

Bruin Bulletin

September
2013

ENGLISH SKILLS 101

SKILLS 101 will be held **October 14-18, 2013, 5:30-8:30 pm** at the Main-Headquarters campus.

ENGLISH SKILLS 101 is a week-long test prep boot camp - **free of charge and open to all BRCTC students who have taken Placement Tests and did not place into College Level English.** Students will re-take the placement test at the end of the week.

To Register, fill out an English Skills 101 form found at the Welcome Desk and

1. Return form to any of the following:
Welcome Desk or Suite 2400.
2. E-mail form to
lbusey@BlueridgeCTC.edu

RSVP by:
Thursday
Oct. 10th
2013

Blue Ridge CTC Mission Statement

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is dedicated to providing a diverse student population with collaborative programs and support services to improve the quality of life and promote economic development in its service area. Its quality academic programs are learner centered and focus on career entry, university transfer, developmental education, and workforce development.



HQ-1400 Suite – Study/Resource Center

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o you need a quiet place to study, do homework, or work on the computer? HQ-1400 is set up to meet these needs!

Available Resources in 1400:

- 7 computers with partitions
- Study table with partitions
- Placement Testing study and preparation materials
- Information on Pearson Vue Testing, Certiport Testing, and TEAS Testing
- Various Textbooks for Reference (not currently in use, older editions)
- Writing References – Textbooks and MLA / APA handouts
- Career Services Information - Career Services Coordinator - Chris Cobian's Office – 1402
- Testing Center – 1401 – Testing Coordinator - Cheyanne Lewis's Office – 1404

Rules for Study Room:

- No food or drinks
- Only school related sites are permitted-no Facebook, twitter, u-tube, etc.
- Please keep talking to a minimum
- This is not a place for social hangouts
- Respect those around you

Other:

Please remember this is not a computer lab. If you need to print, save your work and go to the open computer lab on the 2nd floor, Room 2112

The Testing Center is reserved for Testing only. Please do not enter the Testing Center while testing is in progress unless you have an appointment to test.

MATH around the RIDGE

WIN A FREE NOOK!

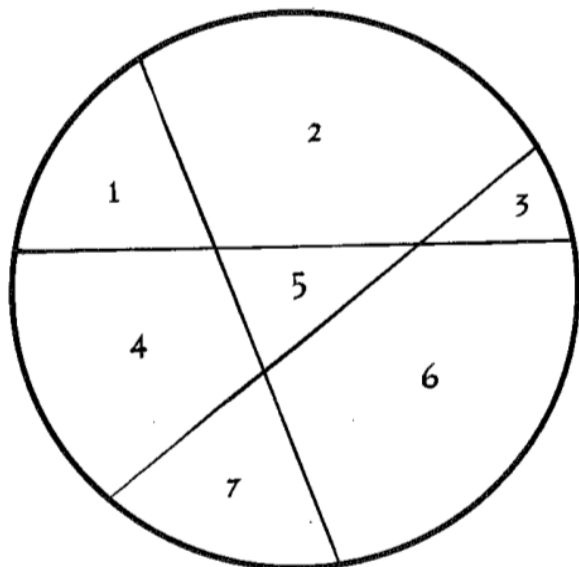
Enter by correctly completing the below puzzle. Your name will be entered for a monthly Nook Tablet drawing. Winner will be contacted by mid to late October! Enter for your chance to win a FREE NOOK. **Deadline is October 8, 2013.** Please make sure you fill out the contact information with the completed puzzle. Winners can only be official Blue Ridge CTC students. Turn in to **Jamie Harrison in Suite 2400.**

Cut the Pie!

With one straight cut you can slice a pie into two pieces. A second cut that crosses the first one will produce four pieces, and a third cut (see illustration) can produce as many as seven pieces.

What is the largest number of pieces that you can get with eight straight cuts?

**To support your answer, please provide us with your solution in a picture format or written format.*

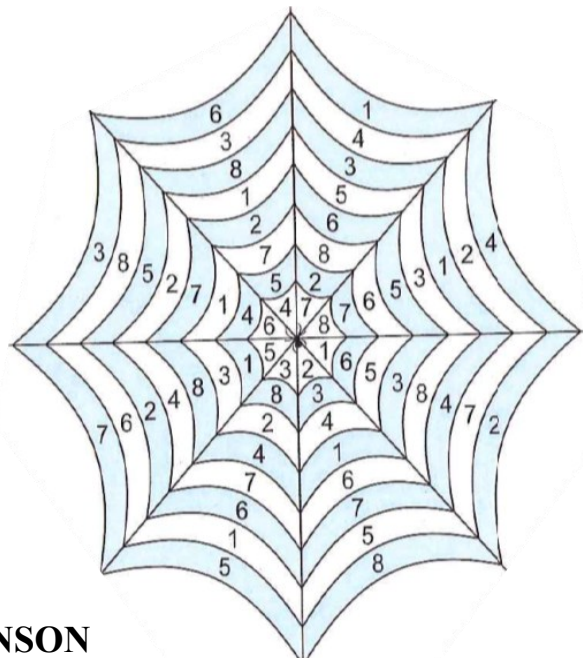


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BRCTC EMAIL:	_____
PHONE NUMBER:	_____

