

# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

## *Frequently Asked Questions*



<p><b>Who do we talk to regarding my student's IEP or special accommodations?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> For questions regarding IEPs, 504s and accommodations, please visit <a href="http://pnw.edu/dac">pnw.edu/dac</a> OR contact the Disability Access Center at 219-989-2455.</p>
<p><b>How do I transfer credits from other colleges or high school dual credit?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Official transcripts are required to be submitted for any student that has attended another college or has taken dual credit in high school. All dual credit from PNW is already on your PNW transcript.</p>
<p><b>Do I have to take the ALEKS placement test if I took Dual Credit math in high school?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Your advisor will make the final decision regarding the ALEKS Placement test. It is recommended that you connect with your advisor after you register for New Student Orientation.</p>
<p><b>Who do we call if my student is ill and cannot attend class or submit an assignment?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Contact the Office of the Dean of Students by phone at 219-989-4141 or 219-785-5230 or email <a href="mailto:dos@pnw.edu">dos@pnw.edu</a>.</p>
<p><b>How do we pay for college?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> For information about scholarships, grants, loans, and financial aid, visit <a href="http://pnw.edu/financial-aid">pnw.edu/financial-aid</a>.</p>
<p><b>Can we pay the student's balance with a credit card?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Yes, you can pay by credit card, however there is a fee of 2.85%. Electronic check payment requires no fee.</p>
<p><b>Can I live on campus?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Yes, the Hammond Campus has apartment-style living options available. Learn more at <a href="http://pnw.edu/housing">pnw.edu/housing</a>.</p>
<p><b>Are the medical clinics free?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> The health clinics on both campuses take health insurance. Contact them directly to inquire about what health insurance plans are accepted. For more information, visit <a href="http://pnw.edu/health-centers">pnw.edu/health-centers</a>.</p>
<p><b>Are meal plans available on campus?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Yes, you are able to purchase meal plans on-line. Visit <a href="http://pnw.edu/dining">pnw.edu/dining</a> for more information.</p>
<p><b>Do I need a parking pass?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> No, your parking fee is included in your tuition bill. No decals or stickers are required.</p>
<p><b>How do I get to the other campus?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Free shuttles (with WiFi) travel between PNW campuses, Monday through Friday. Visit <a href="http://pnw.edu/transportation">pnw.edu/transportation</a> for the current PNW Inter-Campus Bus Service schedule.</p>
<p><b>How will I be notified about campus closures?</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> Check our website <a href="http://pnw.edu">pnw.edu</a>, check local media channels and sign up for the "AlertME" text messaging service at <a href="http://pnw.edu/police/alert-me">pnw.edu/police/alert-me</a>. We will send you a text message alerting you of urgent campus operation notifications.</p>

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## Vocabulary Words

<b>Alumni:</b>	Graduates of a particular school, college, or university.
<b>Banded Tuition</b>	Charging a single-tuition rate for enrollment within a specific range of credits. Banded tuition is designed to help students graduate on time (in four years) and reduce the cost of their education. Effective Fall 2018, undergraduate students enrolled at PNW will pay one rate for their basic tuition when taking between 12 credit hours and 18 credit hours in a semester.
<b>Blackboard:</b>	An online tool where students access classes and grades. PNW students can access blackboard by clicking the "MyPNW" link on pnw.edu and logging in with your career account username and password.
<b>Bursar:</b>	The campus office that manages the financial affairs of a college or university. The PNW Bursar's offices accepts tuition and fee payments and is located in Lawshe Hall, Room 130G on the Hammond Campus and Schwarz Hall, Room 127 on the Westville Campus.
<b>College:</b>	An educational institution within a university. At PNW, there are five academic colleges: the College of Business; the College of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences; the College of Engineering and Sciences; the College of Nursing; and the College of Technology.
<b>Credit Hour:</b>	A unit of measuring educational credit, usually based on the number of classroom hours per week throughout a term. For every one credit hour in which you enroll, you will spend approximately two to three hours outside of class studying. Therefore, to help determine the course load most appropriate for you, use the formula: 3 credit hours (1 course) = 3 hours in class per week = 6-9 hours study time per week.
<b>Degree Program:</b>	An organized sequence of classes that leads to the awarding of a college degree at the undergraduate or graduate level.
<b>FAFSA:</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid (grants, work-study, and loans) to pay for college or career school. For help filling out the FAFSA, please visit admissions.pnw.edu/financial-aid.
<b>Federal Loan:</b>	Loans made by the federal government that usually have more benefits than bank loans or other private sources and they must be repaid.
<b>Fees:</b>	Required financial charges placed on student accounts upon enrollment in courses.
<b>Financial Aid:</b>	Money available from various sources and under various conditions to student needing assistance to pay tuition and educational expenses; The term covers grants and loans and scholarships.
<b>Grants:</b>	Unlike loans, grants are college awarded money that does not have to be repaid.
<b>Lab:</b>	Usually a 1 or 2-hour class period that reinforces a class' covered material for that week. Most labs allow students to gain hands-on experience. Ex. A biology lab will cover the material the professor covered in that week's class and reinforces the lecture.
<b>Pre-requisite:</b>	A condition of course enrollment that a student is required to meet in order to demonstrate readiness for enrollment in a course or program.
<b>Registrar:</b>	Campus office where student registration information and educational records are compiled and maintained. The PNW Registrar's offices are located in Lawshe Hall, Room 130 on the Hammond Campus and Schwarz Hall, Room 40 on the Westville Campus.
<b>Scholarships:</b>	A payment made to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement. Like grants, scholarships are awarded money that does not require repayment. For more information, visit admissions.pnw.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.
<b>Transcript:</b>	A certified copy of a student's educational record containing titles of courses, the number of credits, and final grades in each course. An official transcript also states the date a degree has been conferred.
<b>Tuition:</b>	The money an institution charges for instruction and training (does not include the cost of fees, books/supplies, housing or meals).
<b>Work-study:</b>	Federally funded part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.