

# Welcome to Penn State Wilkes-Barre!

You are now an official member of the Penn State family.

**W**hether you have been away from the classroom for a long time, have concerns about returning or currently transferring from another institution, the staff and faculty want you to succeed. We're here to help you have an enjoyable and smooth transition to Penn State.

The following pages will provide you with what comes next including information on academic placement, advising and course scheduling, setting up your PSU access account, taking your picture ID and much more.

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After Admission...

# What's Next

for Adult and  
Transfer  
Students?



## If you are an Adult First Year Student

Students with less than 18 credits are First Year Freshmen. All first year students are required to take placement tests. This helps you and your adviser decide which courses will suit you best.

## Testing...One...Two...Three

**One...** You will receive a **postcard** with information about placement testing and your deadline for completing testing online.

**Two...** You take tests in English, math and—if applicable—chemistry. But don't worry and don't cram. Test results have no bearing on your Penn State admission.

**Three...** When you come in later for advising and registration, a counselor will review the test results with you.

# OR...

## If you are an Adult Transfer Student

Students with 18 or more credits do not take the First Year Placement Test. Transfer students should contact the Advising Office at (570) 675-9217 or [wpt2@psu.edu](mailto:wpt2@psu.edu) to schedule a meeting with an academic adviser. Your adviser will assist you with course scheduling and also provide you with other important information for completing the enrollment process. In your offer packet you will receive an Evaluation of Transfer Credit letter; bring this document with you to the advising session.

## Academic Advising, Class Scheduling and Orientation

The **advising session** is designed to provide you with the tools necessary to promote your academic success. During this session you will complete the following: schedule your courses, activate your computer Access Account, and have your picture taken for your Penn State id+ card, register for your free parking permit, and purchase your textbooks at the bookstore. Your adviser will review the following, where applicable, to determine the best courses to take in your first semester at Penn State: your test results, high school record and college transcripts.

## Scheduling Classes

While you're here for advising, you can also **schedule** your classes in relative calm, well before the last-minute rush. When you leave campus, you'll know what classes you'll be taking, and you'll know where everything is—parking, eating, classes, sports, activities, and places to hang out, chill out, use the computers, get help, or study in peace.

## What about Books?

The on-campus **Penn State Bookstore** recommends that you purchase your textbooks a week prior to the start of the semester.

How do you know which books to buy? It's easy. By that time you'll already have your schedule of classes. Just take that schedule to the bookstore, and they'll know which books are required. For more information call 570-675-9230.

## When do classes start?

To review the semester start dates, visit [wb.psu.edu/Academics/calendars.htm](http://wb.psu.edu/Academics/calendars.htm).



## When Do I Pay for Tuition?

Did you have to bring that up? Yes, it's inevitable. Penn State no longer sends paper bills. Bills are e-mailed to your **Access Account** (your Penn State e-mail address), which you set up when you schedule classes.

For more information on tuition deadlines, employer reimbursement, and deferred payments, visit [www.bursar.psu.edu](http://www.bursar.psu.edu).

## Bottom line...

A minimum one-third payment on your balance will be due three weeks after the billing date.

## Remember... You're Not in This Alone

Here at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, there's help for any problem or questions or confusion you may have. Once you're on campus, you'll soon become familiar with all the **resources available** to you. In the meantime, it's our job to help you make a smooth transition to Penn State. If you have questions or concerns, call the Admissions Adult Enrollment/Transfer Counselor at 570-675-9238.