ABILITY TO BENEFIT (ATB) 
FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY TESTING

Ability to Benefit

Students who meet one of the qualifications listed below have demonstrated the ability to benefit from a college education in accordance with applicable Federal Regulations.

- Received a high school diploma, or
- Recognized Equivalent of a High School Diploma:
  - A General Educational Development Certificate (GED)
  - A State certificate received by a student after the student has passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma;
  - An academic transcript of a student who has successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree

- Homeschool: The student has completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting that is treated as a homeschool or private school under State law and has obtained a homeschool completion credential, or, if State law does not require a homeschool student to obtain a homeschool credential, the student has completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting that qualifies as an exemption from compulsory school attendance requirements under State law.

Note: Students who do not have a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent (e.g., GED), or do not meet the home school requirements, and who first enroll in a program of study on or after July 1, 2012, will not be eligible to receive Title IV student aid. Students will qualify for Title IV student aid under one of the ability-to-benefit (ATB) alternatives if the student was enrolled in a Title IV eligible program prior to July 1, 2012. Those alternatives include the student passing an independently administered, approved ATB test or successfully completing at least six credit hours or 225 clock hours of postsecondary education.

For more information go to: [http://www.wlac.edu/financialaid/index.html](http://www.wlac.edu/financialaid/index.html)

Exemption from ATB:
You may qualify for financial aid if you gave completed at least 6 (six) degree applicable units. [http://www.wlac.edu/financialaid/index.html](http://www.wlac.edu/financialaid/index.html)

ATB Preparation:
Students are strongly advised to enroll in the “ATB Preparation Course” offered in the Learning Resource Center to adequately prepare for the test. [http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html](http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html)

As well as visit the following sites for test preparation:

To be eligible for financial aid students must pass all sections of the ATB Test in one administration.

Passing scores for students who are native English speakers:

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Passing scores for students who speak English as a Second Language (ESL)

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If you do not pass one of the sections you are required to repeat the whole ATB test for a second time. Please see the following Retest Guidelines:

Retest Guidelines:
1. A “Retest” can never be given the same day
2. A student may take re-test (no more than 3 Compass /ESL placement tests) in a 30 day period.
WLAC Retest Requirements:

1st Retest:
Student will submit (to ATB Proctor) the completed signed “ATB Progress Report Verification” from HLRC Director to ATB Proctor. Attach (email confirmation from HLRC Director)

2nd Retest:
Student will indicate completion of ATB Preparation course. This will be verified through SIS system and Student transcript.

3rd Retest:
Student will indicate completion of ATB Boot Camp Preparation course. This will be verified through SIS system and Student transcript.

ATB Process: Step-by-Step

1. The Financial Aid Office will provide you with an “ATB Referral Form”. Complete the “ATB Referral form and take it over to the Assessment Center ATB Proctor.

2. The ATB Proctor will use the “ATB Referral Form” to schedule the appropriate ATB Test Appointment.

3. Students are strongly encouraged to visit the HLRC for tutoring and “ATB Test Preparation” prior to taking the test as well as visiting the Compass Test Preparation Site at: http://www.testprepreview.com/compass_practice.htm and http://www.act.org/compass/sample/

4. Students with Disabilities: If you are a student with a disability and require test accommodations, you must provide documentation from the DSPS Office to schedule your ATB Test. Documentation that must be presented to the Assessment Center ATB proctor includes:
   a. A written determination, including a diagnosis and information about testing accommodations, if such accommodation information is available, by a licensed psychologist or physician; or
   b. A record of the disability from a local or State educational agency, or other government agency, such as the Social Security Administration or a vocational rehabilitation agency, that identifies the individual’s disability. This record may, but is not required to, include a diagnosis and recommended testing accommodations. http://www.wlac.edu/dsp/DSPS.htm

5. Once your appointment is scheduled, you must report promptly at the appointed time with a Government issued Picture Identification, pencil and pen to the Assessment Center. For more Information please contact the Assessment Center at (310) 287-4462.
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STUDENT CONDUCT REGULATIONS

**Attentiveness**

Eating or Drinking is prohibited in the test room (unless approved by the institution for medical reasons). If you have a question or concerns please raise your hand and the ATB Proctor will assist you.

**Prohibited Items in the Test Room**

Neither test administrators nor examinees are permitted to have food or beverages, including water, in the test room, unless approved by the institution for medical reasons. If allowed to be brought into the room by institutional policies, examinees’ purses, backpacks and bags must be closed and placed well under the seats throughout the testing experience. Examinees may not use timers, cell phones, media players, or any other electronic devices at any time, and the examinee must not be able to access them during testing.

Examinees are not permitted to use or access the following items at any time while in the test room:
- Textbooks, foreign language or other dictionaries, notes, or other aids
- Communication devices (including cell phones)
- Recording devices (including cameras, scanners, tape recorders)
- Media devices (including games, music, video, headphones)
- Reading material
- Food or drink (including water)
- Tobacco in any form

**Prohibited Behavior**

Prohibited behaviors include:
- Looking at another examinee’s computer screen or scratch paper.
- Giving or receiving assistance.
- Using any device to share or exchange information at any time during the tests or during break.
- Attempting to remove test materials (including test questions or answers) from the test room by any means.
- Not following instructions or abiding by the rules of the institution.
- Exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior.
- Creating a disturbance or allowing an alarm or phone to sound in the test room.

If a student engages in Prohibited Behavior he/she will be dismissed from testing.

Student Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Proctor Signature: ___________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________