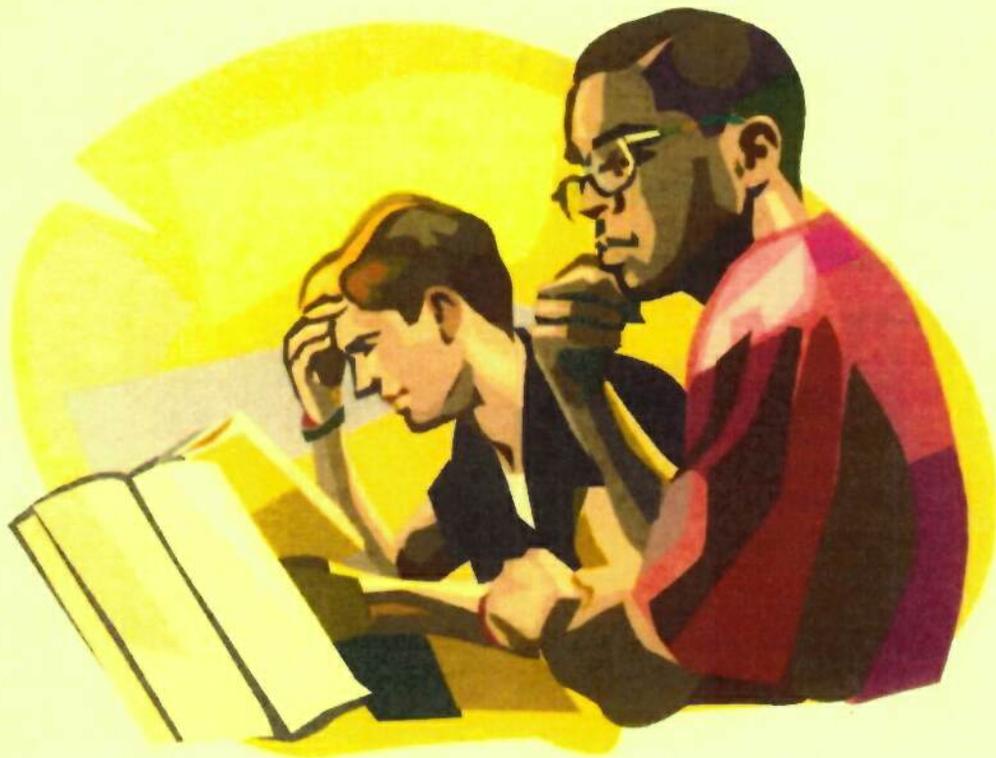


TEST STUDY

GUIDE



ACCUPLACER PLACEMENT TEST OVERVIEW

ACCUPLACER ONLINE is a comprehensive battery of computerized tests for incoming college students. These tests are delivered over the internet to provide fast and accurate results to determine whether the student has the skills to take freshman courses or would benefit most from developmental classes.

ACCUPLACER ONLINE is computerized-adaptive testing, this technology uses the computer to select items based on part of the proficiency of the examinee, the computer tailors the exam by keeping track of the examinee's performance on each test item and using that information to select the next item to be administered. The sequence of test questions will vary from student to student, the next question administered is automatically chosen by the information the examinee provides based on the skill level indicated by the answers from prior test questions. The difficulty of the questions are automatically adapted by the capability of the individual student, corresponding to each student's skill level.

Our ACCUPLACER consists of:

Reading Comprehension	20 questions
Sentence Skills	20 Questions
Arithmetic Skills	17 Questions
Elementary Algebra	12 Questions
College Level Mathematics	20 Questions

YOU SHOULD PREPARE FOR ACCUPLACER

It is not a good idea to just walk into the testing center and to take the ACCUPLACER test without preparing. You should take the time to contact the school and inquire about the specifics of the ACCUPLACER testing format. You can also prepare by using study guides, books from your past academic studies, and the many online resources that are available.

