Test Prep & EBS Course Information

**Test Prep**

These non-credit classes are designed as an individualized, self-paced, short duration brush-up for those looking for some quick math, reading, writing, and/or test-taking skill review in preparation for program entrance assessment (e.g. TEAS or COMPASS).

Students will meet with an ASC instructor for an orientation session and will be encouraged to take a diagnostic assessment. Students select their focus topics and work at their own pace with appropriate self-study materials and practice questions. The students’ review is self-directed, but instructors are available to answer questions and to offer skill building and test strategy tips. **Students are generally limited to about three ASC test prep visits prior to initial testing.** Should **more comprehensive review** be indicated, the student will be referred to the appropriate Essential Basic Skills and/or Adult Literacy course.

**Scores don’t meet program admission?**

WATC offers a variety of Essential Basic Skill (EBS) courses to prepare you for program admission or to help you improve your skill level. COMPASS scores indicate in which course(s) you should enroll. Visit with an academic coach to enroll for classes which include the following.

**EBS 104 Basic Writing** (3 credits) This course enables students to construct simple, compound and complex sentences by applying grammar concepts learned. This course also enables students to write a focused, organized, supported paragraph without fragment, run-on or comma splice errors. **This course does not count toward Certificate of Completion (COC), Technical Certificate (TC), or Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS).**

**EBS 110 English** (3 credits) – This course is designed to equip students for success in the writing required for academic endeavors. Review of grammar is individualized and self-paced using a computerized software program. Writing assignments include a number or paragraphs and major essay. To demonstrate readiness for and be allowed to enroll in ENG 101 Composition 1, students must pass this course with a grade of C or above and pass the final exam. **This course does not count toward AS, AA, AGS or AAS degrees.**

**EBS 113 Basic Arithmetic** (3 credits) - Basic Arithmetic is a course designed to provide students with basic arithmetic computational skills including basic decimals, fractions, ratios and proportions and percents. Computation by scientific calculator will be introduced, but emphasis will be placed on computation by hand. **This course does not count toward AS, AA, AGS or AAS degrees to fulfill a math requirement.**

**EBS 115 Pre-Algebra** (3 credits) – This class provides students with the skills necessary to be successful in their math courses. The course is designed to identify the student’s specific learning style, provide note taking/test taking techniques, and offer math preparation strategies. The course does not count toward the A.A., A.S., A.A.S., or A.G.S. degree.

**Test Prep and open learning EBS courses are offered at both NCAT and SSEC.**

Contact an academic coach at either campus or call 316.677.9400 to speak to a coach about enrollment in these or other EBS classes.