

# FAQ: Accuplacer Placement Testing

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## What is Accuplacer?

The Accuplacer is a computer-based assessment tool that Seward County Community College uses to determine an individual's current knowledge/skill level and their likelihood to succeed in college credit courses generally required of first-year students. Course placement recommendations will be made based on your scores. Students who follow these recommendations have a better chance of successfully completing their courses. If you do not make the minimal score required to enroll into your desired college credit course(s), SCCC does offer "pre" courses to help improve/refresh your knowledge and skills.

SCCC does not place a time limit on the Accuplacer, therefore you may take as long as you need to complete it. *Accuplacer.org* suggests allowing about an hour for each section or about 3 hours for the complete Accuplacer.

The full Accuplacer is made up of three sections: 1) **Reading**, 2) **Writing** (commonly referred to as "English") and 3) **Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics** (commonly referred to as "Math"). All questions are multiple choice. Depending on the college credit courses you desire to take, you may be required to take only one or two of the sections.

1. The **Reading** section consists of 20 multiple-choice questions to determine current level of English reading comprehension skills. A minimum score of 255 is required for entry into any college credit course other than *College English Composition I* &/or *College Algebra I*.
2. The **Writing (or "English")** section consists of 25 multiple-choice questions to determine current level of knowledge/skills in proper English grammar and written language patterns. A minimum score of 255 is required for entry into *College English Composition I*, as well as into certain other college credit courses other than Math courses.
3. The **Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (or "Math")** section consists of 20 multiple-choice questions to determine current knowledge/skills in arithmetic, reasoning, Algebra, & statistics. A minimum score of 263 is required for entry into *College Algebra I*. Different minimal scores may be required for enrollment into certain other math &/or sciences college credit courses.

## Who Must Take Accuplacer?

Persons who have not taken the ACT or the Accuplacer within the last year. Persons who have taken an ACT or Accuplacer within the last year at another college but are unable to provide scores from that college.

## When Do I Take the Test?

**General availability for on-campus appointments:**

### Mondays

**8 AM to NOON & 1 PM to 4:30 PM**

### Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

**8 AM to NOON & 1 PM to 8 PM**

*Appointments to last beyond 4:45 PM must be scheduled by 3:30 PM the day of.*

*(If there are no appointments to last beyond 4:45 PM, the testing center will close by 4:45 PM.)*

*Closed daily from NOON to 1 PM.*

*Closed when SCCC campuses are closed (weekends/breaks/holidays/weather/etc.)*

## Where Do I Take the Test?

The SCCC Testing Center is located in room A103 of the Hobble Academic Building, right next to the Registrar office.

## What Should I Bring for the Test?

You need to bring only a valid photo ID and your SCCC Student ID Number. If you are retesting within less than a year, you may be asked to present your \$30 receipt (payable at SCCC cashier right before your appointment). You will be asked to turn off and turn in all electronic devices and to store all personal items. Storage space is limited. Accuplacer prohibits the use of any calculator other than the calculator programmed within the test unless you have a prescribed accommodation. On the problems for which that calculator is not available, Accuplacer allows the use of blank scratch paper/pencil or a wipe-off board.

## Can I Study for the Test?

There are free online practice resources available. Using a desktop or laptop computer, you may also access free online practice at the following link: [Practice for ACCUPLACER – ACCUPLACER | College Board](#). Click on “**Start Practicing**” on “**Get the Study App**” blue square. You will arrive at a “**Practice for Accuplacer**” login page where you’ll click [Don't have an account? Sign Up](#) to register/create an account and start practicing. You can select the

“**Learn As You Go**” option (where it explains the correct answer right after each question) &/or the “**Practice Test**” option (where you can review your incorrect answers and the explanations for the correct answers after you've completed the whole practice test). This practice resource will not work on a tablet or cellphone. You may also download PDFs of practice questions for each section.

## May I Take Accuplacer More Than Once?

Yes. Students can retake any or all sections of the Accuplacer exam. Students requesting Accuplacer testing who have Accuplacer scores on file from within the past year must pay a fee of \$30 to the business office prior to taking the Accuplacer Test. When individual student situations warrant retesting, Advisors, Admissions Staff, or Administrators may request that a student retest without a fee by notifying the testing center facilitator via email prior to scheduling the testing session.

## How Do I Sign Up for Accuplacer?

Please call (620-417-1042) or email ([leanne.nay@sccc.edu](mailto:leanne.nay@sccc.edu)) to schedule an appointment. When emailing/leaving a voicemail, please be sure to provide the following information:

1. Your Full Name & Date of Birth
2. Your SCCC Student ID number (if you have one/if you know it)
3. Which section(s) of the Accuplacer you wish to take [Reading, Writing (“English”), &/or Quantitative Reasoning (“Math”)]
4. Your preferred appointment date & time. (Unless fully booked or otherwise unavailable, you will be scheduled for your preferred time.)

## What version of Accuplacer is used for testing?

Seward County Community College currently uses only the **Next Generation** version of Accuplacer.