

What is ACCUPLACER?

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ACCUPLACER 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, the introduction of paired passages, literary passages, and vocabulary questions

Writing, 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 Work?

All ACCUPLACER tests use a multiple-choice format. There’s no time limit on the tests, so you can focus on doing your best to demonstrate your skills.

ACCUPLACER uses the latest computer-adaptive technology, which means the questions you see are based on your skill level. Your response to each question determines the difficulty level of the next question, so it’s important to give each question as much thought as you can before selecting your answer.

Remember: No one passes or fails ACCUPLACER tests, but it’s important to complete the test using your best effort, so you can get an accurate measure of your academic skills and be placed in the appropriate course.

Your results will be available immediately after testing. The score range on each test is 200-300.

Specifics of Testing

You are allowed to take any of the ACCUPLACER tests 3 times within a year of your first attempt 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:

Reading (20 questions) The Reading test assesses your 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.

Writing:

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:

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.

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.

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

You can prepare for ACCUPLACER by taking advantage of the study tools and resources offered. 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.

ACCUPLACER practice questions: This practice resembles the real testing environment – including the calculator and highlighter functionalities and features like Learn as You Go and the ability to save practice test history/
<https://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org/login>

ACCUPLACER official study questions: ACCUPLACER offers many free practice tools and resources to help you prepare to succeed on each of the ACCUPLACER tests. <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>

ACCUPLACER Learning Resources. ACCUPLACER provides hundreds of learning resources to help students and educators. Students can use the Learning Locator codes found on their completed score report to find targeted materials based on their ACCUPLACER performance levels. <https://accuplacer.pearsonperspective.com/perspective/>