

What is ACCUPLACER (Next Generation)?

The ACCUPLACER Next Generation focuses on introducing a number of key elements into the national ACCUPLACER assessments in an effort to address longstanding requests from current and potential users of the program. The following are important changes to the ACCUPLACER national program:

Reading (formerly Reading Comprehension), the introduction of paired passages, literary passages, and vocabulary questions

Writing (formerly Sentence Skills), the movement from a discrete-question basis to a set basis, as well as a greater emphasis on broader issues of development, organization, and effective language use at the multi-sentence, paragraph, and passage levels

Math placement tests, the alignment of test content to clear “pathways”: **Arithmetic, Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics, Advanced Algebra and Functions**

How Does ACCUPLACER (Next Generation) Work?

Thanks to ACCUPLACER (Next Generation)’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 (Next Generation) 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. **The score range on each test is 200-300.**

Specifics of Testing

You are allowed to take any of the ACCUPLACER (Next Generation) tests 3 times within a calendar year and with a minimum of 2 weeks between each exam. Test scores must be completed within two years prior to the program start term. Testing can be completed remotely scheduled through IHCC. The first 2 attempts are free but the 3rd attempt there is a \$20.00 fee.

About the Tests

Reading:

Next-Generation Reading (20 questions) assesses the test-taker’s ability to derive meaning from a range of texts and to determine the meaning of words and phrases in short and extended contexts. Passages on the test cover a range of content areas, writing modes, and complexities. Both single and paired passages are included. Four broad knowledge and skills categories are assessed: Information and Ideas, Rhetoric, Synthesis, and Vocabulary.

Writing:

Next-Generation Writing (25 questions) evaluates a test-taker's ability to revise and edit multiparagraph text. Questions cover two broad knowledge and skills categories, each containing three subcategories:

Expression of Ideas: Development, Organization, and Effective Language Use.

Standard English Conventions: Sentence Structure, Usage, and Punctuation.

Math:

Next-Generation Arithmetic (20 questions) focuses on computation, order of operations, estimation and rounding, comparing and ordering values in different formats, and recognizing equivalent values across formats. The following knowledge and skills categories are assessed: Whole Number Operations, Fraction Operations, Decimal Operations, Percent, and Number Comparisons and Equivalents.

Next-Generation Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (20 questions) assesses the following knowledge and skills: Rational numbers, Ratio and Proportional Relationships, Exponents, Algebraic Expressions, Linear Equations, Linear Applications and Graphs, Probability Sets, Descriptive Statistics, and Geometry Concepts.

Next-Generation Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF) (20 questions) assesses the following knowledge and skills: Linear Equations, Linear Applications and Graphs, Factoring, Quadratics, Functions, Radical and Rational Equations, Polynomial Equations, Exponential and Logarithmic Equations, and Trigonometry.

How to Prepare for ACCUPLACER (Next Generation)

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

Official Study App (must register with ACCUPLACER to download)

<https://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org/login>

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