

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Test location: William Penn University, Penn Hall - room 319 on the Oskaloosa campus
- Please **arrive 15 minutes early** to complete general information on the test form. Admission will NOT be permitted after start time.
- Individuals requiring accommodations must contact Cathy Williamson (williamsonc@wmpenn.edu) at least 10 days prior to test date.
- You must bring the following items on the test day: - A photo ID (required) - Number two pencils
- Test dates/times:

Aug. 5, 9:00 am	Sept. 13, 7:00 pm	Nov. 8, 7:00 pm	<i>No Wed. test in Feb.</i>	Mar. 21, 7:00 pm
Aug. 5, 10:00 am	Sept. 16, 9:00 am	Nov. 11, 9:00 am	Feb. 17, 9:00 am	Mar. 24, 9:00 am

About C-BASE

The State of Iowa requires that all students entering teacher preparation programs pass a standardized test of basic skills. William Penn University reviewed several options and selected the College BASE testing program.

College BASE is a criterion-referenced academic achievement examination that evaluates knowledge and skills in English, mathematics, science, and social studies. The examination consists of 180 multiple-choice items in four subjects areas. An essay prompt is also used to assess students' writing ability. William Penn requires and administers only the English, writing, and mathematics sections. In addition to traditional subject scores, College BASE assesses competency in higher order thinking skills. Student score reports are mailed directly to each student and are also sent to William Penn University.

The administration time per subject is approximately 45 minutes, plus 40 minutes for the essay prompt. Thus the total administration time at William Penn, including breaks, is approximately 2.5 hours.

Each of the subjects, English and mathematics, is organized into levels of increasing specificity. Each subject is divided into two or more clusters; each cluster is made up of several closely related skills; and each skill is defined by two to six highly specific subskills.

Interpreting College BASE Scores

College BASE numeric scores range from 40 to 560 points. This scale has been designed so that a score of 300 will always be the mean (average) for the entire group of examinees. The averages for a given institution, however, are likely to differ from the averages for the entire group.

English

College BASE divides English into two clusters: reading and literature, and writing. The reading and literature cluster evaluates students' reading comprehension skills and students' knowledge of major literary terms, genres, figures, and works, with emphasis on British and American literature. The writing cluster evaluates students' prewriting, composing, and revising skills through a combination of multiple-choice questions and an essay.

Mathematics

College BASE divides mathematics into three clusters: general mathematics, algebra and geometry. The general mathematics cluster assesses computational skills, knowledge of basic mathematical concepts and notational systems, and the ability to use techniques of statistical reasoning. The algebra cluster assesses ability to solve linear equations, inequalities and quadratic equations, and to reduce numerical expressions to their lowest terms. The geometry cluster assesses knowledge of basic geometrical concepts and ability to use those concepts in calculations. Students may bring their own basic, hand-held, non-printing calculator or use any instructional material.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit the bottom portion of this form, along with the \$35 registration fee, to Deb DeVos. Please pay by personal check, cashier's check, or money order **payable to WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY**. Please contact the institution in which you are enrolled to receive a study guide.

Mail in advance to:

Deb DeVos, Education Division
William Penn University
201 Trueblood Ave
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ I have included the \$35 registration fee. Yes No

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I am registering for: the entire test retaking a section (indicate which section: Reading/Writing Mathematics)

Please send a copy of my results to: Attending institution: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____