

## **Washtenaw Community College Student Assessment Procedures**

All new students applying for admission to take credit bearing courses must complete a basic skills assessment. The College provides COMPASS and/or ASSET, and Nelson Denny assessments at no charge to the student. The COMPASS assessment includes Reading, Writing, and Mathematic sections. The Nelson Denny provides an in-depth reading assessment. Students who have completed an ACT or SAT test may submit official test scores of those tests in lieu of taking the COMPASS test.

Students with a documented disability will be given reasonable accommodations according to ADA guidelines. Additional accommodations will be determined in consultation with Learning Support Services. Disabled students, who are unable to complete the computerized COMPASS assessment, may be given the assessment in a paper format (ASSET test). Additional accommodations will be determined in consultation with Learning Support Services.

Applicants or students applying for readmission are allowed to take the COMPASS and/or ASSET assessment no more than twice (i.e., first attempt and retest). Students who score below 53 on the COMPASS (34 for ASSET) reading assessment are referred to the Learning Support Services (LSS) department for advising and testing. Learning Support Services will strongly encourage these students to take the Nelson-Denny assessment to provide detailed results on the student's reading capabilities. The Nelson-Denny test may not be repeated.

Students who score below 32 in Algebra on the COMPASS math assessment must take the MDEV. The results of the MDEV will allow students to take either Math 067 or Math 097, 125, or 151, as appropriate for their level and course of study.

After the first semester of enrollment, a student may retest on the COMPASS or ASSET once each semester. If granted permission by Learning Support Services, students may also retest on the Nelson Denny assessment once each semester. The scores achieved in the assessments will determine academic levels for course placement.

Students with questions are encouraged to meet with an Advisor for academic advising in Counseling & Career Planning; or the Student Resource and Women's Center (SRWC) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Center Building; or Learning Support Services (for students with documented disabilities) in the Crane Liberal Arts and Science Building (LA 104).