

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Who takes the Placement Assessment?**

New applicants entering Southeastern Community College are required to take the ACCUPLACER test unless determined exempt. This assessment tool is used to determine their academic skills in reading comprehension, sentence skills, mathematics, and keyboarding. Students re-enrolling at the college after three years may retake the assessment upon the recommendation of the admissions/counseling staff.

## **When do I need to arrive?**

Plan to arrive at the Admissions Office (A- Building, Room 100) about 15 minutes before assessment begins.

## **What do I need to bring?**

We supply everything you will need for the assessment: pencil and paper. (Calculators and other electronic devices are not permitted.) Official picture identification is required (driver's license, school, military, work or passport). SCC Student affairs require you to have an application on file in the Admission Office before testing.

## **Is the Placement Assessment timed?**

The reading comprehension, mathematics, and sentence skills sections Placement Assessment are not timed; it takes approximately 2 to 4 hours; so work at your own pace and answer questions carefully. Only the keyboarding section is timed. The goal is 25 words per minute, 3 minutes with 3 or less errors.

## **When may I retake the Placement Assessment?**

Students may retake the Placement Assessment only once in accordance with SCC College testing policy. To retest, students must complete 35 clock hours of review in each subject area in the Basic Skills Lab or after 126 calendar days (18 weeks). Students must bring written authorization from the Basic Skills Lab, to verify completion of the review. Students who have begun developmental courses are not allowed to retake the placement tests to place at a higher level. We encourage students to review study guide and website for additional practice.

## **Who may be exempt from taking the Placement Assessment?**

### **Transfer Student Exemption:**

A transfer student must have an official college transcript which shows completion of a college-level English course equal to ENG 111 or a mathematics course with a "C" grade or better to be exempt from the English, reading, or math Placement Assessment. SAT or ACT scores as noted below also apply to transfer students.

**SAT or ACT Exemption:**

\*A score of 22 or above on the ACT will exempt the student from taking the Reading Placement Assessment. \*A score of 18 or above on the ACT Sentence Skills will exempt the student from taking the Sentence skills Placement Assessment. \*A score of 22 or above on the ACT Math will exempt the student from taking the Arithmetic and Algebra.

\*A score of 500 or above on both the SAT Writing and the SAT Critical Reading will exempt the student from taking the English and Reading Placement Assessment and will allow the student to enter ENG 111. A score of 500 or above on the math SAT will exempt the student from the math Placement Assessment.

**SAT or math score of 500 or ACT of math score of 22 does not test an Allied Health Student out of developmental math. The math assessment is required. (SAT or ACT documentation must be in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution or on the official high school transcript).**

**SAT Exemption:  
Placement Assessment SAT & ACT Waivers**

<b>SAT Section</b>	<b>SAT Minimum Score</b>	<b>Accuplacer Section to be waived</b>
Math	500	Arithmetic & Algebra
Verbal	500	Reading
Writing	500	Sentence Skills
<b>ACT Section</b>	<b>ACT Minimum Score</b>	<b>Accuplacer Section to be waived</b>
Math	22	Arithmetic & Algebra
Reading	22	Reading
English	18	Sentence Skills

**How should I prepare for the test?**

Students may visit our website at <http://www.sccnc.edu> and look under Students and then click on Student Services, Admissions, and then Placement Assessment for practice and review with reading, writing, and math. Additional websites for math practice are: [www.mathmax.com](http://www.mathmax.com) - [www.purplemath.com](http://www.purplemath.com) or [www.coolmathalgebra.com](http://www.coolmathalgebra.com) [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

## **Does Southeastern Community College offer Disability Accommodations for Placement Tests?**

Placement tests are available in alternate text format. To arrange for disability-related accommodations schedule an appointment before you take the test. Contact: Sammie Worley (910) 642-7141 ext. 263 [sammie.worley@sccnc.edu](mailto:sammie.worley@sccnc.edu)

## **Which placement scores are acceptable?**

SCC will accept official copies of the Accuplacer taken at other colleges. SAT or ACT scores are also accepted directly from the College Board or Official high school transcripts that post SAT or ACT results are also accepted.