



McHenry
County College

MCC Testing
Center

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Testing Center's Role at MCC

- Placement Testing – ACT Compass
- Proctor exams (GED, Basic Nursing Assistant, CLEP and Make-ups, etc.)
- Provide community-based testing (Distance Learning)
- Provide testing for students with documented needs

Testing Center Utilization

- Total tests administered in 2014: 10,656
 - Placement test – 4710
 - Make-up – 2719
 - Basic Nursing Assistant – 402
 - Documented need testing - 297
 - GED - 157
 - CLEP - 136
 - Distance learning - 112

Transitioning to Compass 5.0

Why it's important

- Over 35% of Testing Center traffic
- Math and English utilize Compass for placement
- Implementation: 8/31/15

Criteria for Compass 5.0

- Secured, standardized exam
- Dedicated proctor
- Sufficient aisle space
- Test carrels
- Uninterrupted testing period

Required Physical Changes to the Testing Center

- Two efficient testing labs
- Two small testing rooms
- Dedicated proctor stations
- Separate reception desk/lockers
- Staff work stations
- Scheduling software
- Video cameras
- Sound-proofing
- More computers

Researching Best Practices

- Reviewed National College Testing Association standards
- Attended Northern Illinois Testing Coalition conference
- Sent surveys to Testing Center listserv
- Visited seven regional community colleges

Benefits to Change

- Comply with Compass 5.0
- Provide industry related credentials testing to MCC students for certificate programs
- Increase GED test sessions
- Expand credit for prior learning exams (e.g., CLEP)
- Add more test offerings from other test vendors (Illinois State Police, Prometric)

Thank You

- Any questions?
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