

PREPARING FOR THE PLACEMENT TEST

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO...

Why do I need to take the placement test and how does it work?

The placement test measures your background knowledge and skills in algebra, reading comprehension and sentence skills. The results of the test help determine where you need to begin your coursework in mathematics and English at Asnuntuck. The placement test should be taken before you enroll for courses.

Asnuntuck uses the Accuplacer exam to assess students' current ability levels in math and English. Accuplacer is administered on a computer and test takers use a mouse to answer questions on the computer screen. The Accuplacer test is "adaptive"; this means that questions are chosen for you based on your answers to previous questions. For this reason, you must answer every question. If you are not sure of the answer to a question, use the process of elimination to narrow your choices and pick what you feel is the best option. The test is not timed.

Should I study for the Accuplacer?

It can be helpful to review some English and mathematical concepts before taking the exam. By doing so, you may be able to refresh skills that you already have. However, it should be kept in mind that the test is used for placement purposes and covers a wide range of material, some of which may be beyond the level of your present knowledge. Some "brushing up" or review is recommended, but attempting to learn an entire set of new skills is not suggested.

How can I review before the placement test?

There are several online resources available to help students review for the Accuplacer exam. Sample questions and review materials are available at the following links:

www.testprepreview.com/accuplacer_practice.htm

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

A collection of basic review materials in math and English may also be found by visiting Asnuntuck's Academic Skills Center, located in room 130. Students wishing to learn more about the self-review process may contact Cathy Juozokas, Academic Skills Center Director at 860.253.3175.

What do I need for the test?

You need your Asnuntuck student I.D. or your social security number. The only materials permitted during the exam are scratch paper and pencils for use during the math portion; the test administrator will provide these. Cell phones, calculators, food, and beverages are not permitted in the testing area.

Please arrive a few minutes early so you can get settled. Relax! Accuplacer is not a pass/fail test, nor is it graded. It should, however, be taken very seriously as the purpose of the test is to help you be successful in college by determining the most appropriate course of study for you. Take your time when answering the questions and do not rush.

What happens after I take the test?

After you complete the test, a report of your scores will be printed for you and forwarded to the Admissions Office on the next business day. Then, you can meet with a counselor or academic advisor to discuss the placement recommendations, determine your course of study and enroll for classes.

The placement results may require you to enroll in developmental math or English classes. Developmental classes focus on building the skills students need to be successful in college. They prepare you for success in higher level math and English courses and introduce key academic concepts such as study skills. Typically, developmental classes are smaller so students get individual attention and start college in a comfortable class environment. ACC offers four developmental classes:

- ENG 043 Writing: Paragraph to Essay
- ENG 073 Academic Reading
- MAT 075 Prealgebra: Number Sense
- MAT 095 Elementary Algebra Foundations

What if I need special accommodations due to a disability?

- If you have a temporary or permanent disability that might prevent you from taking the placement test according to standard procedures, please inform the test administrator at 253.3022 to discuss a more suitable testing environment.
- Upon receipt of your placement results, students with disabilities may wish to meet with Maki McHenry, Counselor and Accommodations Coordinator, at 253.3021

***Questions? For additional information and to schedule an appointment,
please call the Information Center at 860.253.3012***