

# TESTING TIMES

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**OFFICE OF TESTING**  
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## 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)

## 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

Dr. Lou Woodruff, NCTA President, Dr. Bruce Curry, Principal, PolyTech High School, Mrs. Elivia Knight, Principal, Caesar Rodney High School, Mrs. Mary Ruth Pierce, Testing Coordinator, University of Delaware, Ms. Phyllis Brooks Collins, Executive Director, DSU Academic Enrichment

On February 20, 2009, Office of Testing hosted the 2nd National College Testing Association (NCTA) meeting for the State of Delaware in the Bank of America Building, Room 310. The guest speaker was Dr. Lou Woodruff, NCTA President who presented information on the certification process for testing centers. The meeting was open to testing personnel and high schools principals in the state. The DSU Office of Testing is the State of Delaware liaison for the National College Testing Association (NCTA).

## College Level Examination Program - Testimonials

Carmen Garcia (pictured on left) received 6 college credit hours by passing the CLEP Spanish exam. She is currently a student at Wesley College and saved over \$4,000.00

Yong Johnson (pictured on right) received 3 college credit hours by passing the CLEP Micro Economics exam. She is currently a student at University of Maryland College Park and saved over \$1,300.00



**CLEP  
Success  
Stories**



## Accomplishments

- The Office of Testing is the State of Delaware liaison for National College Testing Association (NCTA). The purpose of the State Liaison is to promote communication among testing professionals via formal and informal meetings. Our first meeting was held on November 12, 2008, and our guest speaker was Carol Kercheval, College Board. Our second meeting was held on February 20, 2009, and our guest speaker was Dr. Lou Woodruff, NCTA President.
- Accuplacer—an accurate student placement test delivered over the internet. Accuplacer is a suite of computer-adaptive placement tests that quickly, accurately, and efficiently assess reading, writing, and math skills. The new i3 platform includes more than 100 user requested features and enhancements to improve your testing experience. Writerplacer enhancements : (1) new eight-point scoring rubric; (2) new dimension statements; (3) ten new essay prompts. At this time, we are working with local high schools as part of our College Readiness Initiative to assess the academic readiness of their students (juniors/seniors). [www.collegeboard.com/accuplacer](http://www.collegeboard.com/accuplacer)
- Our new partnership with Prometric DSST (Computerized) program offers a total of 37 exams in college subject areas such as Social Sciences, math, Applied Technology, Business, Physical Sciences and Humanities. Learners who take and pass a DSST exam are given college credit applied toward their degree. [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com)
- Kryterion offers a variety of computerized assessments delivery such as Business Procedures, Fabricators, Manufacturers Association, Masonary, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Retail Store Maintenance, Master Electrician, and Urgent Care Medicine Board. [www.kryterion.com](http://www.kryterion.com)
- Castle Worldwide is a full-service testing and training company, providing clients with quality examination design, development, and delivery such as Athletic Trainer, Personal Trainer, Greenhouse Gas Technician, BOC Trainer and Nutrition. [www.castleworldwide.com](http://www.castleworldwide.com)
- We have visited several local Delaware High Schools to discuss the CLEP and College Readiness Program. These programs will save high school students and parents time and money.

## STANDARIZED TESTING DATES—2009/2010

To Register for the GRE, TOEFL, PRAXIS and Subject Tests online at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

### Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

2/21/09

2/4/09

### Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

2/7/09      2/9/09      9/26/09

12/5/09      2/8/10

### PRAXIS Series (PRAXIS I, PRAXIS II)

1/10/09      3/14/09      4/25/09

6/13/09      7/25/09

### Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

2/14/09      2/21/09      2/27/09

4/3/09      5/5/09      5/15/09

5/30/09      6/12/09

### National Board For Certified Counselors (NBCC)

4/18/09      10/17/09

Student Placement Testing ... A Huge Success



College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Save Time. Save Money. Take 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 avoiding 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 advantages to taking a CLEP exam is accelerate your degree; graduate on time or sooner; move into advanced classes; earn college credit without attending class; save money by not paying for 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 high school students take advantage of the CLEP exams—College Mathematics, Foreign Languages (Spanish or French), English Compositions, American Literature, American Government and Biology

LASER GRADE TESTING

Laser Grade—offers proctored computer-based test administration for occupational and professional licensure and certifications.

Our continued partnership with State of Delaware and Laser grade is growing. Here are several exams that are given at our location.

- Cosmetology                      Esthetician                      Certified Paraoptometric Technician                      Certified Personal Trainer
- Manger Trainer Readiness Assessment                      CSN Certification Exam for School Nurses                      CHH Health Homes Specialist
- Registration Examination for Electronic Phalgraph                      Pennsylvania Psychology Law Exam                      Lamaze International Exam



**UPCOMING TESTING PARTNERSHIPS**

**Microsoft Office Specialist Certification (MOS)**



The Certiport created the world’s only globally recognized, standards-based credential for validating desktop computer skills: Microsoft® Office Specialist certification. Because Microsoft Office Specialist is the official Microsoft Office certification for desktop productivity, it is the premier credential chosen by individuals seeking to validate their skills and advance their careers

**Register online at [www.certiport.com](http://www.certiport.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, measurable rewards to network professionals, their managers, and the organizations that employ them.

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

CISCO offers IT certification in focused 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.\*\*



**Student African American Brotherhood (S.A.A.B.) and Men's Council—Gentlemen: A Cut Above The Rest**



Picture— left to right

Andre Henry, Men's Council President, Phyllis Brooks Collins, Executive Director of Academic Enrichment, Justin Williams, S.A.A.B Member, Roosevelt Ben, S.A.A.B. Member

On February 14th, Valentine’s Day the members of S.A.A.B. and Men's Council distributed roses to the female employees of Delaware State University. This was a joint effort with the Office of Student Affairs.