

Basic Skills Assessment

Although Cape Cod Community College has an open admissions policy, appropriate skill levels in English, reading and mathematics are needed for success in any program of study and are prerequisites to enrollment in many introductory courses at this College. Therefore, the College administers skills assessments in these areas. Unless prior college credit has been evaluated, all matriculated students are required to take skills assessments in English, reading and mathematics before registering for their first semester of classes. Unless prior college credit has been evaluated and accepted, non-matriculated students who wish to enroll in courses that have identified a skill level as a prerequisite are required to take the skills assessment before registering for the class. Students seeking a degree or certificate should matriculate as early as possible.

The Testing Center administers the College Board's ACCUPLACER Tests to all entering students for placement in appropriate English, reading and mathematics courses. Enrolled students are offered the opportunity to complete diagnostic instruments as well as participate in personality type and learning style workshops.

Assessment results remain valid for three years. Readmitted and transfer students will be required to take the skills assessments unless scores are still valid (less than three years old) or comparable transfer course information is available. Students may enroll only in courses for which they are able to demonstrate the required entry level competency. Cape Cod Community College will provide appropriate developmental education courses and experiences for students who have demonstrated need in English, reading and/or mathematics. (College Meeting, November 28, 1989)

Campus-Wide Accuplacer Retest Policy (College Meeting, February 6, 2017)

New students are required to complete the Accuplacer exam prior to enrolling in courses. They are also granted one re-test opportunity prior to beginning courses.

Current students are granted one re-test opportunity at the end of every semester (Fall, Spring, Summer) where they have demonstrated remediation efforts.

Note: Examples of remediation opportunities for students: completing a math course, completing an English course, attending a refresher workshop, completing the Accuplacer Foundations lab, etc. This eliminates post-testing. Developmental English and math students are offered a re-test opportunity instead.