

WCC Students Are Now Exempt From Testing Based On SAT Scores

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In order to make every effort to see that students are successful in their chosen course of study, Wilkes Community College requires that all degree, diploma and certificate seeking applicants whose program of study requires a reading, English or mathematics course take a battery of placement tests prior to enrolling. There are now exemptions to this policy which allow students to enroll without taking all or part of the series of placement tests.



1. Applicants transferring to Wilkes Community College from another institution who have successfully completed a transferable freshman English, reading, or mathematics course will be exempt from the placement test for that particular subject area.
2. Applicants who have earned an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution are exempted from placement testing at Wilkes Community College.
3. Students who have a verbal score of 475 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT are exempt from the English section of the placement test at Wilkes Community College.
4. Students who have a math score of 475 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT are exempt from the math section of the placement test at Wilkes Community College.
5. Students who have a reading score of 19 on ACT are exempt from the reading section of the placement test at Wilkes Community College.

No exemptions from placement testing apply to nursing, dental assisting, or speech-language pathology assistant applicants. Dental hygiene applicants who are completing general studies courses at Wilkes Community College and plan to complete their degree at Catawba Valley Community College and Technical Institute (CVCC) must complete the placements tests required by CVCC.

Students requiring special testing accommodations due to a disability should notify the WCC Student Services Office to request appropriate accommodations be made. This request should be made at least ten working days prior to the testing session. Anyone having questions about placement testing and enrollment at Wilkes Community College should call Larry Caudill at 336-838-6138 or visit the college's web site at www.wilkes.cc.nc.us.



WCC STUDENTS RECEIVED NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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At the North Carolina Community College System Academic Excellence Awards Program held in Raleigh on May 18, 1999, Wilkes Community College students Tina Taylor of McGrady and James Lentz of North Wilkesboro were named among the recipients of this year's North Carolina Community College System Academic Excellence Award. Only two students from each of the state's fifty-nine community college institutions are chosen annually for this honor.

The Academic Excellence Awards recognize and encourage scholarship among the more than 710,000 students of the North Carolina Community College System. The Wilkes Community College students were selected by college president Gordon Burns based on their outstanding achievements and leadership at Wilkes. The lead instructors in their programs of study nominated Taylor and Lentz for the award.



Ms. Taylor is enrolled in the college's Associate Degree Nursing program and has maintained a grade point average of 3.49. She has been active in establishing a new scholarship for WCC nursing students in conjunction with the Health Foundation and the nursing class in memory of the late Ben Abernethy. She volunteers as a tutor for the first year nursing students.



Mr. Lentz is a student in the Associate in Science Information Systems/Programming program with a grade point average of 3.72. He is president of WCC's student chapter of AITP and is a member of the Student Government Association. Fall semester, he received the WCC Outstanding Leadership award.

In presenting the awards, North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. stated, "As Governor, I want to congratulate each of you on receiving the Academic Excellence Award from the North Carolina Community College System. The Academic Excellence Award is indeed a high honor that is bestowed upon a select few. You and your family, friends, and instructors should feel proud of this momentous occasion."



Leaders from across the state attended the ceremony with colleges hosting members of the General Assembly from their communities along with school officials, friends and families. Dr. Edward H. Wilson, Jr., President of the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents, made the award presentation. In presenting the awards, Dr.

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