



# ACCUPLACER STUDY GUIDES & RESOURCES

## Accuplacer Testing & Study Guide

★ A 53-page sample for reading, writing and math.

<http://www.johnstoncc.edu/pdfs/accuplacerstudyguide.pdf>

## ACCUPLACER® Sample Questions for Students

A 13-page sample for reading, writing and math.

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/accuplacer-sample-questions-for-students.pdf>

## WritePlacer® Guide with Sample Essays

[http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/documents/testing\\_services/accuplacer\\_writeplacer\\_sample\\_essays.pdf](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/documents/testing_services/accuplacer_writeplacer_sample_essays.pdf)

## Accuplacer web-based or iPhone App

Download The Official Accuplacer App \$2.99, access hundreds of questions to familiarize yourself with the Accuplacer basic content and experience. <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>

## ACCUPLACER (Reading, Writing and Math)

- Tests are not timed. Students should allow approximately 40 minutes to complete each test.
- Students are allowed two retests within two years. One retest at least 24-hours or later and another retest three months or later. Scores are valid for two years. Students are encouraged to review the study guides before testing.

### MAIN CAMPUS HOURS

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### NORTH CAMPUS HOURS

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## Reading Comprehension — 20 Questions

The first type consists of a reading passage followed by a question based on the text. Both short and long passages are provided. The reading passages can also be classified according to the kind of information processing required including explicit statements related to the main idea, explicit statements related to a secondary idea, application, and inference.

The second type of question, sentence relationships, presents two sentences followed by a question about the relationship between these two sentences. The question may ask, for example, if the statement in the second sentence supports that in the first, if it contradicts it, or if it repeats the same information.

## Written Essay — 300 to 600 Words

Your writing sample will be scored on the basis of how effectively it communicates a whole message to the readers for the stated purpose. Your score will be based on your ability to express, organize, and support your opinions and ideas, not the position you take on the essay topic.

The following six characteristics of writing will be considered:

**Focus**—The clarity with which you maintain your main idea or point of view

**Organization**—The clarity with which you structure your response and present a logical sequence of ideas

**Development and Support**—The extent to which you elaborate on your ideas and the extent to which you present supporting details

**Sentence Structure**—The effectiveness of your sentence structure

**Mechanical Conventions**—The extent to which your writing is free of errors in usage and mechanics

**Critical Thinking**—The extent to which you communicate a point of view and demonstrate reasoned relationships among ideas.

## Arithmetic Test — 17 Questions

*(You should take this test if you feel that you should place into introductory or developmental algebra (092 or 090) or basic arithmetic (082).)*

This test is divided into three types: Operations with whole numbers and fractions, operations with decimals and percents, and applications. The first two involve addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, along with recognizing equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, decimals, fractions, equivalencies, estimation, and percent problems. Applications include: rate, percent, measurement, geometry and distribution of a quantity into its fractional parts.

## Elementary Algebra Test — 12 Questions

*(You should take this test if you feel that you should place into intermediate algebra (120 or 121) or college mathematics (142).)*

This test is divided into three types: 1) Operations with integers and rational numbers along with absolute value and ordering. 2) Operations with algebraic expressions as formulas and expressions with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of polynomials along with roots, exponents, rational expressions, and factoring. 3) Solving linear, or quadratic and inequalities equations along with verbal problems, geometric reasoning, and graphing.

## College Level Algebra Test — 20 Questions

*(You should take this test if you feel that you should place into college algebra (150 or 151) or higher.)*

This test assesses intermediate algebra and above. Topics covered are: simplifying rational algebraic expressions, factoring, expanding polynomials, roots and exponents, solving equations and inequalities including linear, quadratic, systems and other forms. Geometry, lines, conics and graphing are also covered. There are application problems, complex numbers, series and sequences, determinants, permutations and combinations, trigonometry, logarithms and exponential functions.



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