

The Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Placement Test

Next-Generation ACCUPLACER is a computerized multiple-choice exam developed by the College Board which assesses your academic skill-levels in math and English. Next Generation ACCUPLACER is not a pass/fail exam—it is used for course placement only. Test results are good for 2 years. Personal calculators or dictionaries are not allowed during testing.

Math Section

Next-Generation ACCUPLACER is an adaptive test which means that the level of difficulty is determined by your responses. Depending on your performance, you may take one or more of the following math tests:

- **Next-Generation Arithmetic**
20 questions
- **Next-Generation Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS)**
20 questions
- **Next-Generation Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF)**
20 questions

English Section

Your English composition and reading placement will be based on the results of the Next-Generation Reading and Writing exams. An additional written essay may be required for placement.

- **Next-Generation Reading**
20 questions
- **Next-Generation Writing**
25 questions

For more information and sample questions, visit our HCC website. Follow the links under Testing.

For further questions about the test, contact the Testing Specialist at (203) 332-5217 or stop by L104 Lafayette Hall.

Your Scheduled Test Date:

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**Be sure to bring your
student Banner ID number
and a photo ID on the
day of the test!**



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ACCUPLACER Placement Testing For New Students



Frequently Asked Questions About the ACCUPLACER Placement Test

What is a placement test?

A placement test is required for all students who have not successfully completed **college-level** English and/or math classes. Placement testing helps identify your academic strengths and needs in math, English and reading. The test is not timed, but usually takes 1½ hours to complete. After testing you meet with an Academic Advisor, and the results are used to select appropriate courses based on your current level of ability.

Who must take a placement test?

- All new students enrolling in a degree or certificate program
- Transfer students who have not successfully completed an English composition and/or college-level math course with a grade of “C” or better
- Any student planning to take an English writing or math course
- Any student registering for a course with an English or math pre-requisite
- Any student taking English as a Second Language courses
- All High School Partnership applicants, home schooled students and high school students seeking early admission to college

Is there a fee for the test?

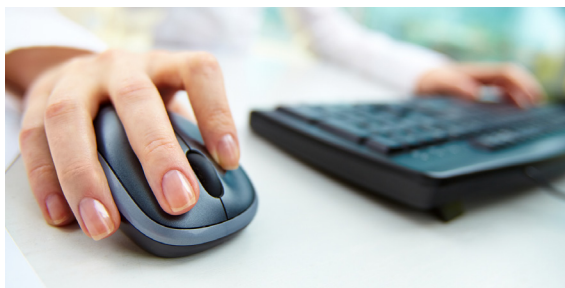
There is no fee for the test; however, new students must fill out an Application for Admissions form and get a student Banner ID number before testing.

Can I be exempt from testing?

The following students may not have to take a placement test:

- Students who have completed **college-level** English and/or math courses with a grade of “C” or better
- Students with an Associates Degree or higher (must provide transcripts)
- Students who have taken the ACCUPLACER exam at another college in the past 2 years (must provide documentation if tested outside the CT community college system)
- Students with qualifying SAT/ ACT, or GED scores (minimum scores are listed below). Test scores are valid for 2 years from the date of exam. To be waived from testing, bring a copy of your SAT/ ACT test scores to the Admissions office.
 - **SAT** 530 in Math Section and/or 25 in Reading Test.
 - **ACT**: 18 in Math, and/or 37 in English and Reading
 - **GED**: 165 in Mathematical Reasoning and/or Reasoning Through Language Arts

If you are unsure whether or not you qualify for an exemption or waiver, talk to an Academic Advisor (LH L112 Lafayette Hall).



What if English is not my first language?

There is a special ESL exam for students whose first language is not English. The ESL tests are **Reading Skills, Sentence Meaning and Language Usage**. The ESL tests will measure your language skills to see if you need additional help with the English language or if you are ready for regular college-level courses.

Can I retake the placement test?

Students who place into developmental courses may be eligible for FREE English and/or math refresher programs offered in the CAP. For more information, contact the CAP coordinator in LH B153 Lafayette Hall.

How can I prepare for the test?

Visit the HCC website and look under **Admissions/Placement Testing** for a list of online study guides.

Free Accuplacer workshops are held daily in the Center for Academic Progress (CAP) LH B151 Lafayette Hall.

To schedule your ACCUPLACER test, visit the HCC website.

Look for **Placement Testing** under the **Admissions** tab.

You must have a student Banner ID in order to schedule the test.

If special testing accommodations are required, contact the Testing Specialist at (203) 332-5217.