



ACT & COMPASS Advising/Placement Information

The College of Western Idaho utilizes ACT and/or COMPASS scores for placement in English and Math courses, if you have not successfully completed college transfer coursework at another institution.

The ACT and/or COMPASS scores may also be used as part of the Admission process to CWI for students 18 years or older. Students will either need to take the COMPASS, send a copy of your qualifying ACT scores, or previous college transcripts to any One-Stop Student Services location prior to registration.

Please review the ACT Placement Grid below if you have ACT scores that are fewer than three years old. If your scores fall below the minimum levels in English and Math on the ACT, a COMPASS assessment is required in order to register for any English or Math course at CWI. If you believe you could place higher than your ACT scores indicate, you can take the COMPASS, as well. COMPASS Scores, like ACT, are valid for 3 years.

CWI ACT Course Placement Grid

English		Math	
ACT	Placement	ACT	Placement
≤17	Student must take COMPASS	≤22	Student must take COMPASS
18-24	ENGL 101	≥23	MATH 123 or MATH 143
25-30	ENGL 102 * (ENGL 101 credits)	≥26	MATH 147
≥31	**Credit for ENGL 101 & 102	≥26	MATH 253
		≥27	MATH 144
		≥27	MATH 160
		≥29	MATH 170

COMPASS Assessment Information

- ✦ There is a \$5 charge for each section of COMPASS (\$15 for the full set). This fee is waived for CWI or CSI students who have paid the \$25 application fee.
- ✦ You may take the three COMPASS assessments together or separately, and you may retake them.
- ✦ Your scores are available from the proctor as soon as you have completed the assessment.

Computer Skills Assessment (CSA) Information

- ✦ There is no charge to CWI or CSI students for registering for the CSA. Non-students must pay a \$21.50 exam fee.
- ✦ You may take the CSA assessments all at once or in sections, and you may retake them.
- ✦ Your scores are available on screen as soon as you have completed the assessment. You must score 70% or better on each section to pass the CSA. Your CSA login is effective for two consecutive semesters.

Proctored Exams

- ✦ There is no fee for proctored exams for current CWI or CSI students. Others must pay \$15 per exam or \$40 for all the exams for a single, semester-long course. Please pay at the One Stop at your test site. Receipt must be shown prior to testing.
- ✦ Please schedule proctored exams with the lab of your choice 2-3 days prior to testing.

CWI Assessment & Testing Center Locations

All assessments must be started at least 1 hour prior to closing for lunch or the end of business for the day.

Assessment and Testing Center at Ada County Center	Assessment and Testing Center at Canyon County Center	Assessment and Testing Center (near) Nampa Campus
Hours*	Hours*	Hours*
Monday: 8:00am – 6:00pm	Monday: 8:00am – 7:00pm	Monday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am – 6:00pm	Tuesday: 8:00am – 7:00pm	Tuesday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday: 8:00am – 6:00pm	Wednesday: 8:00am – 7:00pm	Wednesday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am – 6:00pm	Thursday: 8:00am – 7:00pm	Thursday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday: 8:00 am – 6:00pm	Friday: CLOSED	Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Location	Location	Location
Black Eagle Business Park 1360 South Eagle Flight Way Boise, ID 83709 (208) 562-3000	Canyon County Center 2407 Caldwell Blvd, Room 118 Nampa, ID 83651 (208) 562-3000	Aspen Creek Administrative Offices 6056 Birch Lane Nampa, ID 83687 (208) 562-3000
<i>Closed for lunch from 11 to noon</i>	<i>Closed for lunch from 1 to 2 PM</i>	<i>Closed for lunch from noon to 1</i>

****All centers are closed for training from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month***

Study Guides

COMPASS Study Guides:

- ✿ Assessment Basics:
 - <http://www.compass-test-practice.com>
- ✿ Basic Math Review and exercises:
 - <http://www.webmath.com/>
- ✿ Pre-Algebra review and exercises:
 - <http://coolmath.com/prealgebra/index.html>
 - <http://www.math.com/practice/PreAlgebra.html>
- ✿ Algebra review and exercises:
 - http://www.classzone.com/books/algebra_1/oltp_welcome.cfm
 - [http://www.math.unt.edu/mathlab/emathlab/Review%20Test%20\(College%20Algebra\).htm](http://www.math.unt.edu/mathlab/emathlab/Review%20Test%20(College%20Algebra).htm)
- ✿ Grammar:
 - <http://www.chompchomp.com/menu.htm>
 - <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar>
 - <http://majortests.com/sat/grammar.php>
- ✿ Writing Exercise:
 - <https://web.gsc.edu/fs/mhorton/LEnglish/compasspractice/passage1/compass1.html>

Computer Skills Assessment (CSA) Study Aids:

- ✿ To Study for Computer Skills Assessments:
 - Microsoft Office software: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/training/default.aspx>
 - Also visit the tutoring centers on campus for study guides and assistance.
 - See your advisor about semester-length courses available which incorporate the CSA.

