



ACCUPLACER BASIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT
STATE MANDATORY PLACEMENT POLICY
EFFECTIVE FALL 2011

READING, SENTENCE SKILLS & MATHEMATICS TEST SCORING

Reading Comprehension	REQUIRED COURSE PLACEMENT
RC 80 - 120	No Basic Skills Remediation
RC 62 - 79	REA 090 College Prep Reading or ESL 043 Advanced ELS Reading
RC 40 - 61	REA 060 Foundations of Reading or English Lang./ Intercultural Services Office for ELS
RC 25 - 39	REA 030 Basic Reading Skills or see English Lang./ Intercultural Services Office
RC 0 - 24	Refer to Advising
ACT reading score of 17 or SAT <i>Critical Reading</i> score of 430 exempts student from this test	

Sentence Skills	REQUIRED COURSE PLACEMENT
SS 95 - 120	ENG 121 English Composition I
SS 70 - 94	ENG 090 Basic Composition or ESL 053 Advanced ELS Composition
SS 50 - 69	ENG 060 Writing Fundamentals or see Eng. Lang./Intercultural Services Office for ELS
SS 25 - 49	ENG 030 Basic Writing Skills or see Eng. Lang./Intercultural Services Office for ELS
SS 0 - 24	Refer to Advising
ACT English score of 18 or SAT <i>Critical Reading</i> score of 440 places student into English 121	

For ELS information, contact Linda Yazdani, English Language/Intercultural Services: 303-914-6536

AR= Arithmetic EA = Elementary Algebra CLM= College Level Math

MATHEMATICS	
ACT Math score placements	
Student who have a score of ACT - Math (19) or SAT - Math (460) are exempt from Assessment Testing (MAT 120/155/166)	
Accuplacer Scores	Mandatory Course Placement
CLM 103 – 120; ACT 28	MAT 201 Calculus I
CLM 63 – 102; ACT 25	MAT 166 Pre-Calculus MAT 125 Survey of Calculus
CLM 63-102; ACT 24	MAT 122 College Trigonometry
EA 85-120; ACT 23	MAT 121 College Algebra MAT 123 Finite Math
EA 85-120; ACT 21	MAT 135 Intro to Statistics\BUS 226 Business Statistics
EA 85 –120; ACT 19	MAT 120 Math for Liberal Arts MAT 155/156 Integrated Mathematics I & II
EA 61 -84	MAT 099 Survey of Algebra MAT 103 (Math for Nursing Students)
EA 45 - 60	MAT 107 Career Mathematics MAT 108 Technical Mathematics MAT 090 Introductory Algebra
AR 57 - 120 or (EA <45 and AR 57-120)	MAT 060 Pre-Algebra
AR 24-56	MAT 030
AR 0 - 23	Refer to Advising

ACCUPLACER TESTING

TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- We must see a picture ID
- We strongly suggest you do some preparation prior to testing by visiting the Accuplacer Study Guides on our website: <http://www.rccc.edu/assessment/>

The Accuplacer test is used by public two- and four-year colleges and universities in Colorado to correctly place you in coursework, as you begin taking classes. If you have qualifying ACT or SAT scores from within the past five years for Reading & English and within the past two years for Math, please supply your score report and we will enter those scores for you. If you have taken qualifying college-level coursework, you need to supply a transcript to the Advising/Records Department to have that information entered for you.

The Accuplacer is an adaptive computer-based test; how you experience the test will be unique to how you answer the questions. If a question is answered correctly, the next question on the test will be a slightly more difficult question; if a question is answered incorrectly, the next question may be simpler. Because the length of the test is dependent on your responses, the time required to finish the test will be different for each student.

The test consists of three parts: Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills and Math. It is your responsibility to know which sections you must take. The mathematics section of the Accuplacer will begin with Elementary Algebra questions and then move to Arithmetic or College Level Math questions, depending on your responses. An on-screen calculator will be available for questions that allow its use. A calculator icon will appear on the lower left of your testing screen if it is available for the current question; just click on the icon to activate the calculator.

The Accuplacer does not have any time limits. We encourage you to take all the time necessary to complete the test to your satisfaction. You may leave the testing room if you have questions, want a drink of water, or need to visit the rest room.

When you begin the test, you will be asked to enter your RRCC Student ID number. Please take care that you correctly input this "S#" so that your scores are recorded correctly in our database system. Scratch paper and pencils are provided for you. ***We are required to collect the scratch paper after you complete the test.*** The testing area is monitored by camera and projected in our office area so that we may monitor the testing rooms.

Please remember:

- **To maintain a quiet testing atmosphere, there is no talking in the testing room.**
- **If you do not know how to use a computer mouse, please tell us; a tutorial is available.**
- **The first time you take the Accuplacer, there is no cost to you.**
- **For each retest, the fee is \$5.00 per subtest. If you retest in all three Accuplacer tests, the fee is \$15.**
- **If you want to retest, you may take the Accuplacer only once each day.**

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE ALLOWED IN THE TESTING ROOMS. YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR CELL PHONES, PAGERS, MP3 PLAYERS, IPODS, ETC. ALONG WITH YOUR BACKPACK AND OTHER ITEMS IN THE LOCKER PROVIDED.