

## ENGLISH AND READING PLACEMENT TESTING

### STEP 1: KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT

All CC+ applicants must have two placement scores - one for reading and one for writing.

For reading, the Accuplacer test asks students to

- Read passages of varying length.
- Answer 20 short, multiple-choice questions.

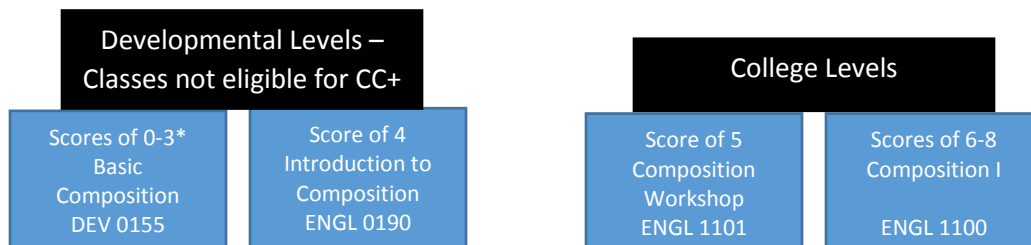
Scores of 20-51\*  
Intermediate  
Reading  
DEV 0140

Scores of 52-79  
Advanced  
Reading  
DEV 0145

Scores of 80+  
No reading  
class required

For writing, the WritePlacer test asks students to

- Read a short passage that ends with a writing prompt.
- Develop an opinion with supporting reasons, explanations, and examples.
- Write a 300-600 word essay (on a computer) in standard, edited English.



\* Students with scores of 0 or 1 on the WritePlacer in conjunction with a 20-30 on the Accuplacer will be ineligible for any CC+ classes.

### STEP 2: PREPARE FOR THE TESTS

- Students can visit the placement testing page of the Columbus State website to access information about the reading and writing tests.
- Students coming to the college campus can visit Columbus State's campus lab, Aquinas Hall, Room 214, where tutors are available to suggest tips and offer exercises that may improve your scores in reading and/or writing.

### STEP 3: SET ASIDE TIME AND TAKE TESTS

- Students generally spend 90 minutes taking both the reading and writing tests, but allow two hours or more. Both tests are untimed.
- If students come to campus, they do not need to schedule an appointment, but they should be aware of the Testing Center's hours of operation. Students must arrive at least two hours prior to closing.

### STEP 4: REVIEW AND REPEAT THE TESTS (OPTIONAL)

- If students aren't satisfied with the scores they earned, they should practice their skills. Students may retest once per year.

## MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PLACEMENT TESTING

### STEP 1: DO STUDENTS NEED TO TAKE EITHER OF THESE TESTS?

Students *may not* be required to take either a math or a science placement test. Please read the requirements below.

For mathematics, if a CCP student has an ACT, SAT, or other approved score that qualifies the student to take the desired college-level course, then no further mathematics placement is necessary. The student may immediately register for the desired course.

For science, if a CCP student has an ACT, SAT, or other approved score (or successful completion of high school course – see below) that qualifies the student to take the desired college-level course, then no further science placement is necessary. The student may immediately register for the desired course. Along with meeting any other required pre-requisites:

- Successful completion of high school biology satisfies the science requirement for CCP biology (BIO 1111,1112,1113,1121,1125,1127,2215,2300)
- Successful completion of high school chemistry satisfies the science requirement for CCP chemistry (CHEM 1111,1113,1200,1171, and BIO 2301)
- Successful completion of high school physics satisfies the science requirement for CCP physics (PHYS 1200,1250)
- Successful completion of 1–year high school physical science satisfies the science requirement for CCP biology, chemistry, and physics

### STEP 2: PREPARE FOR THE MATH OR SCIENCE TEST

- Review in preparation for taking any placement test.

### STEP 3: SET ASIDE TIME AND TAKE YOUR MATH TEST

- For mathematics, if a CCP student does not have a qualifying score (such as ACT), then the student must complete the following ALEKS PPL mathematics placement process.
  - A CCP student's initial math placement assessment must be taken in a proctored environment, either at a designated placement location in the student's high school or at a CSCC Testing Services location.
  - As with all other students taking a proctored mathematics placement assessment, only the ALEKS PPL embedded calculator may be used. No other calculators are permitted during the assessment.
  - If a CCP student scores high enough on the initial ALEKS PPL placement assessment to place into the desired college-level course, then the student has completed the mathematics placement process and may register for the desired course.
  - If a CCP student does not score high enough on the initial assessment to place into the desired college-level course, then the student must complete at least five hours of remediation in their ALEKS PPL Prep and Learning module in order to be eligible to retest.

- Upon completing the required five hours of remediation, students will take another proctored placement assessment in ALEKS PPL in an attempt to improve their score. If the student scores high enough on the re-assessment to place into the desired college-level course, then the student has completed the mathematics placement process and may register for the desired course.
- If a student still does not score high enough to qualify for the desired course, then the remediate and re-assess process may be completed up to three additional times within 6 months from the date of the original assessment.

#### **STEP 4: SET ASIDE TIME AND TAKE YOUR SCIENCE TEST**

- For science, if a CCP student does not have a qualifying score (such as ACT), or evidence of successful high school course work, then the student must complete the Accuplacer Science Placement Test. Allow 90 minutes to complete this 25-question assessment. Calculators are not allowed to be used during the science test, and there are no retakes. A score of 30-50 allows placement into college-level science.