



Center for Learning Assessment

Interpreter Training Associate in Applied Science Degree Interpreter Training Certificate of Achievement Program Admission Testing Information

Entrance testing is a requirement for all candidates seeking admission to the Interpreter Training Programs. All candidates are required to take a Nelson Denny Reading test, a Compass Writing Skills test and to complete a written essay.

How do I schedule an appointment for program admission testing?

- Call the Center for Learning Assessment at (630) 466-7900, ext. 5700 to schedule your appointment. Individual appointments are available throughout the year, Monday through Saturday at both the Sugar Grove and the Aurora campuses.
- There is a \$15 charge for initial testing for this program.

What will be included in the Program Admission Tests?

- The Nelson Denny Reading Test has 2 test sections listed below:
Vocabulary.....15 minutes Comprehension.....20 minutes
- The Compass Writing Skills Test is an untimed, multiple choice exam that includes questions relating to punctuation, grammar, usage and style.
 - If a valid, current Compass Writing Skills score is on file at Waubonsee which meet the minimum requirement for this program, this test does not have to be taken.
- The Writing Sample is a timed 40 minute essay on one specific topic.

What test scores are required to meet the requirements for admission to the Interpreter Training Program?

- A 12.0 grade equivalent level is required on both sections of the Nelson-Denny Reading Test. This means that you will need a minimum score of 12.0 on the vocabulary and comprehension sections of the test.
- A 75 minimum score is required for the Compass Writing Skills test.
- A 55 minimum score is required for the Writing Sample.

When will my results be available?

- Your scores will be mailed to you within three weeks of your test date. The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) does not permit providing scores over the telephone. Your assessment testing is just one component of your admission requirements. For further information, contact the Division for Humanities, Fine Arts and Languages at (630) 466-7900, ext. 2921.

How many times can I test?

- You are allowed to retest **two times** on those sections of the test battery where your scores did not meet minimum requirements.
- The date of your retest must be at least 8 weeks from the date of your initial testing.
- The Nelson Denny retest fee is \$15 and the COMPASS Writing Skills retest fee is \$10 per each time that you retest.

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Locations

Sugar Grove Campus
Student Center, Rm. 230
Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive
Sugar Grove, IL 60554

(630) 466-7900, ext. 5700

Aurora Campus
Room 110
5 East Galena Boulevard
Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 801-7900, ext. 4182

Hours of Operation

Monday through Wednesday
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Last test started at 7:30 p.m.)

Thursday and Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
except for the last Friday of each month (10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
First Saturday of each month – Sugar Grove
Second Saturday of each month – Aurora Campus
(Last test started at 11:30 a.m.)

Center for Learning Assessment Website

Click on “Center for Learning Assessment” on the drop-down menu of the Waubonsee website (www.waubonsee.edu)

Testing Integrity Policies

- Photo identification is required for ALL testing.
- Only examinees are allowed in the testing room.
- Refrain from distracting and unauthorized behavior.
- Stop and return all work when time has been called.
- Food, drinks, hats, personal belongings, electronic devices, and use of unauthorized materials are not allowed.



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Sign Language Interpreter Training Program Admission Testing

Interpretation Guide

Test scores are valid for twenty four months from test date.

NELSON DENNY		
SECTION	GRADE LEVELS	RETEST RECOMMENDATION
<u>Vocabulary:</u>	12.0 - 18.9	Passing scores – no retest necessary
	11.9 or below	Strongly advised to register for Reading 072 (Vocabulary Review) class
<u>Comprehension:</u>	12.0 - 18.9	Passing scores – no retest necessary
	10.0 – 11.9	Strongly advised to register for Reading 076 or Reading 074 class
	8.0 – 9.9	Strongly advised to register for Reading 075 or Reading 074 class
	7.9 or below	Strongly advised to register for Reading 074

COMPASS WRITING SKILLS	
COMPASS SCORE	RETEST RECOMMENDATION
75	Passing scores – no retest necessary
73 – 74	Contact Learning Enhancement Sugar Grove: 630-466-2426 Aurora Campus: 630-801-7900 ext. 4227
38-72	Strongly advised to register for Basic Composition II (ENG070)
01-37	Strongly advised to register for Basic Composition I (ENG050)

WRITING SAMPLE	
SCORE	RETEST RECOMMENDATION
55	Passing scores – no retest necessary
54 and below	Contact Learning Enhancement Sugar Grove: 630-466-2426 Aurora Campus: 630-801-7900 ext. 4227

Interpretation of Scores:

- Your scores will be mailed to your home address 2-3 weeks from the day you test. For further information about the program, you may call the Division of Humanities, Fine Arts and Languages at (630) 466-7900, ext. 2921.
- Scores are valid for twenty four months from the test date.

Retest information:

- Students have two attempts to retest after an eight week period from the last test.
- A fee of \$15 will be charged for the Nelson Denny retest.
- A fee of \$10 will be charged for the Compass Writing Skills retest.
- Contact the Center for Learning Assessment at (630) 466-5700 to make an appointment.