3-23 Mandatory Placement

Wichita Area Technical College assesses students through the use of COMPASS (Computerized Adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System). COMPASS is used to place students in courses in which they can be successful. Requirements for which assessments are used and minimum required scores for entry into program and courses are determined by the Vice-President of Academics and the Academic Leadership Team. Wichita Area Technical College requires all entering students to complete the COMPASS Assessment prior to registration. The following students are exempt from the assessment requirement:

- Students who can provide documentation of placement test scores (COMPASS, Accuplacer, Asset) from another college or can provide documentation of ACT or SAT scores. The test must have been taken within the last 5 years. It is the student’s responsibility to provide this documentation prior to registration.
- Students who transfer degree-creditable, courses equivalent to ENG 101 and MTH 112 with a "C" or better. Transcripts must be on file or unofficial copies provided to an academic coach before an exception to the placement testing requirement will be approved.
- Students who have completed an associate’s or bachelor’s degree previously may be exempted from mandatory assessment prior to registration.
- Non-award seeking students who are not enrolled in any transferrable General Education classes and have completed fewer than 12 credit hours at WATC.

Students participating in a program or block of courses that have been excused from assessment by the Vice President of Academic Affairs or the delegate of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Examples include, but are not limited to, industry customized training and partnership courses that are team taught.

*WATC reserves the right to restrict enrollment in certain courses to degree seeking students.*