

Online Admissions Application

Before taking the ESL Accuplacer, students should complete an online admissions application by going to <https://apply.camdencc.edu>. The student should select Create Your Account and then Apply to Camden County College.

Purpose of the Test

The purpose of the test is to measure skills in reading, writing/grammar, and listening. The test might also contain mathematics. The placement results will help each student determine which courses are most appropriate based on their current knowledge and skills. The test takes approximately 2½ hours. A current photo ID is required at the time of testing.

Preparing for the Test

Preparing for the ESL Accuplacer is strongly recommended. Please visit www.camdencc.edu/testing for links to sample materials.

Get a good night's sleep and have a light meal or snack before testing. Being tired or hungry can hurt your performance on the test. There are morning, afternoon, evening and weekend hours for testing. Check the testing schedule and take the test when you are usually the most alert.

Test Results

Students will receive an Individual Placement Report immediately after testing. Students may meet with an Academic Adviser during the Advisement Center walk-in hours to discuss the results. Because of the confidential nature of test scores, results cannot be given over the phone or by email.

Test Schedule

Visit our website at www.camdencc.edu/testing

Special Arrangements for Students with Disabilities

Anyone with a learning or physical disability that would prevent them 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)302-0024** (video phone) or email kceccanecchio@camdencc.edu to review options for test accommodations.

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.
- Beginning in March 2016, students who took “new” SAT and scored 500 or higher on the SAT Mathematics and/or 450 or higher on the SAT Evidence Based Reading/Writing.* Scores can be accepted for three years.
- Prior to February 2018, students who scored 23 or higher on the ACT English **AND** Reading and/or 23 on the ACT Mathematics within the last three years.
- Beginning in February 2018, students who scored 18 or higher on the ACT English **AND** 22 or higher on ACT Reading and/or 22 on the ACT Mathematics within the last three years.
- Students who have scored a 4 or higher on the PARCC Algebra II will be exempt from the Math portion of Accuplacer, and a 4 or higher on the English Language Arts Grade 11 will be exempt from Reading and Writing portion of Accuplacer.
- Students who have met the Camden County College requirements for (AP) Advanced Placement or CLEP in English or mathematics.
- Students who have scored a 3 on the AP English Literature or AP English Language Test will be placed into ENG 101. Students who score a 4 or a 5 will be given credit for ENG 101.
- 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 some of the Certificate Programs may not have to take the placement test. Please contact the Program's Coordinator to confirm whether or not the placement test is required.

*New SAT exemptions are effective for 2017 entries into Camden County College. The College reserves the right to adjust future exemptions based on the recommendation of the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges.

Description of the Test

ESL ACCUPLACER is an internet based, computer adaptive test, and consists of a timed 60 minute essay and un-timed multiple-choice sections of 20 questions for Reading and Listening.

On the day that you take the ESL Accuplacer, you might also take the math portion of the test as well. There are two math tests, the first is Elementary Algebra and the second will be based upon how you do on the Elementary Algebra test, either Arithmetic or College Level Math. These are also in multiple choice format.

The multiple choice tests are adaptive, which means that the computer automatically determines which questions are presented based on responses to prior questions. Because the test is set up this way, every question must be answered in order, and changes to an answer must be done before moving to the next question. Questions cannot be left out or returned to later for the purposes of changing an answer. Since the multiple choice tests are un-timed, each question can be given as much thought as necessary before selecting an answer.

Test Format

ACCUPLACER 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.

Guessing

If the answer is not immediately apparent or unknown, try to eliminate one or more of the choices and answer what appears to be the best choice.

Calculators and Dictionaries

No personal or online dictionaries are permitted.

When you do the math section, there is an internal pop-up calculator that can be used on some questions, but not all.

No personal or other online calculators can be used.

Accessibility Wizard

This feature can be used to help students with visual disabilities by increasing the font, and changing the background and cursor color and line spacing. Students can use this by clicking on the icon at the bottom left-hand corner of the screen.

Before the Test

In order to concentrate better, it's a good idea to get plenty of rest and eat before taking the test. Take the sample test before testing, and please bring a current photo ID to the Testing Center.

ESL Reading Skills - The ESL Reading Skills test measures a student's ability to read English through the comprehension of short passages. Specifically, it assesses your comprehension of short passages. It contains brief passages of 50 words or less and moderate length passages of 50 to 90 words. Half of this test contains straightforward comprehension items (paraphrase, locating information, vocabulary on a phrase level, and pronoun reference). The other half assesses inference skills (main idea, fact versus opinion, cause/effect logic, identifying irrelevant information, author's point of view and applying the author's logic to another situation).

ESL Listening - The ESL Listening test measures the ability to listen to and understand one or more people speaking in English. Conversations take place in a wide range of locations including lecture halls, grocery stores and libraries. When doing the ESL Listening Test, you will hear the passage, followed by the question, and the answer choices. You will have the ability to listen to each part an additional two times.

Essay -WritePlacer ESL - The WritePlacer test measures your ability to write effectively, which is critical to academic success. You will be given a holistic score that represents how clearly and effectively you expressed your position. The following four characteristics of writing will be considered.

- **Word Use** – The extent to which you are able to use a wide range of words and phrases accurately.
- **Sentence Use** - The extent to which you are able to use a variety of sentence patterns with both independent and dependent clauses.
- **Grammar** - The extent to which you are able to express ideas using grammatically correct English.
- **Organization and Development** - The extent to which you are able to focus on the assigned topic and to develop ideas clearly.

Next Gen Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and

Statistics (QAS) – 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, geometry concepts.

Next Gen Arithmetic - 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; number comparisons and equivalents.

Next Gen Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF) -

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, trigonometry.