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OFFICE OF TESTING
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Hours of Operation: 8:30am—4:30pm

SERVICES:

Accuplacer Student Placement Testing

Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)

Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI) Administration

Graduate Comprehensive Exams

Credit by Examinations (CBE)

- * CLEP
- * DANTES
- * Challenge Exams
- * Distance Learning

Standardized Testing

- * Praxis
- * Graduate Record Examination (**GRE**)
- * Law School Admission Test (**LSAT**)
- * Professional Testing Corporation (**PTC**)
- * National Board for Certified Counselors (**NBCC**)

Online Course Evaluations (OCE)

Partnerships

- Laser Grade
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (**TOEFL**)
- Miller Analogies Test (**MAT**)
- CASTLE
- Kryterion
- Prometric (DSST)
- Certiport
- Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS)

Office of Testing Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of Testing at Delaware State University is to assist DSU students and the surrounding community in assessing their knowledge, skills, and abilities as they relate to higher and continuing education by providing a variety of local and national testing opportunities. This is accomplished through the use of written and computer-adapted assessment and testing instruments.

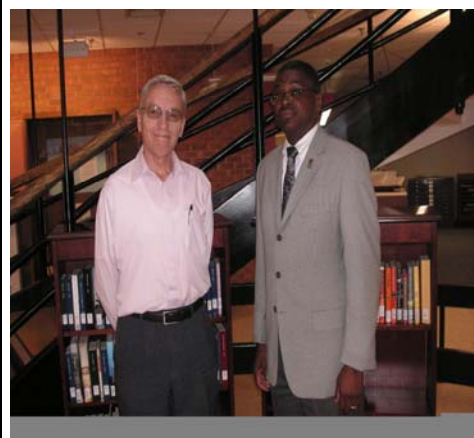
NCTA—State of Delaware Meeting



Picture (left to right): Wanda Kosinski (NCTA NJ State Liaison), Amystique Y. Harris Church (DSU-Testing Office) (back), Mary Ruth Pierce (University of Delaware-Testing Office), Sharon Long (NCTA National State Liaison Coordinator) (back) and James C. Whitaker (NCTA State of Delaware Liaison)

James C. Whitaker, director of the Office of Testing and Amystique Y. Harris Church, associate director of operations, were invited to be keynote speakers at the NCTA State Liaison session that was held at the Aug. 4 to 8 National College Testing Association in San Antonio, Texas. The presentation was titled, "Building an Enriching Testing Association for Our Community."

Impacting Our Community



Picture (left to right): Dr. Peter S. Cookson, Director of Distance Education and Mr. James C. Whitaker, Director of Testing are collaborating on offering proctoring services to DSU faculty that instruct online courses. This initiative is part of Office of Testing Distance Learning Services component. This service is free to the DSU community, but provided for a nominal fee to other colleges/universities. Faculty members need to contact the Testing Office to make arrangements.

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Mrs. Tamara Crump, Interim Executive Director, Adult and Continuing Education

Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) and

Office of Testing are collaborating on several certification/testing services. ACE offers the Pharmacy Technician/CISCO courses and GRE computerized-prep. Office of Testing is pleased to provide the certification test for Pharmacy Technician through Laser grade and GRE (paper-based) exam through ETS and CISCO certification test is coming soon.



Our office has partnered with Delaware National Guard members to take CBT CLEP and DANTES exams at our site for free for 1 year agreement. There will be no administration or test fee for all DNG members with valid military ID card.



Jonas Acquah, MBA Student at Delaware State University and Graduate Assistant with DSU Title III Office. Jonas is currently pursuing the Association of Chartered Certified Accountant Qualification-UK. He has completed two exams at DSU Office of Testing. If this partnership was not formed Jonas would have had to travel to New York to complete his exams. Jonas short term goal is to be a Chartered Accountant with an MBA and work with a multinational organization. His long term goal is to be the Treasury Secretary of a country.

