How to Register for SOAR

**Step 1.** Click on “Learn More and Register!” under New Student Orientation on your Home tab.

**Step 2.** Read the SOAR information page and then check your status on the bottom of the page to see if you need to take SOAR.

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**Student Orientation, Advising, & Registration (SOAR)**

Newly admitted degree-seeking students are required to attend Student Orientation Advising and Registration (SOAR) prior to registering for classes at Northwest State Community College.

**What is SOAR?**
SOAR is a comprehensive program, full of information that is designed to enhance student's success in college as well as giving the opportunity to meet with an adviser and register for classes.

**How long will it take and when is it available?**
Sessions are offered throughout the year. Typically a session takes between 4 and 5 hours to complete. Keep in mind that classes will be filling quickly, so the sooner you attend a SOAR program, the more flexibility you will have when choosing your class schedule. Students with schedule restrictions are encouraged to register for SOAR as early as possible.

**Can I take SOAR online?**
Online Orientation is available for students taking only online classes or for those who cannot make it to campus. If you choose the online option, there are three quizzes that must be completed with a 70% or better before you can register for classes. Click on the link below to register for SOAR and choose the Online Orientation session date.

**What do I need to do prior to registering for SOAR?**
Complete the SOAR checklist:
- Complete the COMPASS Placement Test or submit your ACT scores to the Admissions Office. For a schedule of COMPASS Placement Test dates, click here. (Note: students with a math ACT below 22 may want to take the COMPASS for more accurate math placement).
- Send all transcripts of previous credit (High School College and/or GED) to the Admission Office. Final, official high school transcript or GED must be sent in a sealed envelope from the high-school or state agency directly to the Admissions office.

**Am I ready for SOAR?** Click here to verify your SOAR status.
Step 3. Look over your Admission Checklist to verify you have items necessary to register for SOAR.

### Your Admission Checklist for Fall 2014

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Application Status</th>
<th>We have received and processed your application</th>
<th>✓</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Student Type</td>
<td>New first-time student.</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<tr>
<td>High School Transcripts</td>
<td>Yes - We have your final HS transcript or GED on file.</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACT or COMPASS Test Requirements</td>
<td>According to our records you do not need to take COMPASS at this time.</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<tr>
<td>Keyboarding and Computer Requirements</td>
<td>According to our records we have scores for both Keyboarding and Compute.</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Your Financial Aid Status</td>
<td>According to our records your Financial Aid documents are in order</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Holds on your account</td>
<td>Our records indicate you need to take SOAR.</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<tr>
<td>Your Program of Study</td>
<td>According to our records your major is: Registered Nursing. If you need to change your major before registering for SOAR, please e-mail the Registrar's Office at <a href="mailto:registrar@northwestmstate.edu">registrar@northwestmstate.edu</a> using your NSCC email address.</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<tr>
<td>Online Learning Readiness</td>
<td>According to our records, you do NOT have the Online Learning Readiness requirement. This simply means you will not be able to register for the online courses. You can find out more about this requirement under Campus Announcements on myNSCC.</td>
<td>✗</td>
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**Legend**

- ✓ = Meets requirements for SOAR registration.
- 🔴 STOP: You cannot register for SOAR. Please take care of this requirement prior to registering for SOAR.
- 🔴 WARNING! You are missing items necessary for registering for classes, but you can still signup for SOAR.
- ✗ = You not have have this requirement. However, this will not prevent you from registering for classes or for SOAR.

You need to take SOAR.

If you have warnings, contact the appropriate office to update your records before attending your SOAR session.

Register now for a SOAR event!

Step 4. If your records are in order, you will be able to register for SOAR by clicking on this link.

If you are not required to take SOAR, this link will not be available. **Also, if you have not taken COMPASS or ACTs, this link will not be available.**
Step 5. Fill out the Questionnaire section. Then click “Continue”.


Your registration is complete!
You will receive an email reminder from Orientation@northweststate.edu a few days prior to the event. Please check your email regularly. The reminder will be sent to both your NSCC gmail account and the alternate e-mail account provided by you on the registration form.

Changing your reservation Date:
If you return to the start of the registration process, you will then have the ability to review/change which event you are registered.

What –If Scenarios

Scenario 1. You do not see a link to register for the SOAR events and you are a New or Early admit student.

Solution: Verify your Admission checklist.

1. If you do not have the ACT or COMPASS test requirements, you will need to sign up for COMPASS first. Contact admissions@northweststate.edu.

2. You are “Early admit” student and have graduated from High School. Please contact registrar@northweststate.edu and provide them with your choice for a program of study.

3. Other issues, please contact the IT Helpdesk helpdesk@northweststate.edu
**Scenario 2.** You do not see a link to register for the SOAR events and you are a **Guest**, **Transfer**, **Returning**, **Business** or **Early admit** student (still in High School).

**Solution:** You do not need to take SOAR, an Online Orientation class is available for anyone interested.

Go to **MyCourses** under the **Academics** tab to sign up for this session here.