I am a new or returning student who is already taking classes at Mission. What do I do now? Congratulations for starting college classes! You need to take the next steps if you have not done so to receive Priority Registration.

Next Steps:

1 - Go to the Assessment Center (E1-101, main building) for testing,

2 - Enroll in COUNS 000A (or COUNS 001 or COUNS 005 or COUNS 023)

3 - Complete an education plan in one of the above courses.

Why should I worry about Priority Registration? The highest registration priority means that you have the chance to sign up for classes before some or most other students. When signing up for classes early, you have a first choice when choosing the time, day(s), and teacher(s).

How do I get Priority Registration? Complete assessment, college orientation and an education plan before or during the first time you take classes. The earlier the 3 services are completed, the sooner you are eligible for Priority Registration.

What is assessment? Assessment is the process of completing English, reading, English as a Second Language (ESL) and/or math tests. You receive test scores which allow entry into classes that require a prerequisite course, skill or aptitude. (Many college classes require test scores; finishing assessment = entry into classes.)

What is college orientation? Orientation is an introduction to everything you need to know about Mission College. Orientation courses (COUNS 00A, COUNS 001, COUNS 005, or COUNS 023) help you prepare for college success.

What is the education plan? The education plan is a way to know the college classes you should take. Counselors help students’ plan future classes to complete students’ Mission College education goal(s). It’s important to plan for the future classes before taking them.

I’ve heard that students can get $100 from Mission College. How does that work? If you are one of the first 500 students to complete assessment, enroll into college orientation and complete the education plan (the electronic education plan is on file), $100 is credited to your student account. (Details are available in the orientation class.)

Is there a time limit for completing the 3 steps/services? If you complete the 3 steps/services at least 2 weeks before the next open registration cycle, you will receive Priority Registration status. If the steps were completed too close to the opening of the next registration cycle, you will receive Registration Priority at the next open registration cycle.

I have completed an AA/AS or higher degree, or I need one class for job skill improvement or personal interest, or I’m enrolled in another college/university, or I’m a high school student taking college classes. Do I need to complete the 3 steps/services? If you are not interested in receiving priority registration status, you do not need to complete the 3 steps. Remember, priority registration status allows you to move closer to the front of the line with first choice of classes to meet your schedule. The Counseling department may contact you to provide other options based on your unique enrollment situation.

Other questions? Contact our student services advisor, Susan Monahan, susan.monahan@missioncollege.edu.