



**COMPASS ASSESSMENT TEST—WALK IN DATES**  
**Room 2505, Second Floor**

**SUMMER SESSION I CLASSES BEGIN JUNE 1, 2010**  
**SUMMER SESSION II CLASSES BEGIN JUNE 15, 2010**

| February 2010 |              | March 2010 |              |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1             | 12 pm - 5 pm | 1          | 10 am - 3 pm |
| 2             | 9 am - 2 pm  | 2          | 10 am - 3 pm |
| 8             | 12 pm - 5 pm | 8          | 12 pm - 5 pm |
| 9             | 10 am - 4 pm | 9          | 12 pm - 7 pm |
| 10            | 9 am - 2 pm  | 15         | 10 am - 3 pm |
| 15            | 12 pm - 7 pm | 16         | 9 am - 2 pm  |
| 16            | 9 am - 3 pm  | 22         | 9 am - 2 pm  |
| 22            | 12 pm - 5 pm | 23         | 9 am - 2 pm  |
| 23            | 9 am - 3 pm  | 29         | 12 pm - 5 pm |
|               |              | 30         | 12 pm - 5 pm |

- ✓ COMPASS is a placement test and should be taken seriously.
- ✓ COMPASS is comprised of three sections: Math, English and Reading.
- ✓ COMPASS scores will determine if a student is ready to enroll in college-level courses at Prairie State College.
- ✓ Placement testing requires approximately 3 hours to complete.
- ✓ A calculator is permitted (but optional) for the math portion.
- ✓ A photo ID and a PSC student ID number are REQUIRED to take the test.
- ✓ Students are asked to write a short essay in addition to completing the standardized portion of the test.
- ✓ Children and guests are NOT allowed in the Compass Testing Center.

Commonly asked questions:

Can I study for the COMPASS test?

American College Testing (ACT) program posts sample questions on its Web site, [www.act.org/compass](http://www.act.org/compass). (Click on "Sample Questions" in blue box) See additional information located on the back page.

How soon should I take the COMPASS test?

Take the test as soon as you can. Courses fill up quickly. You are more likely to get your first choice of classes if you complete testing well before the beginning of the term. Seating for COMPASS is limited. Students attending the College for the first time should take advantage of early test dates.

**No appointment necessary.**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT ENROLLING? Call the Enrollment Advisors:**

**Wallace Bailey, Jr. at (708) 709-3641**  
**Beth Wyack at (708) 709-7776**

## Recommended Study Material for COMPASS testing

- COMPASS Sample Test, <http://www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html>
- GED, Act, or SAT Study Guides can be found in most local libraries
- Mathematics [www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com) and [www.Mathpower.com](http://www.Mathpower.com)

### **Pre-Algebra**

Fractions  
Percentages  
Decimals Averages  
Ration & Proportion

### **Algebra**

Exponents  
Factoring  
Graphing  
Polynomials  
Linear Equation

- Reading [www.cerritos.edu/reading/tutorials.htm](http://www.cerritos.edu/reading/tutorials.htm)
  - Main ideas, general versus specific
  - Implied ideas, vocabulary in context
  - Topic sentences
- Writing <http://webster.commnet.edu/grammar> and [www.chompchomp.com](http://www.chompchomp.com)
  - Grammar and punctuation including the use of periods, commas, semi-colons, etc.
  - Verb tense and usage, vocabulary usage including repetition