

Welcome to Bakersfield College

Thank you for making Bakersfield College your choice for higher education. You are now ready to move on to Step 2 of the enrollment process. Please plan to attend orientation as soon as possible. (Schedule attached.)

Step 1: Admission

You should have completed an admission form and submitted it **online**. *If you have not submitted an admission form, you cannot attend the orientation or assessment.* Foreign students holding visas must contact the Office of Admissions and Records on the main campus for additional information.

Step 2: Orientation

Orientation is designed to inform students about career options, financial aid, how to register, how to improve study skills, and how to determine whether assessment testing is necessary. All new students are expected to attend an orientation session and assessment testing to qualify for early registration. Students may participate in an **online orientation** on the college’s website. Go to **BakersfieldCollege.edu** and click on **Enrolling At BC**, located in the **New Students** box on the left of the home page. There you will find a link to the **Online Orientation**. **See reverse side for schedule of orientations.**

Step 3: Assessment

All first-time students who plan to earn a certificate or degree, transfer, or enroll in an English or math course, must take the BC assessment tests (ACT Compass) in order to determine their entry level in reading, math, and writing (English composition). Bakersfield College offers a wide range of courses in each of these areas beginning with basic skill development and progressing to transfer level. In order to determine where to begin in each of these areas, it is necessary for you to take these tests. The test results and other criteria will be used to determine your placement. Special assessment testing accommodations can be provided for persons with disabilities. An English As a Second Language Test is available to all students whose first language is not English. **See reverse side for assessment testing schedule.**

Step 4: Counseling

Attend a free face-to-face or online **New Student Counseling Workshop**. This workshop will help you identify your educational goal, choose classes and inform you of special services available to students. All students must complete this step to qualify for early registration appointments. Contact the Counseling Center to schedule an in-person or complete the online workshop at BakersfieldCollege.edu.

Step 5: Registration

Once you have completed orientation and assessment, and the New Student Workshop, you are ready to register for classes at Bakersfield College. Students who have completed orientation, assessment and counseling will receive an online registration appointment. Those who do not complete steps 1-4 must wait to register during open registration.

Special Notes:

- If you attended BC previously and completed an admission form, orientation, assessment and counseling during prior enrollment, you may update online at BakersfieldCollege.edu by clicking “admissions” and “online admission/update”.
- Students with disabilities who might require testing accommodations should contact the Supportive Services Center at 395-4334.
- If English is not your first language, please refer to the ESL orientation and assessment information.

Important Numbers to Remember

Admissions and Records	395-4301	Financial Aid	395-4427
Assessment	395-4479	General Information	395-4011
Counseling	395-4421	DSP&S	395-4334



Summer/Fall 2011 Orientation Dates

Main Campus

- Free parking is available during testing in the west section (marked free parking) of the parking lot at the corner of Haley and University. Parking in any other lot will require a one-day paid permit.
- Plan to arrive 20 minutes early.
- All sessions are 90 minutes long.
- All orientations are held on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Forum.

Day of Event: Wednesday Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 pm Place: Forum

April 13	June 8	September 7	November 9
April 27	August 10	October 12	December 7
May 11	August 24		

- No one will be admitted after presentation has begun.
- The doors will be locked at five minutes past the hour. You must stay for the ENTIRE orientation session.
- Orientation can be completed online at BakersfieldCollege.edu then click Counseling. Upon beginning the Orientation quiz your ID is your social security number, and your pin number is the 8-16 digit password that you created when you completed your admission form.
- An admission/Update form must be submitted prior to completing orientation.

ESL Orientation

For students whose primary language is not English

If English is your second language, it is recommended that you attend the ESL Orientation. ESL Orientation will help ease your transition into higher education in the United States. You will have the opportunity to find out how Bakersfield College will meet your expectations and what is expected of you as a student.

- One-day parking passes are available for \$1.00 from the dispensers located in the parking lots.
- All dates and times will be Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m. and located in SS 151.

May 10	October 18
June 14	November 15
August 2	December 6

Summer/Fall 2011 Assessment Dates - ENSL Included

The Bakersfield College Assessment Center is located in the Finlinson Conference Center. Students should plan to spend approximately 2 1/2 hours for their assessment testing. Students will be tested on a space available basis so students arriving by 8 a.m. will very likely be seated immediately and to complete the process within 2 1/2 hours. Those arriving later may have to wait for an open test station.

Students needing special testing accommodations should contact the BC Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) 661-395-4334.

Free parking is available in the lot at the corner of Haley and University. One-day parking permits can be purchased for \$1 from dispensers located in all other student parking lots.

Please be prepared for the assessment session by:

- Bring a photo ID
- Bringing a pencil and calculator
- Knowing your student ID or Social Security number
- Preparing for your assessment by clicking the link on the Assessment page of the BC website. Retests will only be allowed after 30 days in cases of verifiable, extenuating circumstances.
- LEAVING YOUR CELL PHONES AND DATA/MUSIC DEVICES AT HOME OR IN YOUR CAR

ESL Assessment

For students whose primary language is not English.

If English is your second language (you speak another language other than English with your family), it is highly recommended you take our ESL Assessment.

For All Assessments on the Main Campus

Students may arrive to complete walk-in testing:

- On Monday between 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Students must arrive by 6 p.m.)
- On Tuesday through Thursday between 8:15 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- On Friday between 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- On the following Wednesdays between 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.:
March 2, 9; April 6, 13
- On the following Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.:
April 2 & 30; May 7; June 18; July 16; August 6; September 24;
October 22; November 19; December 10

Delano Community Campus

Delano assessment testing is done in the Science & Technology lab located at 1450 Timmons Avenue. Students may arrive to complete walk-in testing during the dates and hours listed below:

Sat. April 9	9-11 a.m.
Thurs. April 14	5-7 p.m.
Thurs. Apr. 28	5-7 p.m.
Thurs. May 5	5-7 p.m.
Sat. May 21	9-11 a.m.
Thurs. May 26	5-7 p.m.
Thurs. June 2	5-7 p.m.
Thurs. June 16	5-7 p.m.
Sat. June 25	9-11 a.m.
Thurs. June 30	5-7 p.m.
Thurs. July 14	5-7 p.m.
Sat. July 23	9-11 a.m.

