

Skagit Valley College Admissions Newsletter

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SVC Moves to Accuplacer for Placement Testing

As of December 1, Skagit Valley College has moved to the Accuplacer test for those students who need placement testing. Accuplacer is replacing the Compass test, which was retired at the end of 2016.

Like Compass, Accuplacer places students into English and Math classes. The test is untimed and multiple-choice. On average, the testing session takes less than two hours to complete. Although hand-held calculators are prohibited, there is a calculator built into the test for questions that need it.

If students have taken the Compass placement test within the last two years, they do not need to take the Accuplacer test. The scores are still valid and we still accept Compass results.

There are a variety of other ways students may place into classes at Skagit Valley College; not every new student has to take the Accuplacer test. Depending on each entering student's situation, their best option may be to place in to classes by using high school transcripts, Smarter Balanced scores, AP Test scores, prior

college transcripts, and other ways. If students place into courses by one of these other methods, they would not need to take the Accuplacer test. Review www.skagit.edu/placement for a full list of options and details.

To access free practice materials to help students prepare for the test, visit <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org>. Students can schedule to take the Accuplacer placement test at Skagit Valley College online at <https://secure.skagit.edu/assessment>.

If you have any questions about the Accuplacer test or would like to talk about the possibility of having an Accuplacer test proctored at your location, email testing@skagit.edu. ■



Upcoming Events

Backstage Pass

Go behind the scenes on SVC's Mount Vernon Campus and attend a free SVC event – January is an SVC men's basketball game!

Wednesday, January 18, 2017
4pm-9pm – Lewis Hall L311

Running Start Info Nights

Do you have students interested in enrolling in Running Start? We will host Information sessions at the Mount Vernon Campus on the following evenings:

**January 25, March 1, April 18,
May 10, June 7**

Each session will be held:
6pm – Lewis Hall L311

Take a Tour!

At the Mount Vernon Campus

AFTERNOON VISITS

Tues & Thurs 3:30-4:30pm

Take a guided, 45-minute walking tour of our Mount Vernon campus. Please reserve your space at least one week prior to visiting campus.

GROUP TOURS

Would you like to set up a tour for your group of students? We are happy to customize a tour just for you! Contact andrew.santos@skagit.edu to get started!

Sign-up: www.skagit.edu/visit

Students Can Try a Trade in February

Join Us at Try-A-Trade Day on February 23, 2017

Do you know a high school student interested in a professional or technical career? If so, have them join us at Skagit Valley College for our annual Try-a-Trade Day for high school students. Try-A-Trade Day will be held at our Mount Vernon campus on Thursday, February 23, 2017. The theme this year is "Careeropoly."

Try-A-Trade Day is focused on high school juniors and seniors, particularly those interested in learning about professional and technical training options. The event features hands-on interactive demos of current professional technical programs offered through Skagit Valley College.

The program will begin promptly at 9am and run through 1pm, including a pizza lunch. Registration must be completed through the student's high school counselors; more information including the registration form and event timeline will be provided to the high school counselors in January. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Jolly at james.jolly@skagit.edu.

We look forward to hosting these students and sharing SVC's professional and technical training options! ■

The image shows a board game titled "Careeropoly Skagit Valley College Edition". The board is a grid with various career paths and educational options. The central area features a red banner with the text "Careeropoly Skagit Valley College Edition" and a cartoon cardinal mascot. Below the banner is a green box that says "TRY A TRADE". The board is surrounded by various icons and text boxes representing different career fields and educational paths. At the bottom of the board, there is a large red banner that says "TRY-A-TRADE DAY" and a blue banner that says "SAVE THE DATE Thursday February 23 2017 9:00 am to 1:00 pm". The Skagit Valley College logo is also present in the bottom left corner.

SVC Foundation Scholarships Open for New and Returning Students

It's time to apply for Skagit Valley College Foundation Scholarships! The SVC Foundation offers a wide variety of scholarships each year to eligible students. Did you know, nearly \$500,000 in scholarships were awarded last year?

This year a **new scholarship for graduating high school students** is being included with the Foundation application process. The **SVC Presidential Scholarship** will be awarded to several degree-seeking students and covers full tuition of 10-18 credits/quarter along with a quarterly stipend to assist with books and fees. It's available for up to 110 credits or 3 years of study, which typically covers a student's full degree program! Help us get the word out about this amazing opportunity!

Applications will be accepted now through 5pm on March 10, 2017. Students only need to complete one application, along with a one-page (max), single-spaced essay to be considered for ALL Foundation scholarships. Current, future, and graduating SVC students should apply. This includes students who are currently in high school but plan to attend Skagit Valley College next year.

For the application and more information regarding these scholarships, visit www.skagit.edu/svcscholarships. For questions regarding the scholarship process, please contact Tom in the Financial Aid Office at tatsuo.tomeoka@skagit.edu. Please encourage your students to apply! ■