STANDARIZED TESTING DATES—2009/2010

To Register for the GRE, TOEFL, PRAXIS and Subject Tests online at www.ets.org

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Paper-Based General
 10/24/09 2/6/10
 Subject Test
 10/10/09 11/7/09
 4/10/10

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

9/26/09 12/5/09
 2/6/10

PRAXIS Series (PRAXIS I, PRAXIS II)

9/12/09 11/14/09
 1/9/10 3/13/10
 4/24/10 4/24/10
 6/12/10 7/24/10

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

9/19/09 9/11/09 9/25/09 10/10/09
 10/17/09 10/23/09 10/24/09 10/31/09
 11/7/09 11/13/09 11/20/09 11/21/09
 12/4/09 12/11/09 12/19/09

Graduate Comp Exam (Education)

10/31/09 3/20/10

New Office Personnel



Mr. James A. Perrine (JP) is the new Testing Assistant for Office of Testing. Mr. Perrine brings with him a wealth of Administrative and Program Development experience. James previously worked with Delaware State University as Residence Manager (1995-2002) and Recruiter Counselor for Veterans Upward (2006-2007).

Welcome JP!

Online Course Evaluations (OCE)

Online Course Evaluations will be administered for the Fall 2009 semester during the entire month of November. Join the Office of Testing staff as we strive to make this a productive semester.



Upcoming Testing Partnerships

American College Testing Program (ACT) - ACT is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and work-force development. The Office of Testing will begin to administer the Association of Social Work Board Exam and Chemical Engineer and Maintenance (CEM) Exam. www.act.org

Castle Wireless—Test Every Where Net (TEN) - is a full-service testing and training company, providing clients with quality examination design, development, and delivery such as Greenhouse Gas Technician, Professional Traffic Engineering, National Interpreter and much more. www.castleworldwide.com

Upcoming Projects

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airman Knowledge Tests for commercial airline pilots and mechanics. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airman knowledge tests are effective instruments for aviation safety and regulation measurement. The general qualifications for an airline transport pilot, aircraft dispatcher, or flight navigator certificate require that you have a combination of experience, knowledge, and skill.

CISCO Systems IT Certification (Pearson Vue Testing) - The widely respected IT certification programs available through CISCO Career Certifications bring valuable, measure rewards to networks professionals, their managers, and the organizations that employ them.

CISCO offers three levels of general IT certification: Associate, Professional, and Expert (OCIE representing the highest level of achievement).

CISCO offers IT certification in focuses areas in addition to general certifications, network professionals can enhance their core networking knowledge by achieving specialist certification in technologies such as security, IP telephony, and wireless.

Note: Partnership information is under consideration before finalizing agreement process.



College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) gives you the opportunity to receive college credit for what you already know by earning qualifying scores on any of the 34 CLEP examinations. Students who earn college credit through CLEP exams save both time and money in pursuing an undergraduate degree. Students are able to skip courses that cover material already known or previously learned, allowing for a more rapid advancement toward the completion of a degree, while also available the cost of unnecessary tuition. By taking advantage of the opportunities presented by CLEP exams, students can complete their degree faster and SAVE money. A total of 2,900 colleges and universities in the United States will recognize your comprehensive subject knowledge acquired through independent or prior study, on-the-job training, professional development, cultural pursuits, or internships.

The advantage to taking a CLEP exam is to accelerate your degree; graduate on time or sooner; move into advanced classes; earn college credit without attending class; save money by not paying tuition, books, or fees; complete degree requirements during your high school senior year or anytime during your college years.

Delaware High Schools Students Incentives: No administrative fee; Flexible scheduling hours; Early Bird Program; Accuplacer Testing and College Readiness Tutorial Program. There are a selected core college courses suggested that the students take advantage—College Mathematics, Foreign Languages (Spanish or French), English Compositions, American Literature, American Government and Biology.

If Our Customers Are Not Happy, We Are Not Happy!

These are exciting times for the Office of Testing. Our office is enjoying new levels of respect and distinction in accomplishing our goals. At the core of this newfound enthusiasm are a dedicated staff committed to ensuring that each customer (internal/external) receives unwavering attention, assistance and support. The testing office emphasizes quality in all aspects of its operational processes. The Office of Testing is committed to striving for excellence. The ultimate goal for the office is to be the very best it can be as premium testing location in the State of Delaware.

