

FALL QUARTER 2011 RUNNING START TEST INFORMATION
(FOR CLASSES STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2011)
TESTING DATE RANGE: JANUARY 18 – MARCH 25
THIS TESTING IS ONLY FOR CURRENT SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

**Running Start
Application
Process**

You must access the Running Start Application packet using the link below to complete the required applications for the Running Start admissions and testing process.

- Print and read the entire Application packet by clicking on the link below or by copying the link:
http://www.clark.edu/academics/programs/running_start/RS_Application.pdf
- Follow Testing Application Directions
 - Review sample test questions
 - Reserve testing appointment
 - Complete Testing Application

**Testing &
Eligibility**

Initial Testing: January 18 – March 25
Re-testing: March 14 – March 31

- 1) About the test:
 - Computer-based
 - Multiple choice
 - No time limit
- COMPASS test has a writing, reading, and college algebra test (the math test is optional).
- Average test time to complete all three parts: 1 ½ to 2 hours
- Test scores available immediately. **However, you may have to come back the next day if you are not finished testing by the Assessment Center's closing time.**
- **The College Algebra Test is optional:** You may choose to take the math test at a later date. If you choose not to take the College Algebra test, we encourage you to continue taking math at your high school and retest in math in the future. There is no charge for testing if you wait to take the College Algebra test at a later date. The College Algebra test is optional and is only required if you plan to take Math, Chemistry, Physics, or a class that lists math as the prerequisite.
- Qualifying Test Scores:
 - Writing 78 and Reading 74
 - Students must have BOTH Writing and Reading minimum scores in order to take any college level course other than math or courses requiring a math prerequisite.
 - College Algebra: 38 (optional)
- 2) Are you eligible?
 - If eligible: complete Running Start Admissions Application from your application packet
 - If not eligible: refer to re-testing instructions in Admission packet.
 - **Open Testing Hours for Re-testing (Please do not make an appointment):**
Monday & Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (check in by 5:00 p.m. before the Cashier closes)
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (check in by 5:00 p.m. before the Cashier closes)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (check in by 3:00 p.m.)
 - You will only be allowed one re-test before the priority application deadline. Please do not schedule a test appointment if you are re-testing. You will be accommodated on a first come, first serve basis. You must check-in no later than 1 1/2 hours before the Assessment Center closes and before the Cashier closes. Re-testing fees are subject to change.
Cashier hours: Monday -Thursday 8-5, Friday 8-4:30

**Application
Deadline**

Applications are due March 31 no later than 4:00 p.m.

- 1) If you are eligible, complete the Running Start Admissions Application
 - **Completed applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 31 to the Running Start office.**
 - **Please do not wait until the application deadline to submit your application if you qualify before that date.** You will be given important materials telling you about the next steps. You will miss out on crucial information if you miss this step.
 - If you are testing after 5:00, leave your test scores and application in the drop box outside the Running Start office.

What's Next?

Once you have successfully completed the testing and application process you will receive additional details about:

- Running Start Orientation
- Forecasting
- Registration
- Paying Fees

Questions?

- Running Start Office hours: **Monday – Thursday 7:30-5:00, Friday 10:00-4:30**
- Running Start Office phone: 992-2366
- Running Start Office email: contact Peg Estes at mestes@clark.edu
- Cashier Office: 992-2177
- Assessment Office: 992-2648
- Welcome Center: 992-2107

How to find us...

