



Where to Get More Information

Students who want to attend college or pursue highly-skilled careers are encouraged to do so and to take advantage of available assistance, such as:

- **TMCC's Summer Bridge program (for high school graduates):**
www.tmcc.edu/aor/successfirst/
- **TMCC's Skills Center (available to TMCC students):**
www.tmcc.edu/skillscenter/
- **AVID college-readiness program (in some WCCSD high schools):**
www.avid.org
- **UNR's Upward Bound program (for students still in high school):**
www.unr.edu/upward-bound
- **Dean's Future Scholars program (for students still in high school):**
www.unr.edu/education/centers/dfs

Students and their families who are concerned about the affordability of college and highly-skilled career pathways can find information and assistance at locations such as:

- www.unr.edu/financial-aid/
- www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/
- www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

See college websites for current placement scores needed for classes that count for graduation:

- **UNR English placement:** www.unr.edu/admissions/admissions-resources/class-placement
- **UNR math placement:** www.unr.edu/mathcenter/placement_cutoffscores.html
- **UNR admissions:** www.unr.edu/admissions/
- **TMCC math placement:** www.tmcc.edu/math/placement-and-test-prep/
- **TMCC English placement:** www.tmcc.edu/english/policies-and-procedures/

More information on WorkKeys can be found at: www.act.org/certificate or www.act.org/workkeys/

More Resources:

- **Career and Technical Education:** www.washoeschools.net/AECT (Career and Tech)
- **Careers:** nvcis.intocareers.org/
- **Apprenticeships:** www.buildingtradejobs.org
- **College:** www.collegeboard.com/student/index.html?student
- **College:** www.gotocollegenevada.org
- **Parent University at Washoe County School District:**
www.washoeschools.net/Domain/217 (Parent University)

For more information, go to www.ed-alliance.org

What Does "Career and College Ready" Mean?

A Washoe County high school graduate is likely to be "Career and College Ready" if that graduate has the:

- ✓ right diploma
- ✓ right classes
- ✓ right test scores
- ✓ right skills & attitudes



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CAREER AND COLLEGE READY

requires more than just a high school diploma.



It means that a high school graduate is ready to pursue preparation for a highly-skilled career and is admissible to and prepared to succeed in first-year, credit-bearing classes without remediation at a 2- or 4-year college, technical or trade school, or apprenticeship program. A “career” differs from a “job” in that a career offers the opportunity to advance and develop professionally.

These Career and College Ready Guidelines are not requirements for graduation or college entrance. These guidelines help fill the gap that exists between a high school diploma and readiness for college and careers.

- If followed, the Career and College Readiness Guidelines provide students opportunities to be ready for their chosen career or college.
- The Career and College Readiness Guidelines are consistent with current state guidance and the WCCSD Gateway Curriculum.
- Every college, apprenticeship, and/or workplace-training program has its own specific entrance requirements; students should ensure that they are meeting the requirements of their preferred college, apprenticeship, workplace-training program, and intended major.

✓ RIGHT DIPLOMA

- At least an Advanced Diploma
- 3.25 GPA or higher
- 4 years of math, including Algebra 1, Geometry or Formal Geometry, Algebra 2, and at least 1 advanced math course beyond Algebra 2
- 3 years of science, at least 2 of which are laboratory-based and include biology, chemistry, and/or physics
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of social studies, including US Government, US History, and World History or Geography

✓ RIGHT CLASSES

- Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes are highly recommended.
- Career/Technical Education courses and sequences are recommended for some college programs (such as computer-aided drafting for engineering and medical anatomy for health sciences) and are recommended for some apprenticeship programs and highly-skilled careers.
- Trigonometry, calculus, and additional science courses are recommended for students considering some college majors such as engineering, science, and mathematics. Those courses are also recommended for students considering highly-skilled careers such as computer technology and advanced manufacturing and apprenticeship programs for electricians and plumbers.
- At least 2 years of the same foreign language are recommended and are required for many colleges outside Nevada; second-language fluency is an asset in highly-skilled careers.

✓ RIGHT SKILLS/ATTITUDES

SKILLS

- Strong work ethic
- Ability to think critically
- Effective oral and written communication skills, including interview skills
- Ability to work collaboratively
- Life-planning skills

ATTITUDES

- Initiative
- Adaptability
- Creativity
- Responsibility
- Leadership
- Accountability
- Integrity

In addition to classroom work, these skills can be reinforced through home and community activities. School counselors can suggest ways to develop these skills, including work experience, internships, and extracurricular activities.

✓ RIGHT TEST SCORES

Scores high enough on national English and math college placement tests, such as ACT and SAT, to place into college classes that count for graduation without remediation.

2015-16 Scores Needed to Enter College Classes that Count for Graduation

	English/ Verbal	Math
NV System of Higher Education 2011 Scores* Includes UNR, TMCC, UNLV, WNC, NSC, CSN, & GBC	SAT: 440 ACT: 18	SAT: 500 ACT: 22
College Board's College Readiness Benchmark	SAT: 500	SAT: 500
ACT's College and Career Readiness Benchmark	ACT: 18	ACT: 22

* Scores are subject to change and may be higher for some specific majors.
SAT scores range from 200 to 800. ACT scores range from 1 to 36.

Note that there are alternate ways to place into credit-bearing college classes if you do not have these scores, but they may cost more time and money. See college websites for options.

ACT WorkKeys tests measure specific kinds of workplace skills for entry-level positions and are recommended for students planning to enter the workforce directly after graduation. Gold or Platinum National Career Readiness Certificates, earned with scores of 5 or higher on three of the tests, are recommended for entering highly-skilled career pathways.

2015-16 ACT WorkKeys Scores for Highly Skilled Careers

National Career Readiness Certificate	Reading for Information	Applied Math	Locating Information
Platinum Certificate	WorkKeys: 6	WorkKeys: 6	WorkKeys: 6
Gold Certificate	WorkKeys: 5	WorkKeys: 5	WorkKeys: 5

ACT WorkKeys scores range from 3 to 7.