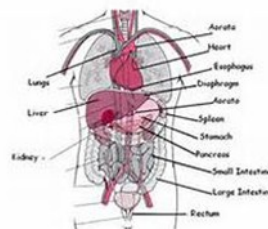
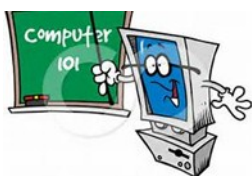
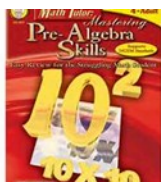
Participants of August's puzzle:

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| Amanda Aleshire | Anastacia Johnson |
| Ashley Clapp | Alicia Watts |
| Ashley Wright | Brandee Zavala |
| Catherine Tredinnick | Courtney Burkett |
| David Weaver | Debbie Wolf |
| Heather Hosgood | Jason Walker |
| Jennifer Bird | Jennifer Grams |
| Joanna Johansen | Kay Floyd |
| Lorraine LaPlante | Lynsey Slone |
| Mary LaBondano | Matthew Barrick |
| Matthew Cline | Michelle Bishop |
| Misty Tarman | Natalie Pizarro |
| Nicholas Harvey | Paula Kneram |
| Quentin Elbin | Sabrina Faircloth |
| Sarah Sellers | Traci Hylton |
| Tyler Hutchinson | Victoria Ott |
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- (Participants receive a Bruin Café voucher)*

Solution to last month's puzzle:



And the **WINNER** of August's NOOK is..... **TYLER HUTCHINSON**



Study Smarter, Not Harder !

Tutoring is a free service. Below is a listing of walk-in hours of our tutors. If we don't have a tutor for your course, we can help you to create a study group with students who may want to meet and review chapter questions, material from instructors, or to offer ideas that have helped them understand the material better.

Tutor Request Form to be completed before attending first session.

Fall Semester, 2013

Course	Tutor	Days and Times	Site and Room Number
CAS 111 or Math 105	Kristina Warren	Every Tuesday 1:00-2:00 p.m.	Technology Center T27
ESL English as a Second Language	Holly Jefferson	Every Thursday 4:00-5:15 p.m.	Technology Center T22
<i>Writing Tutor</i> ACFN 010, English 101 Math 101	Katie Smith	Every Wednesday 11-noon Every Thursday 2:30-3:45 p.m.	HQ 2110 lab Technology Center T25
CNET 100 level CyberSecurity courses <i>Note:</i> <u>these hours do not begin until</u> <u>Oct. 4th</u>	Bill Taylor	Every Monday 3:00-5:00 p.m. ** Every Friday ** 1:00-3:00 p.m.	Headquarters HQ 2107 Technology Center T22
ACFN 065/085 Math 101, Math 105	Daniela Cedillos	Every Friday 3:00-6:00 p.m.	Headquarters HQ 2110 Lab
Human A&P I, II ACFN 065	Catherine Nichols	Every Saturday 1:00-3:00 p.m. Other hours available between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Headquarters HQ 2101
ACFN 065/085 Math 105 Human A&P	Matt Kennedy	<i>Holds group tutoring but will also do 1-on-1 by appointment Days/times vary (he sends e-mails with updates)</i>	Headquarters Only Location dependent upon time of session
<i>Writing Tutor</i> ACFN 010, English 101 Microbiology	Karin O'Neal	Every Tuesday 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Headquarters HQ 2101
Human Growth/Dev Psychology Sociology	Staci Knisley	Every Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Headquarters HQ 2105

Questions? Contact Anna Mary Walsh, HQ 1300, awalsh@blueridgectc.edu, 304-260-4380, Ext. 2343



<http://main.blueridge.wv.brainfuse.com/>

Password is **brctcfall2014**

Accounting (Introductory) - Anatomy & Physiology – Biology – Chemistry – Organic Chemistry – Economics - Finance – Mathematics - Nursing – Physics – Reading - Spanish – Statistics
Writing

A Free Service !

Plan to study after the campus is closed? Check out our new online tutoring service, Brainfuse!

Listed above are the courses that have tutors and many tutor in the evening.

If your course is not listed, you may want to use some of the other services provided by Brainfuse!

- Submit your writing for any class to the Online Writing Lab.
- Access resume/career assistance from expert career coaches.
- Create your own flashcards and online quizzes/games to reinforce classroom lectures.

