

Accommodated Placement Testing FAQs

Do I need to take placement tests?

"Placement tests are given to determine your proficiency in the areas of reading, writing, math and science so that you are placed into the appropriate classes for your first semester at Columbus State. If you have already taken a standardized test (ACT or SAT), or earned college credit in these subjects, you may not need to take the placement test."

Visit <http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/need-placement.shtml> or speak to an academic advisor or Disability Services advocate for more information.

Should I take the placement test with accommodations?

Testing accommodations are provided in order to ensure that test results reflect your true knowledge of a subject. It is important to place as accurately as possible with the placement tests. This ensures that you are not taking classes that are below or above your level of readiness; taking classes that are too easy or too hard may result in wasting your time and money. If you have questions about whether accommodations are appropriate for you, please contact Disability Services in Eibling 101 or our Intake Specialist at (614) 287-2570.

What accommodations are available for the placement test?

Testing accommodations are determined based on your documented needs and disability. Testing accommodations for the placement test may include: distraction-reduced testing space, calculator, audio versions of the test(s), access to spell check, scribe, etc.

Placement tests are not timed tests, so extended testing time is not an accommodation provided. If time is a concern, be mindful of the testing center's closing time (visit <https://www.csc.edu/services/testingcenter/academic-testing/academic-hours-location.shtml> or <https://www.csc.edu/services/disability/student-testing.shtml> for Testing Center hours). Only the written portion of the ESL test is timed; if appropriate, extended time can be provided for this test.

How do I get accommodations for the placement test?

In order to take the placement test with accommodations, you must submit copies of your disability documentation (see "What documentation do I need to submit?" for details) to Disability Services and indicate that you would like to take the placement test with accommodations. Please note that this process can take between 3-10 business days, so you will need to submit your disability paperwork well in advance of when you intend to test. Visit our [How to Register](#) webpage for more information.

What documentation do I need to submit?

Common forms of documentation include:

- Individualized Education Plan (IEP) / 504 with Evaluation Team Report (ETR) from high school
- A form or letter completed by your doctor, counselor, or other professional
- Materials that describe your disability and how it impacts you academically

For more information, visit our [How to Register](#) page.

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If you have questions about documentation, you may contact our Intake Specialist at (614) 287-2570.

How do I schedule an accommodated placement test?

After you submit documentation, you will be assigned to a Disability Services Advocate. Once the Advocate has reviewed your documentation, they will contact you with information about how to contact the appropriate Columbus State Testing Site to schedule your placement test. Do note that you must schedule an accommodated placement test with Disability Services at least two business days in advance.

Am I able to take my placement tests at a Regional Learning Center or Delaware Campus?

Yes, you are able to take your placement tests with accommodations at any of the Columbus State Community College Testing Centers. There are some limitations to the accommodations available at each site, so please be sure to communicate your intended testing location to your Disability Services Advocate. Informing your Advocate of your intended testing location is essential to ensuring that your accommodations are available/put in place prior to your intended testing date.

Are there study resources for the placement test?

Yes, Columbus State offers both in-person assistance and online practice materials for the placement test.

In-person preparation for the Reading, Writing, and Math Placement tests can be found at:

College Readiness Center

Columbus Campus

Aquinas Hall, room 214; 614-287-5863 (Reading and Writing)

Aquinas Hall, room 213; 614-287-5890 (Mathematics)

collegereadiness@csc.edu

Online practice materials are available on Columbus State's website:

For Reading: <http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/reading-placement.shtml> (refer to the Practice Tests section)

For Writing: <http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/writing-placement.shtml> (refer to the Practice Tests section)

For Mathematics: <http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/math-placement.shtml> (refer to the Step 1 and Step 2 sections)

For Science: <http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/science-testing.shtml> (refer to the Practice is the Best Preparation section)

For ESL: <http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/ESL-placement.shtml> (refer to the Practice Tests section)

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For more Placement Testing resources, visit:

<http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/faq.shtml>

<http://www.csc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/index.shtml>

Am I Able to Retest with Accommodations?

Yes. The college's policies for re-tests also apply to students testing with accommodations. Please contact your Disability Services Advocate for more information.