

Preparing for the Accuplacer College Placement Test

Frequently Asked Questions

1. WHO TAKES THE PLACEMENT TEST?

All accepted first time MWCC students, except:

- If your final high school GPA is 2.7 or higher you may be exempt
- If you earned college credit in English and/or math at another institution and your transcript has been evaluated for transfer credit
- If you took the Accuplacer at another school contact that school to send us your score report

2. WHERE CAN I TAKE THE TEST?

The Accuplacer is offered in Gardner, Leominster, and Devens. Check mwcc.edu/testing/cpt for information on how to test at each location.

3. WHAT DOES IT COST?

There is no cost for your first attempt, however there is a \$10 retest fee.

4. HOW LONG ARE SCORES VALID?

Test scores are valid for 3 years but may not be applicable. Speak with an advisor if you did not test recently.

5. WHAT IF I HAVE A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY AND NEED TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS?

Contact the Coordinator of Disability Services prior to test, 978-630-9330.

What To Expect

Visit mwcc.edu/testing/cpt for study guides, and information on where/when you can test.

The day of the test, bring your photo ID! A driver's license, state ID, student ID, or passport is needed to test.

No electronic devices, food, beverages, or guests are permitted. Belongings will be stored in a secure location and guests are required to wait outside of the testing area.

Plan on the test taking approximately 2 hours. Test length varies for each student as many sections are untimed.

After you test you will work with an advisor to review your scores and prepare for the upcoming semester. Visit mwcc.edu/enroll/admissions to review your next steps.



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Test Sections

The Placement Test is interactive and adaptive. The questions adjust to your ability levels based on your responses to previous questions.

The test is approximately 2 hours. There is a timed 50 minute essay and then 2-3 additional sections. You must answer every question. You cannot skip questions or go back later to change an answer. The test provides a calculator for some math problems.

ENGLISH

ESSAY

Students are given 50 minutes to type a multi-paragraph writing sample of 500-600 words (minimum) on a given topic

READING

20 untimed multiple choice questions based on several reading passages

MATH

QUANTITATIVE REASONING, ALGEBRA, AND STATISTICS

20 untimed multiple choice questions on areas such as rational numbers, exponents, and descriptive statistics

ADVANCED ALGEBRA AND FUNCTIONS

Students showing a high level of proficiency in QAS will be further assessed with 20 untimed multiple choice questions in areas such as factoring, quadratics, and trigonometry

Still have questions?

Call us at 978-630-9224 or 978-630-9220

Email us at testingservices@mwcc.mass.edu

