an assessment of where you are in these areas. It is not a measure of if you will succeed or fail at college. It allows us to help you choose the correct class for your level. Depending on your scores we recommend a math and English class for you, as well as other classes we feel would be beneficial to your success as a student.

You should carefully monitor your reading score. Reading is critical for success in all college-level courses, and poor reading ability often results in problems in classes. Please enroll in any required reading courses after receiving your COMPASS test results.

How do I prepare for COMPASS?

There is no need to study for the COMPASS. It is designed to measure your skills now. However, the following are suggestions to help you do your best:

1. Relax! Remember you cannot pass or fail these tests. They just measure your current ability in reading, writing and math.
2. Arrive for the test a few minutes early. This allows you time to find the room and gather your thoughts before the test begins. **(Please bring your photo I.D.!)**
3. Follow the directions. Make sure that you understand the directions for each test before you begin taking that test. If you have questions or are unsure of what you are supposed to do, ask.
4. Don't worry about what other test takers are doing. Some people may finish before you for a variety of reasons, don't let that bother you.

For More Information

If you have questions about placement tests at Western Wyoming Community College, contact the Coordinator of Academic Advising at (307) 382-1632.