If you're interested in viewing "the basics" about brainfuse, check out the 36-minute youtube training given to Blue Ridge CTC faculty and staff:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHZltAWVUGs>

A Brainfuse workshop will be help on Wednesday, October 9th during National Tutoring Week.

Watch for more information!



National Tutoring Week October 7-11, 2013



SKILLS 101 Boot Camp

SKILLS 101 is a week-long test prep boot camp - **free of charge and open to all BRCTC students who have taken Placement Tests and did not place into College Level Math or English.** Students may attend for one subject area or both subject areas. Students will re-take the placement test at the end of the week. Session times are listed below.

SKILLS 101 will be held **January 6-10, 2014** at the Headquarters campus. Session times are listed below.

SKILLS 101 Testing will take place **Friday, January 10, at 1pm-5pm & Saturday, January 11, at 9am-2pm**

To Register, fill out the form below and

1. Return form to any of the following: Welcome Desk or Suite 2400.
2. E-mail form to Jamie Harrison at jharriso@blueridgectc.edu
3. Upon registration deadline, you will receive a pre-orientation email with room locations and other details concerning the SKILLS 101 Boot Camp.



Cheyenne Lewis	clewis@blueridgectc.edu	x2114 (Testing)
Sallie Sterling	ssterlin@blueridgectc.edu	x2425 (Math)
Kathy Collis	kcollis@blueridgectc.edu	x3415 (Math)
Laura Busey	lbusey@blueridgectc.edu	x3416 (English)



Yes, I will be attending SKILLS 101

Please check all sessions that you will be attending.

- AM Math Skills Session: Monday-Friday 9am-12pm
- PM Math Skills Session: Monday-Friday 5:30pm-8:30pm
- PM English Skills Session: Monday-Friday 5:30pm-8:30pm
- Afternoon Numerical Skills Only Session: Monday-Friday 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Afternoon Algebra Only Session: Monday-Friday 2:30pm-4pm

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Phone #: _____

BRCTC E-mail: _____

*Please provide ALL the above information.

Fall 2013 Free Seminar Series- Students, Families and Friends

Home Efficiency Seminar

Learn about making your home more efficient!

Location: Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

When: September 26, 2013 at 5:00pm—7:00pm

Room Number: T-28 at the Technology Center

Presented by Randy Swartz (Home Efficiency Solutions LLC) and David Teets

Energy Saving Tips and Tricks for the Homeowner

Location: HQ Building

When: Thursday September 26, 2013 at 5:00pm—6:00pm

Room Number: 3300

How to “Pinterest”

Location: HQ Building

When: October 7, 2013 at 1:00pm—2:00pm

Room Number: 3300

Register for Free Seminars at <http://blueridgectc.augusoft.net>

Fall 2013 Master Chef Courses

Hearty Soups for Fall

Cost of class: \$59.00

When: October 19, 2013 from 10:00am—1:00pm

Cake Decorating—2 Class Series

Cost of class: \$100.00

When: November 2, 2013 and November 9, 2013 from 10:00am—1:00pm

Register for the Master Chef Courses in HQ Suite 2400 or
Register online at <http://blueridgectc.augusoft.net>

WHERE DO I GO FOR???

Academic Standing	Welcome Desk
Adding Classes	Faculty Advisor/ BRIDGE
Assistance for Multicultural Issues	Welcome Desk
Billing Questions	Cashiers Office
BRIDGE Student ID	Security Office
Buy Textbooks	Bookstore
Career Services	1400 Success Center
Change of Address or Name	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Change of Advisor / Degree	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Class Absences	Instructor/ Welcome Desk
Class Schedule	Faculty Advisor
Clubs and Organizations	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Computer Support / Help Desk	1320 IT Services
Course Catalog	BRCTC Website
Disability Services	Welcome Desk
Dropping Classes	Welcome Desk/BRIDGE
Email / BRIDGE / BlackBoard	Welcome Desk
Enrollment Verifications	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Fee Assessment	Cashiers Office
Financial Aid Questions	Welcome Desk
Graduation Applications	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Graduation Evaluations	Faculty Advisor
Help with Study Skills	Welcome Desk
Help Writing a Paper	Welcome Desk
Loans/Grants	Welcome Desk
Orientation Information	Welcome Desk
PASS Program	Welcome Desk
Placement Testing (Accuplacer)	1400 Success Center
Room Reservation	Office 2300
Scholarships	Welcome Desk
Security Issues	Security Office
SKILLS 101 Program	1400 Success Center
Student Activities	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Student / Refund Checks	Cashiers Office
Transfer Credit Evaluation	Welcome Desk
Transcript Request	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Tutoring Services	Welcome Desk
Veterans Assistance	Welcome Desk
Veterans Edu. Benefits	Welcome Desk
Withdrawing from Classes	Welcome Desk/WEBSITE
Work Study	Welcome Desk/HR

Don't see what you need? You can always call 304-260-4380 for assistance!