



# College Placement Testing

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[www.camdencc.edu/testing](http://www.camdencc.edu/testing)

## Online Admissions Application

Before taking the college placement test, students should complete an online application for admission by going to [www.camdencc.edu](http://www.camdencc.edu) and select **Apply Online** under **Enroll at CCC**.

## Purpose of the Test

The purpose of the test is to measure skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. The placement results will insure that each student begins their academic experience at a course level appropriate to their skill. The test takes approximately 2 ½ hours. A Photo ID is required at the time of testing.

## Test Results

Students will receive an Individual Score Report on the day of testing which will include a math placement and advising information. The writing, reading and math scores and placements will be posted seven business days after the test. Students may contact the Academic Advising Office for an appointment to discuss the results. Because of the confidential nature of test scores, results cannot be given over the phone or by email.

## College Policies on Casual and Undecided Students

To provide casual and undecided students with an opportunity to sample college courses, a part-time non-matriculated student may take courses (except English, math or those with pre-requisites) and go untested until the semester in which the 9th credit is attempted. During that semester, the student must take the placement test. No student may enroll for more than 11 attempted credits without first being tested.

## Sample Tests/Description of the Test

It is strongly recommended that all students review the sample tests before the test. Go to [www.camdencc.edu/testing](http://www.camdencc.edu/testing) then select **Placement Tests** and scroll down to **Accuplacer Sample Questions**.

## Test Schedule

Visit our website at [www.camdencc.edu/testing](http://www.camdencc.edu/testing)

## Test Exemptions

**(Only official documentation will be accepted).**

Exemptions from one or more sections of the College Placement Test may apply to:

- Students who have taken the Accuplacer or Compass test at another college within the last three years.
- Students who have successfully completed a college-credit English Composition and/or mathematics course at a regionally accredited college.
- Students entering the English as a Second Language (ESL) program who have taken the ESL placement exam and the College Placement Test for mathematics.
- Students enrolled in any of the Automotive Certificate programs.
- Students enrolled in the Dental Assisting Certificate Program are exempt from the math portion of the test.
- Students who scored 530 or higher on the SAT Mathematics and/or 540 or higher on the SAT Critical Reading within the last three years.
- Students who have met the Camden County College requirements for (AP) Advanced Placement or CLEP in English or mathematics.

## Special Arrangements for Students with Disabilities

Anyone with a learning or physical disability that would prevent him or her from taking the test under standard conditions may inquire about special accommodations by calling the Disability Services Department at **(856) 227-7200, ext.4430**.

Students who are hearing impaired may call **(856) 227-7200, ext. 4255** (voice) or **(856) 374-4855** (TTY) to discuss options for test accommodations.

## Description of the Test

ACCUPLACER online is administered via the computer and consists of a timed essay and four un-timed multiple-choice sections: Reading, Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra and an optional College-Level Math section. Only those students who receive a high score on the Elementary Algebra section will be prompted to take the College-Level Math section. The multiple choice tests are adaptive, which means that the computer automatically determines which questions are presented based on responses to prior questions. This technique selects the right questions to ask without making the test too easy or difficult. Each multiple-choice test is un-timed, so each question can be given as much thought as is desired. Once the student has moved to the next question, they may not return to the previous question.

## Test Format

ACCUPLACER online presents one question at a time. Each page presents the question and several possible answer choices. The page may include additional information that is needed to answer the questions, such as a reading passage, a picture or a table of information. Either the mouse or the keyboard may be used to select an answer. Once an answer has been chosen and the “NEXT” button has been selected, a box will come up on the screen asking for confirmation of the selected answer. This provides the opportunity to cancel and go back and choose a different answer. To confirm, simply select the “OK” button. To cancel and go back to choose another answer, select the “CANCEL” button.

## Guessing

If the answer to a question is completely unknown, try to eliminate one or more of the choices. Then pick from the remaining choices.

Because ACCUPLACER is an adaptive test, the questions are chosen on the basis of answers given to previous questions. Because the test works this way, every question must be answered in order. Answers to a particular question may be changed before moving on to the next question, but questions cannot be left out or returned to later for the purposes of changing an answer. Once the next question appears the previous answer cannot be changed.

## CCC Placement Test: Essay, Reading, Mathematics

### The Essay

The essay portion of the test provides the opportunity to show the student’s writing skills. Essays are typed on the computer. Care should be taken to express thought on the topic clearly and effectively.

### Reading Comprehension

The test is designed to measure the level of understanding on a piece of reading material. Some questions are the sentence-relationship type, in which the correct answer best describes how two sentences are related. Other reading comprehension questions refer to reading passages of various lengths.

### Arithmetic Skills

This test measures ability in operations with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages. Questions include rate, percent, measurement and geometry problems as well as problems requiring the distribution of a quantity into its fractional parts.

### Elementary Algebra

The test includes operations with integers, rational numbers and algebraic expressions. Questions include problems in solving systems of linear equations, solving quadratic equations by factoring, solving verbal problems presented in algebraic context, geometric reasoning, translating written phrases into algebraic expressions and graphing.

### College Level Mathematics

This test assesses proficiency from intermediate algebra through pre-calculus. Six categories are covered: Algebraic operations; solutions of equations and inequalities; coordinating geometry; applications; functions; and trigonometry.

**\* Sentence Skills** - This test is only used if you are taking the Ability to Benefit (ATB)

This test measures understanding of sentence structure. That is, how sentences are put together and what makes a sentence complete and clear. There are two kinds of questions. Sentence-correction questions require the selection of a word or phrase to substitute for an underlined portion of a sentence. Construction-shift questions ask that a sentence be written in a specific way without changing the meaning.