

Frequently Asked Questions

Students

What is SOAR?

Student Orientation And Registration is the time to meet your advisor to discuss your fall schedule and register for classes. You will also learn more about McMurry and how to be successful in college.

How do I sign up for SOAR?

You may sign up online at <http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/students/soar.htm>. If you would prefer information be mailed to you, please contact the Office of Admissions. **Each summer SOAR session is limited to the first 120 students and registration must be completed by June 19, July 3, or July 17. If you have not made your deposit, you must do so before you can register for classes.** If you have further questions, please call the Office of Admissions at (325) 793-4700.

How much does it cost?

The SOAR and fall orientation fee is covered by your \$150.00 Enrollment Deposit and is billed to your account. Since this is billed, **you will not pay this amount during SOAR.** There will be additional charges for family members when they register to attend.

Should my parents or family come?

We encourage parents and families to attend. This gives them the chance to learn about the opportunities for McMurry families and the support that is available to you as a student. Your family will be receiving registration materials in the mail. We ask that you please limit your guests to two or three.

Where will I stay?

Students will share a room in the residence halls.

What should I bring?

You should bring linens for your twin bed, an alarm clock, pillows, towels, pen, pencil, notebook paper, social security number, casual clothes, and comfortable shoes. In addition, please bring documentation for any AP credit, dual college credit, or THEA scores if applicable, as well as a completed health form.

What should be included on my health form?

All students must provide a completed health form including a current immunization record at the time of SOAR. In addition to the infant series of vaccines, students are **required** to have the following: Tetanus Booster within the past 10 years; two doses of MMR; TB skin test within the past one year; Hepatitis B series of three injections.

What is placement testing?

Placement testing is a tool to assist students in registering for the appropriate level of academic work. The following is a guideline that is used for placement testing:

SAT/ACT Sub scores

You will **not** have to take the placement test if your test scores are:

SAT Math: 530 or higher (Algebra placement test)

SAT Critical Reading: 490 or higher (Reading placement test)

SAT Writing: 490 or higher (Writing, Composition placement tests)

ACT English: 19 or higher (Writing, Composition placement tests)

ACT Math: 23 or higher (Algebra placement test)

ACT Reading: 19 or higher (Reading placement test)

(AP credit, THEA scores or concurrent/dual credit courses may also be used. Please mail any documentation to the Office of Admissions.)

Additional information on Placement Test Policies can be downloaded at:

http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/placement_testing/pdf/Presparation_for_Placement_tests.pdf

A practice Math Test and answers are available at:

http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/placement_testing/pdf/SOAR_Math_Placement_Practice_Problems.pdf

What if I need special accommodations for the placement tests due to a disability?

In order to receive special accommodations for testing, you must first complete an Application for Disability Services. You must then provide adequate documentation of your disability from a qualified professional such as a licensed psychologist or a diagnostician who has evaluated you within the last three years. This information must be received by the Disability Services Coordinator at least 2 weeks prior to SOAR. You may download an application from the website at <http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/students/disabilities.htm> or call Disability Services at 325-793-4880.

What is CLEP?

College Level Exam Placement testing is the most widely accepted way to receive college credit for knowledge you have already obtained. It is also called credit by examination. **CLEP testing is offered by appointment, throughout the year. To inquire about current test fees or to register, please call 325-793-4620.** Payment will need to be made to the McMurry Business Office prior to exam.

Students who plan to register for classes at one of these sessions must attend all SOAR activities. If you do not attend one of the SOAR sessions you will not be able to register for your fall classes until Friday, August 21. Please contact the Office of Admissions with any cancellations at (325) 793-4700.