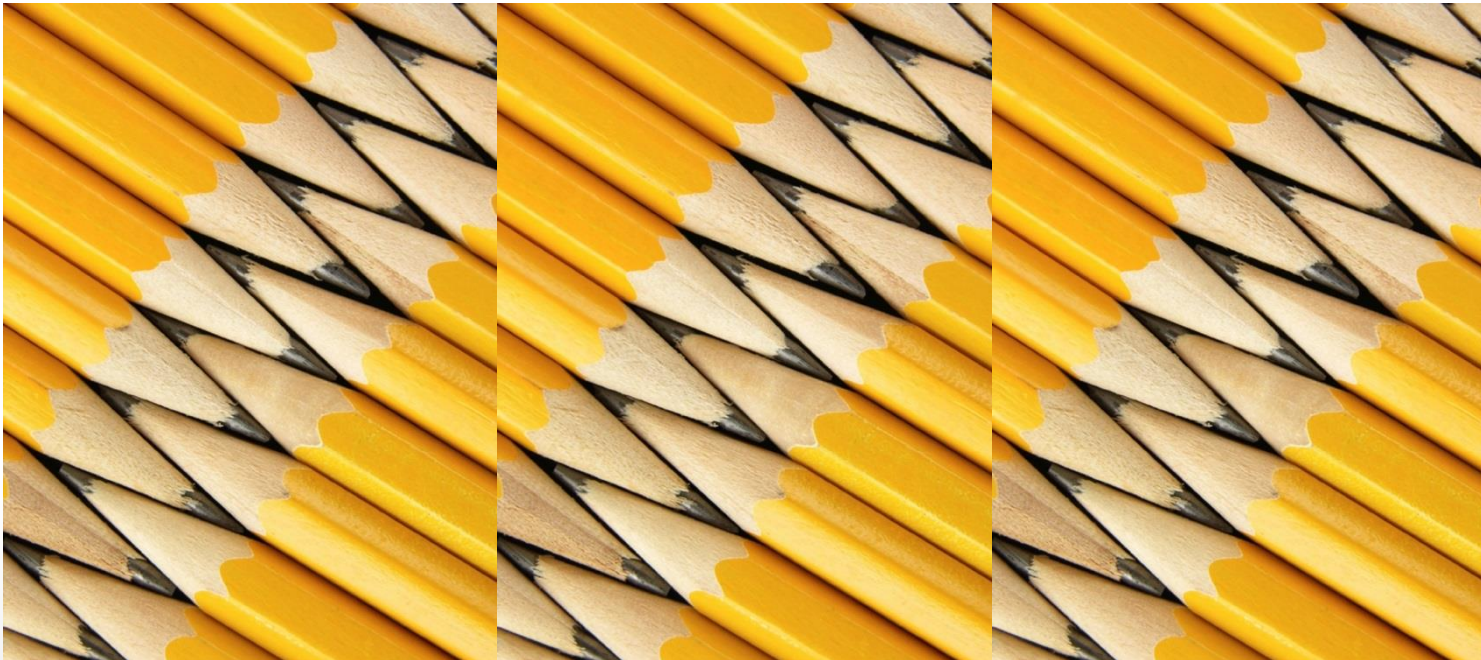


Placement Testing Updates



Walk In Testing

- Available for current students, transfer students, re-testers, FLEX candidates – not available for NF
- Hours:
 - 11am-4pm Monday
 - 9am-2pm Wednesday
 - 10am-2pm Friday

NF Placement Testing Options

Paper Based Test (PBT)	Logistics	Cost
UWM New Freshman Placement	Administered at UWM, for UWM students only Tests offered in math, English, foreign language, chemistry, & English Placement for Non-Native Speakers of English (EPT-NNSE) Receive information about orientation, housing, & financial aid Results posted to PAWS in 2 business days	Free
Regional Testing	Available to all UW students Locations across Wisconsin; Limited dates/locations in MN & IL Tests offered in math, English, and foreign language No chemistry or EPT-NNSE testing offered Results posted to PAWS in 2-3 weeks	Free
Residual Testing by Appointment on a UW Campus	Available to all UW students Not available on all UW Campuses, very limited dates and locations Tests offered in math, English, and foreign language No chemistry or EPT-NNSE testing offered Results posted to PAWS in 2-3 weeks	Fees Vary by Location
Computer Based Test	Logistics	
Testing by Appointment at a Computer Test Center	Available to all UW students Test centers located throughout the country & internationally Chemistry and EPT-NNSE testing are NOT offered in a computer based format Contracted through an outside company called Castle Must test at a Castle testing center Results posted to PAWS in 2-3 weeks	\$80-100

Transfer & Adult Students

Do Transfer Students need to take placement exams?

- If the student took placement tests at another UW System school, those scores can be transferred to UWM.
 - Weekly report run to pull scores from the statewide database & upload results to PAWS.
 - Students can call 414-229-2210 or email testingcenter@uwm.edu to have those scores uploaded.
 - Advisors should email testingcenter@uwm.edu if they would like to request tests taken at another UW campus be posted to a student's PAWS account. Please include the student's name, date of birth and approximate test date (if known) in the email.
- If their English and/or Math General Education Requirements for the academic program are already completed, placement tests are not needed.
- If neither of the above applies, the student needs to complete placement tests.

Do Adult Students need to take placement exams?

- All first time adult students are treated like an NF and will be required to take placement exams in Math and English.

Study materials for placement tests can be found online at <https://www4.uwm.edu/des/testing/placementtests.cfm>

UWM's Retest Policies

These restrictions are necessary to ensure that recent familiarity with material on the subject is not reflected in inappropriately higher scores.

Math & English

UW-Milwaukee students are eligible to take the UW-System math and English placement test twice based on the following:

- It has been **25** days since the first time the exam was taken. An alternate test form will be administered.
- The student has not started course work in the subject. During the add/drop period (first two weeks of classes) this is waived.
- The student has not had coursework in the subject area for the last two years.
- The student must not have course work that transfers as credit to UWM in the course area.**
- The student has received permission from the English/math department to re-test for a third time or within the required waiting period. This is done on an appeal basis and the Testing Center requires permission directly from the department.

Chemistry

UW-Milwaukee students are eligible to take the UWM **Chemistry** placement test twice based on the following:

- It has been 8 weeks since the first time the exam was taken.
- The student has not started course work in the subject. During the add/drop period (first two weeks of classes) this is waived.
- The student has not had coursework in the subject area for the last two years (courses in the chemistry sequence 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105)*.
- The student must not have course work that transfers as credit to UWM in the chemistry sequence.**
- The student has received permission from the chemistry department to re-test for a third time or within the required waiting period. This is done on an appeal basis and the Testing Center requires permission directly from the department.

EPT-NNSE

- It has been 16 weeks since the first time they took the exam. An alternate test form will be administered.
- The student has received permission from the EAP department to re-test within the required waiting period. This is done on an appeal basis and the Testing Center requires permission from the department.

**Transfer credit in a course area is determined by the application processing office. When a math, English or chemistry course from a previous institution transfers as an equivalent UWM course, it is determined that the student has been exposed to the test material.

Math Placement Update

- UW System initiative to standardize math cut scores across institutions for credit bearing algebra based math courses.
- 2017 test will have new subsections:
 - **MFUND** – fundamentals including basic math, geometry and basic algebra
 - Standard cut score determined by UW System will be used across institutions to place students into credit bearing algebra based math
 - **AALG** – advanced algebra
 - **TAG** – trigonometry & analytic geometry

QUESTIONS?
CONCERNS?
SUGGESTIONS?