

STEP 3—Orientation



You must feel accomplished after your hard work with the assessment test! We want to help you make a smooth transition by showing you the many programs and services that we have. Now you have to complete the online orientation. Orientation is essential to success at Southwestern College.

F.A.Q.s

Q: What will I get out of online orientation?

A: You will learn how to understand your test scores, register for classes, know the differences between certificate, Transfer and Associate degree, and much more!!

Q: Do I need to meet with a counselor prior to registering for classes?

A: No, after completing your online orientation you will know that your first semester at SWC are your core classes, which are Math, English and Reading.

Q: What if I have questions and need to speak with a counselor?

A: You can visit the counseling center at SWC (building 1400), second floor and go to “Counseling Information” to speak with a counselor. Do not make an appointment.



Let's take a look at an example of the Assessment results:

TEST RESULTS:			CORRECT		ATTEMPT		ACCURACY
TESTDATE	TEST TAKEN:		#	%	#	%	
01/09/03	CTEP 2: GRAMMAR A		23	77%	30	100%	77%
01/09/03	CTEP 3: SYNTAX A		30	75%	40	100%	75%
01/09/03	ALGEBRA READINESS		21	42%	50	100%	42%
01/09/03	CTEP 1: READING COMP A		25	71%	35	100%	71%
COURSE PLACEMENTS:							
01/09/03	ENGLISH: English 114						
01/09/03	MATH: Math 35						
01/09/03	READING: Proficiency						

recommended courses for your first or second semester

Preview of Assessment Results

It may seem a little confusing at first, but the test results are actually very easy to read. There are two different sections, one is the “Test Results” and the other is “Course Placements.”

Course placements is important to understand because this section determines what classes you should register for.

In this example, you can see that since there are three different tests, there's three different placements.

- ⇒ In **English**, the student scored into English 114. That means that he/she needs to ENROLL in English 114.
- ⇒ In **Math**, the student placed in Math 35. What this means is that the student must begin with a Math 35 class the first semester.
- ⇒ For **Reading**, if you get a statement that says you meet the “SWC Reading Proficiency Requirement,” then that means you don't have to take a reading class. If not, then you will have to enroll for the class that you placed in.

If you recall you had a chance to look at the course sequence, you will have the chance to view it again when you view the online orientation.

In this example, you would be registering for: English 114 and Math 35

What is your next step after orientation:

After completion of orientation you may proceed to **Registration Step 4**. You are almost done, don't give up, register early and have the opportunity to get the schedule you want.

Ready to start?

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