You need to be proficient in the subjects you are being tested on. The test is set up in multiple choice formats. The correct answer will be in front of you, but you have to be able identify it from the multiple options you see, to confuse you; some of the choices will be extremely close to the correct answer, but not the answer that you need.

You will need to think carefully and concentrate before choosing your answer.

You must answer the question in front of you before the computer will move on to the next question. Once you have submitted your answer, you cannot go back and change your answer, the test is set up in a page to page format, and you can only move forward, so once an answer is submitted that is it.

ACCUPLACER's computer – adaptive format adjusts according to the answering ability of the test – taker. The difficulty level of the questions depends on whether you have been able to answer similar questions correctly, the catch here is that questions of higher difficulty level carry more weightage as compared to easier ones, if you answer questions incorrectly you will keep getting easier questions and this will affect your ACCUPLACER score.

ACCUPLACER tests require you to know and recall certain formulae in solving problems presented in the math and grammar assessments; so you should take time to review math and grammar rules before attempting to take the test.

ACCUPLACER scores play a crucial role in determining your academic start in college; depending on the results of your test scores your placement in college level courses or developmental depend on those results, so do not take the ACCUPLACER lightly.

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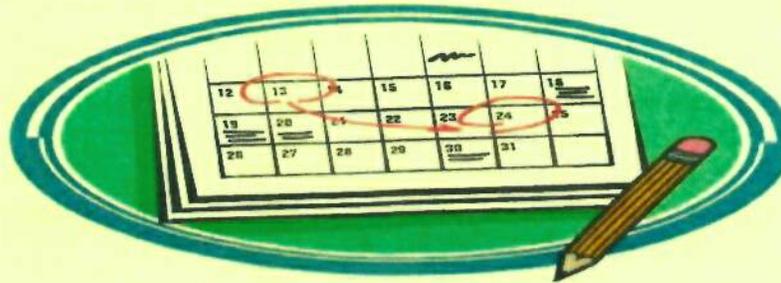


PREPARING FOR THE ACCUPLACER TEST

It is important that you prepare for the ACCUPLACER; this will increase your chances of scoring adequately. You want your scores to be a demonstration of your true skill levels. For those of you have been away from academics for more than a year this is increasingly important, the basic concepts of grammar, trigonometry, geometry, algebra and arithmetic can be easily forgotten and should be reviewed before testing.

Make plans to take your ACCUPLACER test, set a day aside just for testing.

The ACCUPLACER is untimed, take advantage of that.



Take care of all those little nuisances that can be distracting and interfere with your concentration:

Be sure to eat before testing

Be sure to rest before testing

If someone will be waiting for you, or returning to pick you up, let them know you will be here for a while and make arrangements to meet later so that you won't feel rushed

If you're employed, test on your day off

Make arrangements for your children that is safe and secure, **children are not allowed in the Testing Center**

STUDY MATERIALS FOR THE ACCUPLACER

www.pgcc.edu/testing

pdf. file of the ACCUPLACER Sample Test

www.collegeboard.com

this site will give you information on ACCUPLACER as well as ACT, SAT, and COMPASS

www.studyguidezone.com

this is the ACCUPLACER online student guide (very helpful) in all all areas reading , grammar, all levels of math

www.MathPortal.org

includes lessons, formulas and homework help

www.Coolmath.com

math lessons and survival, study skill techniques

www.MathPlanet.com

great for brushing up on math skills

www.KHANACADEMY.com

has video instruction, great for all levels of math

www.Visualmathlearning.com

interactive math website

www.mathgoodies.com

this site is interactive and great for all phases of math

www.grammar-monster.com

interactive covers all areas of grammar skills

www.HippoCampus.org

covers all subjects, multimedia instruction, and interactive lessons

www.algebrahelp.com

collection of math lessons created to assist students in algebra skills

OTHER HELPFUL STUDY AIDS:

High school text books, use your old books to review and brush up on your skills (math, english)

From the library you can use GED and SAT study guides

