



ACCUPLACER Placement Test

HACC – Central Pennsylvania's Community College

HACC uses the College Board's ACCUPLACER placement test to determine class placements for students. While it is not a pass or fail exam, you want to take the test seriously. Your results impact your course placement, time, and money.

Prepare Before the Test:

- Don't just take the ACCUPLACER to get it done. Choose a day and time that works best for you.
- Give yourself plenty of time. It's untimed, but most students take 1-1/2 to 2 hours to complete the exam.
- Reviewing ahead of time will help you feel more confident and possibly do better.
- Visit some online sites to review and practice before taking the exam (see back of sheet for suggested sites).
- Get plenty of rest and eat properly before the test.

On Test Day:

- Arrive ahead of time – give yourself time to finding a parking spot, get into the test center, and relax.
- Bring along a photo ID and your HACC ID number.
- NO electronic devices, including cell phones and calculators, are permitted.
- Pay attention and carefully read all test questions and instructions.
- If you don't know an answer, try to eliminate one or two of the choices you know are incorrect
- If you're feeling overwhelmed during testing, take a deep breath and try to remain calm.
- Take the test seriously and carefully.

Reading Comprehension Test:

- Take your time and read carefully and completely. Think about the content of the sentences as you read.
- Pay attention to transition words, logical connections, and relationships.
- For sentence relationships, think about the question and how the two sentences are related.
- Review the question to determine what information you are looking for in the passage.
- For reading passages, read all possible answer choices and refer back to the question and passage.
- Eliminate answers that don't fit and select the best answer.

Essay Test (Writeplacer):

- The prompt will be persuasive in nature.
- You will need to convince the reader whether you agree or disagree with the topic.
- Use language from the prompt (question) to create a thesis statement (*what you want to prove or say.*)
- Use your scratch paper for ideas, a basic outline, or a thesis.
- ACCUPLACER's instructions advise students to write 300-600 words [*note: 300 is the minimum amount and might earn a minimum score; if you want to do better, aim for writing more*]
- Take your time – the test is untimed.

Math Test:

- Use your scratch paper and work each problem out to the best of your ability.
- Read each item carefully and examine all supporting info (e.g. tables and graphics).
- Solve each problem before you look at the possible answers.
- If you get stuck, try to substitute the given answers back into the problem.

The Official ACCUPLACER® Study App

ACCUPLACER Web-Based Study App

The ACCUPLACER Web-Based Study App features practice tests in Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, College-Level Math, Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills. You can access the site from your computer, tablet, or Smartphone (see supported browsers & mobile O/S below) and familiarize yourself with the basic content areas of ACCUPLACER tests. The Study App site includes the following features:

- Sample tests help you experience what a real test may be like on test day
- “Learn As You Go” tests provide you with explanation of the correct or incorrect responses
- Ability to save your work and resume practicing at a later time
- Review of your score history to identify strengths and weaknesses
- 6 months of access to the ACCUPLACER Web-Based Study App

Supported Browsers:

- Safari 6.0.x
- Firefox 16.0.x
- Internet Explorer 8.0.x or later
- Google Chrome 22.x or later

Supported Mobile Operating Systems:

- IOS version 5.0 or later
- Android version 2.3 or later

ACCUPLACER is a suite of tests that determines your knowledge in math, reading and writing as you prepare to enroll in college-level courses. ACCUPLACER is used to identify your strengths and weaknesses in each subject area and to help you improve your skills through interactive online learning tools. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals and interests, are used by academic advisors and counselors to place you in the appropriate college courses that meet your skill level.

Includes interactive practice tests:

- Arithmetic
- Elementary Algebra
- College-Level Math
- Reading Comprehension
- Sentence Skills



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Some Suggested Sites for ACCUPLACER Review and Practice:

College Board ACCUPLACER Prep & Sample Questions

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/preparation-sample.html>

ACCUPLACER Placement Test Overview Video - What ACCUPLACER placement test is and why it is important, what test sections are included, and how you can best prepare.

<http://www.hacc.edu/StudentServices/TestCenter/PlacementTesting/index.cfm>

HACC on iTunesU – Free download of iTunesU and access to dozens of math videos created by HACC math faculty: <https://itunesu.hacc.edu/>

Central Piedmont Community College (Charlotte, NC) – ACCUPLACER practice tests, videos, & guides

http://www.cpcc.edu/testing_assessment/placement-testing/accuplacer-study-guides

Aims Community College (Greeley, CO) – ACCUPLACER study guides

<http://www.aims.edu/student/assessment/studyguides/index.htm>

New England Institute of Technology (Warwick, RI) – ACCUPLACER practice tests

<http://wcb.neit.edu/asc/prctctst.htm>

The Khan Academy – Hundreds of academic videos: <http://www.khanacademy.org>