



## **UPDATES FROM EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS**

**Admissions Update – Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>**



Hello from EWU Admissions,

It's been a hard month of change. We miss visiting your school, we miss sitting down with your students to talk about next steps, and we miss dropping off swag items and stopping by to say hi.

This time in our lives is a bit surreal and we were not prepared for it. Nevertheless, we are here for you, supporting your students and staying connected. It's the core of all we do, and it will never change.

Here are a few quick updates that can help you and your students and their families as they navigate their college future:

1. **We've created a space [all things virtual](#)**
  - a. View past Admitted Student Days
  - b. Explore campus with videos and interactive maps
  - c. Sign up for 30-minute sessions on financial aid, academics, student life, and more
  - d. Schedule one-on-one calls or virtual meetings
  - e. [Schedule](#) a private virtual group visit for your class
2. **The live-on requirement for 2020-21 is waived**
  - a. For next year only, new students will not be required to live on campus
  - b. Residence halls are still open and available for students
  - c. If a student is unsure about what to do, we encourage students to live on campus
  - d. This change continues an EWU practice of emphasizing safety and flexibility
    - i. For many reasons, students and families often view residence halls as safer, healthier, and more secure than other living situations
    - ii. Students will receive maximum flexibility related to contracts and fees
3. **We're offering increased application fee waiver flexibility**
  - a. Waivers are still required, but we are giving more NACAC waivers to students since SAT and ACT waivers will be harder for them to obtain
4. **We are still admitting students for fall 2020**
  - a. Students may send unofficial transcripts for a decision
  - b. No tests, no problem: EWU offers [test-optional admission](#)
  - c. Pass/No Pass or Credit/No Credit grades on a transcript will not impact an admission decision

- d. EWU has not changed any AP, IB, or CLEP policies
  - e. Our focus remains on the rigor of coursework and a student's cumulative GPA
5. **The priority enrollment decision date is June 1**
- a. If a student needs more time after June 1, we're happy to talk to them and find a flexible solution
  - b. Students with financial aid awards may be able to defer confirmation deposits until the fall
6. **We will update new student financial aid awards starting July**
- a. If a student's financial aid situation changes, we will work with them to adjust financial aid
  - b. The financial aid office is very busy updating current student awards for spring and summer

Let us know how we can help and improve. If you have questions or concerns, we'd be happy to set up a **virtual meeting** with folks on [our team](#) to talk through the updates. Staff contact information is updated to provide a scheduling link for meetings, too.

We are communicating the same information to your students via text, calls, and emails.

Thanks for all you do and be well.

Go Eggs!



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### **Admissions Update – Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Hello from EWU Admissions,

I hope you're doing well in the midst of dramatically changed daily life and work, and I hope you and your students are healthy and safe. My team and I understand the impact schedule changes and access to technology can have on you and your students at a critical time of year. We want you to know we are with you throughout this time and are here to support you.

Based on feedback from counselors and families, here are a few immediate changes we've made that may help students, families, and high school staff during this unprecedented period.

1. **Students may submit unofficial transcripts for admission decisions**
  - a. Students may submit unofficial transcripts and still receive an admission decision.
  - b. Students will still need to send final, official transcripts to EWU before the start of classes.
2. **Admission will become test-optional**
  - a. Test score submission is optional. Students are no longer required to submit SAT or ACT scores; unless they want to.

- b. Students who have already taken tests may submit unofficial test scores.
- c. In place of test scores students should submit one of the following:
  - i. A recommendation letter from a current teacher or counselor;
  - ii. AP, IB, CLEP, or Cambridge scores;
  - iii. Evidence of college success as a Running Start Student;
  - iv. Evidence of college success as a College in the High School student as demonstrated by GPAs of 2.5 or higher for college level English and college level math.

**3. The enrollment decision date is moved from May 1 to June 1**

- a. Any May 1 dates and deadlines for admissions purposes are moved to June 1.
- b. If a student needs more time past June 1, we're happy to talk to them and find a flexible solution.

We know students and families can't attend events or talk to you in person to gather full information as they work to make the best decision for their future, and we want to give time for conversations to happen.

If you have questions or concerns, we'd be happy to set up a **virtual meeting** with folks on [our team](#) to talk through the updates. We're here to help you and your students with anything related to the application process or financial aid and scholarships.

Please know we are communicating the same information to your students.

**Save the dates!**

We're holding two **virtual** Admitted Student Days: Saturday, April 4, and Friday, April 17! These events are for students who want to experience EWU before making their college decision. We'll send more details about this virtual Eastern Experience as soon as we have complete information.

**Thanks for everything you do**

We know the extraordinary lengths you go to make your students' experiences successful, and like many professionals around the state, we're proud to work alongside you. We appreciate all you do for every student in your care, and we know how lucky students and families are to have you providing guidance during this time.

Thanks for all you do.

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## Math Placement Update – Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Hi Everyone-

I am assuming you got the email from our director, Jana Jaraysi, about our adjustments to documents that we are accepting. If you did not please let me know and I will send it to you. I wanted to let you all know about the changes to the math placement testing:

### COVID 19 Update for math placement:

Student safety is our top priority. Student success is as well. In light of the developments in COVID 19 and the health and safety regulations, we are prepared to offer the math placement assessment fully online. There will be no additional charge to take the Placement Assessment online. The \$42.00 placement assessment fee will still apply, but you will not be charged extra for the online option for the actual Placement Assessment.

**Embed this video:** <https://web.respondus.com/student-help/>

**Current Students:** If you have already made an appointment to use ProctorU for an online exam, you may cancel that appointment and follow the prompts provided in ALEKS to proceed with your exam free of charge using Respondus LockDown Browser and Respondus Monitor (webcam).

If you need technical assistance, please try the following links:

<https://support.respondus.com/support/index.php?/Knowledgebase/Article/View/554/25/lockdown-browser-the-student-experience/>

<https://web.respondus.com/student-help-livechat/>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Becky Sommers at [bsommers@ewu.edu](mailto:bsommers@ewu.edu) or by calling (509) 359-2876.

If you have any questions please let me know. I hope you are all staying safe and healthy! Let me know if I can do anything to help you or your students in these uncertain times.

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