Testing Hours

Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday
8:00 am – noon

Required for Testing

Government Issued Photo ID
(One of the following)
• Driver’s License
• Military ID
• Passport

A calculator will be supplied as needed through the Accuplacer software.

Schedule an Accuplacer Test

Please contact
NCC Enrollment Office
1-800-352-4907
or
1-712-324-5061

Testing Location

Learning Center
Building A
Room A126
NCC Campus

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What is ACCUPLACER?

ACCUPLACER tests your knowledge in math, reading, and writing. Over 1,500 institutions administer ACCUPLACER tests as part of the enrollment process. These tests help identify your strengths and needs in each subject area. ACCUPLACER interactive online learning tools are available to help you sharpen your skills. The academic advisers at NCC will use your ACCUPLACER test results to help you take courses that match your skill level and give you the best opportunities for success.

How Does ACCUPLACER Work?

Thanks to ACCUPLACER’s online format, the test questions are based on your responses to each question you’ve already answered. Questions increase or decrease in difficulty depending on your answers as you work through the test. ACCUPLACER tests are untimed, so you can move at a comfortable pace. It’s important to give yourself enough time to do your best and complete the test because your results are the key factor in determining the courses you can take. Your results will be available immediately after you take the test.

How to Prepare for ACCUPLACER

You can prepare for ACCUPLACER by taking advantage of the study tools and resources offered on the back of this pamphlet. Use these tools to become familiar with the types and format of ACCUPLACER test questions. They can help you identify the academic areas where you may need a little help, and prepare to improve.

Do I need to bring a calculator to the testing site?

No, a calculator will be supplied through the Accuplacer software. No other calculator will be allowed.

What is on an ACCUPLACER Test?

Arithmetic
The Arithmetic test, comprised of 20 questions, measures your ability to perform basic arithmetic operations and to solve problems that involve fundamental arithmetic concepts. There are three types of Arithmetic questions:
- Operations with whole numbers and fractions
- Operations with decimals and percents
- Applications and problem solving

Elementary Algebra
The Elementary Algebra test, comprised of 20 questions, measures your ability to perform basic algebraic operations and to solve problems involving elementary algebraic concepts. There are three types of Elementary Algebra questions:
- Operations with integers and rational numbers
- Operations with algebraic expressions
- Solution of equations, inequalities, word problems

College-Level Math
The College-Level Math test, comprised of 20 questions, measures your ability to solve problems that involve college-level mathematics concepts. There are five types of College-Level Math questions:
- Algebraic operations
- Solutions of equations and inequalities
- Coordinate geometry
- Applications and other algebra topics
- Functions and trigonometry

Reading Comprehension
The Reading Comprehension test, comprised of 20 questions, measures your ability to understand what you read, to identify main ideas and to make inferences. You need to distinguish between direct statements and secondary or supporting ideas.

Sentence Skills
The Sentence Skills test, comprised of 20 questions, measures your understanding of sentence structure — what makes a sentence complete and clear. Some questions deal with the logic of the sentence, and others with the relationships between two sentences.

Tips

1. Relax! The ACCUPLACER tests are designed to help you succeed in college. Once you identify your strengths and weaknesses you can select the appropriate courses to help you improve your skills.

2. Arrive a few minutes early so you can locate the assessment area, restroom, and “gather your thoughts” before testing.

3. Ask questions if you do not understand the process for ACCUPLACER. NCC staff is available to assist you!

4. Read each question carefully until you understand what the question is asking.

5. Try to respond to all questions presented to you even if you are not certain of the answer.

Retest: - $15 fee. Retesting only allowed with exceptions one week prior to classes starting
Transfers of scores - $25
Reading and transfer of scores - $50

Any special accommodations need to be approved and set up with the testing center administrator before the day of the test.