

Virginia Western Community College

AST 101

Keyboarding I

Prerequisites

none

Course Description

Teaches the alpha/numeric keyboard with emphasis on correct techniques, speed, and accuracy. Teaches formatting of basic personal and business correspondence, reports, and tabulation.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

Textbook:

Gregg College Keyboarding and Document Processing, Kit 1, Lessons 1-60, Main Text + GDP 11e by Ober ISBN 9780077956431 Online software with Student Registration Card and Easel. If student has used textbook, Student Registration Card may be purchased with ISBN 9780077319441.

Other Required Materials:

- Companion Trainer Combo with Keyboard Trainer and Keyboard Companion (book stand and keyboard cover) Can purchase in bookstore or from **PUBLISHER: Plastic Perfection** (<https://www.plasticperfection.com/typing-combo/>)
- In addition to a windows-based computer, Microsoft Office 2019/365 ([VWCC free full online version located here](#)) is required to complete these courses. Chromebooks and Apple MacBooks are not compatible with the software required in these courses. Note: AST/ITE courses are required in all Business programs and ITE 115 is a required course in almost all Virginia Western transfer programs.
- Small stapler.

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- A. Type the letters, numbers, and symbols by touch.
- B. Use correct posture and techniques.
- C. Type at least 35 gross words a minute on a 3-minute timed writing with no more than 5 errors **without watching your hands**.
- D. Develop proofreading skills; correctly using capitals, commas, apostrophes, and numbers.
- E. Develop composing and spelling skills.

Topical Description

Lessons	Tests	Notes
Orientation		Create GDP Account.
1, 2		Key lessons at least 3 times.
3, 4		Key lessons at least 2 times.
5, 6		Key lessons at least 2 times.
7, 8	TW Ck 1 1 min.	Key lessons at least 2 times.
9, 10	TW Ck 2 1 min.	Key Lesson 9 at least 2 times. Key Lesson 10 at least 3 times.
11, 12, 13	TW Ck 3 1 min.	Key lessons at least 1 time from this lesson forward.
14, 15, 16	TW Ck 4 2 min.	__ --Last day to withdraw with a W.
17, 18, 19	TW Ck 5 2 min.	Beginning with Lesson 17, print the MAP according to your instructor’s handout.
<p>20, 21, 22, 23</p> <p>Be sure to print lesson and expand only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP • Timed Writings • Language Arts 	TW Ck 6 2 min.	<p><i>Beginning with Lesson 21, do not do formatting and word processing exercises.</i></p> <p><i>On Lesson <u>21D</u>, to print to show 0 errors, click Next until you are on the last screen. Print the last screen only.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: For all Language Arts, expand to show 0 errors. If 0 errors does not show up, click details and print. If you have done several sentences, print the LAST SCREEN ONLY to show 0 errors.</i></p>

24, 25, 26, 27, 28	TW Ck 7 2 min.	
29, 30, 31, 32, 33	TW Ck 8 3 min.	Start 3-min. timings for final grade.
34, 35, 36, 37, 38		3-min. timings for final grade.
39, 40, 41, 42, 43		3-min. timings for final grade.
44, 45 Numeric Keypad		3-min. timings for final grade.
TBA		EXAM

Notes to Instructors

- none