

Assessment and Orientation ♦ Fall 2011

ASSESSMENT AND ORIENTATION

New students are expected to complete assessment, college orientation, and educational planning BEFORE registering for classes. Students who complete assessment and attend an orientation will receive counseling assistance when scheduling their classes.

Assessment is the process to evaluate skills in Reading, Writing, Math, and English as a Second Language (ESL). After completing assessment, a student will receive counseling assistance in the interpretation of assessment results and selection of courses.

Students exempt from Assessment:

- Anyone who has completed Advanced Placement in English Literature, English Language or Mathematics AB and/ or BC, Statistics.
- Students who are only taking classes that do not require English or Math as pre-requisites or for personal enrichment.
- Students who have completed an Associate's Degree or higher from an accredited American college or university.
- Students who have completed English, Math, and/or Reading at another college or university.

Exempt Pre - or Corequisite Clearance Process

Clearance of a pre- or corequisite requires documentation that verifies previous course completion or skill level attained to register for a specific class. A "C" or better grade is required to clear pre- or corequisites.

Method A: Bring your unofficial transcript/s to the Assessment Desk in the Counseling Center - Appointment is not required. Method B: Fax your unofficial transcript to (408) 741-4076 and include your WVC student ID number, class requested, and phone number. Method C: Scan and e-mail your unofficial transcript to jeremy.sias@wvm.edu our assessment specialist and include WVC ID number and class requested.

Blocked Registration: If you are blocked from registering for a class because of a prerequisite requirement, follow one of the three methods listed. Note: Unofficial transcripts are used for clearing prerequisites. Official transcripts are required and can be brought to the Counseling Center to complete a WVC evaluation of general education courses completed.

ASSESSMENT, ORIENTATION, OR ASSESSMENT WAIVER

If you determine that there are Prerequisites, Corequisites or Other Limitations on Enrollment Challenges please refer to page 90 for rights and procedures.

For all assessment sessions, note the following:

1. Dates and times are subject to change. Check the web site at: westvalley.edu/assess/ for updated information, and additional dates and times for assessments in the **new Assessment Center located in the Tutorial Center.** (Check inside back cover of schedule for the campus map.) Or call (408) 741-2035.
2. Arrive early to park and find testing location.
3. No one will be admitted after start time. (ARRIVE EARLY)

Students are not **required** to complete Assessment and orientation if they:

- are taking courses for personal enrichment only
- have completed an AA/AS degree or higher
- are primarily taking courses at another institution

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a verifiable disability, you may request accommodations for assessment. Contact the DESP Office at (408) 741-2010 for further information.

ASSESSMENT DATES

Check westvalley.edu for location

Date	Type	Time
April 19	English/Reading	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
April 19	Math	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
April 27	English/Reading	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
April 27	Math	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
May 2	English/Reading	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
May 2	Math	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
May 11	English/Reading	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
May 11	Math	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
May 17	English/Reading	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
May 17	Math	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
June 20	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
June 20	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
June 28	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
June 28	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
July 5	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
July 5	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
July 12	English/Reading	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
July 12	Math	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm
July 13	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
July 13	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
July 19	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
July 19	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
July 28	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
July 28	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Aug 1	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Aug 1	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Aug 3	English/Reading	9:00 am – 10:30 am
Aug 3	Math	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Aug 9	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Aug 9	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Aug 11	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Aug 11	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Aug 15	English/Reading	9:00 am – 10:30 am
Aug 15	Math	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Aug 16	English/Reading	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Aug 16	Math	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Aug 17	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Aug 17	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Aug 23	English/Reading	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Aug 23	Math	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

ESL ASSESSMENT

May 18	ESL	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Aug 8	ESL	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

ORIENTATION OPTIONS

Couns 000A - Orientation

A half-unit class for students who have no previous college experience or fewer than 15 completed college units. Complete assessment before attending Couns 000A.

Once you submit your completed application to Admissions, you will receive a date when you will be able to register for a Couns 000A section using MyWebServices. Cafeteria may be closed. Please bring your snack and/or beverage.

Sect #	Date	Day	Time
13363	6/4	Sat (Athletes)	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
13362	6/21	Tue	8:30 am – 5:30 pm

13361	6/29	Wed	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
13360	7/5-7/6	Tue & Wed	5:00 pm – 9:15 pm
13359	7/14	Thur	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
10068	7/20	Wed	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
10070	7/29	Fri	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
10064	8/1	Mon	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
10069	8/3-8/4	Wed & Thur	5:00 pm – 9:15 pm
10066	8/10	Wed	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
10065	8/16	Tue	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
10067	8/24	Wed	8:30 am – 5:30 pm

STUDENTS WITH PREVIOUS COLLEGE WORK

An orientation is not required for students with previous college work. However, counselors can help you complete an educational plan, prepare transfer agreements, select a possible major or career, or help with a personal problem. Appointments can be made by stopping by the Counseling Center, located behind the Admissions Building, or by calling 408-741-2009.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS

NEW Adult Re-Entry Students

A workshop specifically designed to meet the needs of adult re-entry students or students who are interested in career programs offered at West Valley College. Call the Educational Transition Office, 741-2022, to sign up.

Adult Re-Entry (Educational Transition)

Date	Day	Time	Location
8/24	W	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (ET)	LS Bld
9/14	W	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (ESL & ET)	LS Bld
9/15	Th	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (ET & ESL)	LS Bld

English as a Second Language (ESL)

see Adult Re-Entry - all ages welcome.

NEW International Students

REQUIRED immigration information session for students who have received I-20's from West Valley College for the Fall 2011 semester. Call 408-741-2694 to sign up for this planning session.

Couns 002 Academic and Personal

Planning (1 UNIT)

Section #	Date	Time	Location
13357	8/8-8/11	9:00am – 1:15pm	BU 9

Focus on F1 visa students only

Distance Counseling

Distance counseling is intended solely to assist students in answering basic questions that are academic or procedural in nature. Access distance counseling at:

westvalley.edu/services/counselingservices.html

Graduating High School Students

The College offers a special orientation program for graduating high school seniors in April and May. Check the Early Admission orientation workshop schedule at westvalley.edu. A parent orientation is also offered.