Clackamas Community College Now Offers Computerized GED Testing

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Clackamas Community College is now offering Pearson VUE computer-based GED testing. CCC joins a growing list of sites around the country to transition to computerized General Educational Development (GED) testing from a traditional paper test.

The GED exams test students’ knowledge in several content areas. Successfully passing the exams provides students with a high school equivalency that can open the doors to employment or higher education. The exams have been administered on paper since the inception of the program in 1942. GED testing nationally will move from paper to electronic testing by 2014.

The GED test on computer is the same test content currently offered on paper. Its accompanying systems will provide an array of new benefits for both the testing center and GED test-takers. Some of the initial benefits include:

• One-stop online registration and scheduling available 24/7
• Flexible testing appointments for test-takers
• Instant test scores on 4 of 5 content areas
• An introduction of basic keyboarding and computer skills
• Enhanced test security

“The electronic testing will create efficiencies for testing sites as well as streamline the process for students,” said Melissa Pirie, director of Student Academic Support Services at CCC. “The current workforce places a high demand for basic computer skills. At CCC, we want to support our adult learners and ensure they have the necessary skills for employment and lifelong success.”

Pearson VUE is an international company that provides testing, licensure, certification, regulatory and government testing services in 5,000 authorized centers in 165 countries around the world. As an authorized site, the Testing Center at CCC will now administer a wide variety of tests Pearson VUE provides for its broad-based clientele.

To qualify as a Pearson VUE Testing Center, CCC’s site had to meet a list of requirements including good technical support, room specifications, security system and staff training. Each of the testing center staff at CCC was required to be certified to administer the tests.

In Oregon, CCC, Eastern Oregon University and Umpqua Community College offer the GED testing on computer.

CCC will continue to provide paper GED testing until January 2014. Those who have already started the sequence of five tests that comprises the current GED test should plan to complete the series by that date, or they may be required to start over using the electronic version.

If you have questions about GED testing at CCC, please call the Testing Center at 503-594-3283.