You can prepare for the ACCUPLACER by taking advantage of the study tool 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.

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The ACCUPLACER is administered online and is an adaptive, multiple-choice and essay test that is designed to test your knowledge in the areas of Math, Reading and Writing. Over 1,500 institutions administer ACCUPLACER tests as part of their enrollment process. The results of the ACCUPLACER will be used to help identify your strengths and weaknesses in the subject matter in order to place you in courses that fit your academic skill level. The ACCUPLACER is an untimed test, meaning that students can move along at a comfortable pace and study the questions to determine what they feel is the right answer. Keep in mind that the ACCUPLACER is not a Pass/Fail exam.

The ACCUPLACER is comprised of six individual sections. You may not be required to complete all sections. It will be up to your school’s admissions office to determine what sections you will be required to take. The six sections are as follows:

- **Reading Comprehension** - This section assesses your ability to understand different types of college-level reading materials. You will be given a number of short reading passages and will be asked to answer questions based on the information in the passages.
- **Sentence Skills** - This section assesses your ability to understand sentence structure-how sentences are put together and what makes a sentence complete and clear. You may be presented with two sentences and asked to determine the relationship between the two. For example, you may be asked if the second sentence supports, contradicts or repeats the information in the first sentence.
- **Arithmetic** - This section assesses your ability to perform basic arithmetic operations and to solve problems that involve fundamental arithmetic concepts. This includes the use of fractions, decimals and percentages.
- **Elementary Algebra** - This section assesses your ability to perform algebraic operations. Questions will involve the use of integers, rational numbers, monomials and polynomials, factoring and other algebraic expressions.
- **College-Level Math** - This section assesses your proficiency in intermediate algebra through precalculus. Questions will involve algebraic operations, solutions of equations...
and inequalities, coordinate geometry, functions and trigonometry.

- **Writeplacer Written Essay** - This section will allow you to demonstrate your writing skills. You will be asked to complete an essay on a topic to assess your ability to write and communicate effectively, which is critical to academic success. Grammar and spelling will count, along with punctuation, focus and organization. The Writeplacer section may or may not be timed, depending upon your school’s policies.

The goal of the ACCUPLACER is to place you in courses that best fit your abilities. Your scores will not affect admission for college courses.

*The use of calculators is not permitted on the Math sections of the ACCUPLACER.*

To schedule your ACCUPLACER placement assessment test, please contact your school’s Admissions office. If you are a student with a disability that needs additional accommodations, please inquire with your school when you contact them to schedule the assessment. You will be required to bring a photo ID with you to the test. Your school will advise you if you need to bring anything additional.

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### Helpful Links:

[https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students](https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students)  This is the official website for the ACCUPLACER placement test. Any questions not answered in this guide can most likely be answered on this website. There are also a lot of resources available for students throughout this website.

Comprehensive study guides and sample questions:

- [http://www.aims.edu/student/testing/studyguides/](http://www.aims.edu/student/testing/studyguides/)
- [http://www.studyguidezone.com/accuplacertest.htm](http://www.studyguidezone.com/accuplacertest.htm)

Math-specific resources and sample questions:


Math-specific tutorial videos:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btFSP7oC18](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btFSP7oC18)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvLwzExHrCE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvLwzExHrCE)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUi6sd9]z1A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUi6sd91z1A)
- [http://www.testprepreview.com/accuplacer-ar/video1.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/accuplacer-ar/video1.htm)

Compound percentages

- [http://www.testprepreview.com/accuplacer-ar/video2.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/accuplacer-ar/video2.htm)  Distance apart

Finding whole, given, part and ratio

- [http://www.testpreoverview.com/accuplacer-ar/video7.htm](http://www.testpreoverview.com/accuplacer-ar/video7.htm)  Percent-