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## What you should know

### **Why the Accuplacer Placement Test is Administered**

Accuplacer is administered to students to ensure academic success in English (Writing and Comprehension), Mathematics and Computer Skills, as these courses are foundational to virtually every degree program offered at North Central State College.

Testing aims for success by revealing each prospective student's skill level in English Writing, Reading Comprehension, and Mathematics skills. Mandatory placements based on test scores correspond to the skill level of each student. Using these mandatory placements, students will begin classes at a level where they are more likely to succeed.

**The ACCUPLACER ESL** assesses your English skills if you have learned English as an additional language to your native or first language.

### **Who is Required to Complete Placement Testing?**

All students are required to complete placement testing in order to meet certain course prerequisites (please consult course descriptions in the College Catalog for prerequisite requirements). This includes the College Credit Plus and the College now programs.

### **Preparing for the Placement Test**

Preparation is suggested to ensure that test scores accurately represent your current skill levels. Reviewing basic concepts in reading, grammar, arithmetic and algebra before taking ACCUPLACER should assist you in preparation for the test.

### **Making your Appointment for the Accuplacer Assessment**

To schedule your appointment for the Accuplacer Assessment, please contact the testing Department at:

-Emily J. Merrin R.T.(R)  
Tutoring and Testing Coordinator  
NCSC Tutoring Services Department  
Tutoring Resource Center: Fallerius 119  
E-mail: [proctoring@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:proctoring@ncstatecollege.edu)  
Phone: (419) 755 - 4536

### **Referral Sources for Preparation (available at most libraries and bookstores)**

Please inquire about testing preparation services available on campus or online at:

Tutoring Resource Center: Fallerius 119  
E-mail: [tutoring@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:tutoring@ncstatecollege.edu)  
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## **Computer Delivered Testing**

Accuplacer is a computer-based test delivered via the Internet. Minimal computer skills are needed to complete the test. All information is entered by using the mouse and/or the keyboard. A proctor will always be present to assist with problems that relate to test format or to computer usage. Proctors may not, however, answer any academic-related questions associated with the test this includes calculator questions.

## **Adaptive Testing**

The Accuplacer test is an adaptive test. This means that the computer uses your answers to questions to determine the level of difficulty of each successive question asked. Using this technique, we can determine your skill level on Math and Reading sections of the test by asking relatively few questions. **This portion of the test is untimed, so that you can give each question as much thought as you wish.** Once you have verified your answer, however, you cannot return to that question.

## **Administrative Instructions**

A photo ID (driver's license, student ID, etc.) at the time of check-in. All electronic devices **MUST** be turned off and stored with all other personal items in the lockers provided during the test. Lockers must remain locked and may not be accessed during the test or breaks. No food, drinks, or personal items of any kind are permitted in the testing room.

Before testing begins, a proctor will give administrative instructions to all students who are about to test. To eliminate unnecessary noise in the testing room there is no talking during testing, and you should maintain silence if you have to leave the room to take a break. Scrap paper and pencil and an electronic (on-screen) calculator will be provided. Students are not allowed to use a dictionary on the essay, reading, or sentence skills portions of the test. If you require special arrangements, please see the following paragraph on accommodations for students with disabilities. Students who are caught violating any testing instructions will be asked to leave the lab and will need to make other arrangements for testing.

## **Testing of Students with Disabilities**

Students who need Accuplacer testing and are eligible for special accommodations should ensure that the appropriate documentation, reflecting the specified accommodations, is forwarded to the **Specialized Supportive Services (Disability Services)** at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to desired testing. Please call Specialized Support Services to discuss accommodations and to schedule a testing session where these accommodations can be used.

Doug Heestand, Coordinator, Specialized Support Services  
Phone: 419-755-4727  
dheestand@ncstatecollege.edu

## **Testing Time**

For the Writing portion of the test, you are given 60 minutes to complete the typed essay. The reading, sentence skills, and math portions of the test are un-timed. Generally, students take 2 ½ to 3 hours to complete the full test.

## **Testing Fee**

The initial testing session is free; however, you will be required to pay a **\$25 Retesting Fee** in advance to Accuplacer testing for subsequent testing sessions. You must make this payment at the **Cashier's Office**. This is a non-refundable, mandatory fee for all students completing Accuplacer retesting. It is used to defray the cost of placement materials and programs as well as the cost of the administration of the mandatory placement tests.

**You may find the following resources helpful in your preparation for Accuplacer:**

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice-download>

### **Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills**

<https://www.youtube.com/@MometrixTestPrep>

<https://www.youtube.com/@smarteditiontestprep5279>

### **Writing Review**

<https://www.youtube.com/@MometrixTestPrep>

### **Algebra Review**

#### **ADD REFS FOR CALC HELP**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA\\_B9AHkqIw&list=PLqodl38v-H\\_GTWsrsabzmUy4xzWAvHwzY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA_B9AHkqIw&list=PLqodl38v-H_GTWsrsabzmUy4xzWAvHwzY)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oazf9wm8WTE&list=PLI0x1n0ia9AC2UB2InGzTIKr0di9\\_W\\_0R](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oazf9wm8WTE&list=PLI0x1n0ia9AC2UB2InGzTIKr0di9_W_0R)

<https://www.youtube.com/@makeitmakesense1504>

### **Websites**

<https://www.youtube.com/@MometrixTestPrep>