

ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT (ACCUPLACER)

1. What is the Entrance Assessment (Accuplacer)?

Accuplacer is a computerized diagnostic assessment system, which provides information about your level of skill and accomplishment in literacy (reading comprehension), and math (arithmetic).

2. What type of a testing system is Accuplacer?

Accuplacer is a computerized assessment with several test sections: Reading Comprehension and Arithmetic. The computer software uses the information that you supply through the personal information questions at the beginning of the assessment to determine which question should be your first question. If your response to the first question is correct, the software will select a more difficult question next. If your response to the first question is incorrect, the software will then select a less difficult question. Once you have answered a series of 17 to 20 questions, the software determines your score.

The assessment instructions are easy to understand. An examination administrator/proctor will always be present to help you. Although the assessment is administered on a computer, no previous experience with computers is necessary. However, it is advisable that you familiarize yourself with using a computer and keyboard.

3. Is taking the Accuplacer assessment mandatory?

Yes, for those assessed by the SATCC to require it. When an applicant's transcripts do not possess the academic qualifications, Accuplacer will be used to assess and ensure the apprentice's readiness for technical training.

4. How do I arrange for the Accuplacer assessment?

Once you have paid the fee, you will be contacted by the Accuplacer Coordinators and provided with test center information. You must write within **45** days of the date on the letter/email you receive.

5. Do I need to bring anything with me to my appointment?

Yes, you must bring the letter/email of referral you received and photo identification.

6. Is the assessment timed?

No, Multiple-choice ACCUPLACER assessments are not timed, so you work at a pace that's comfortable for you. Typically, each section takes between 30 to 45 minutes.

8. Can I bring a calculator?

No, you cannot bring a calculator. If a question allows a calculator, a calculator icon will appear for your use while taking the assessment. We do advise you bring in a pencil/pen and paper if you would like to use it or ask your testing centre for some scrap paper and a pencil/pen.

NOTE: If you choose a Sask Polytechnic Testing Centre, you are not allowed to bring outside paper inside the Test Centre. **They will supply you with scrap paper and pencil/pen.**

9. Can I prepare for the Accuplacer Assessment?

Yes, we strongly recommend that you prepare for your assessment so that your scores will reflect your true level of ability, especially if you have been out of school for a few years. You cannot 'pass' or 'fail' Accuplacer. However, to make sure that the assessment scores accurately represent your skill levels, you may wish to review basic concepts in reading, grammar and arithmetic before taking Accuplacer.

The following websites may help you prepare for Accuplacer. You may also want to search for additional sites with practice questions.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4Q6_tMTkbk&feature=youtu.be

This is a youtube video explaining Accuplacer.

<http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>

This site provides explanations and sample questions for the two subject areas you will be assessed on; Reading Comprehension and Arithmetic. Click on Information for Students, then on the right hand side go into Free Sample Questions.

10. Is there an app for Accuplacer?

Yes. Accuplacer has created a web based app that is FREE at <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>

11. When do I get my results?

The SATCC will notify you by letter/email of your results and the next step applicable to you. Please note that the examination administrator/proctor will not give you your results at the exam centre.

12. What happens if I do not show up to write Accuplacer?

If you do not show up to write the Assessment nor call to re-schedule the assessment, the SATCC will withdraw your application for apprenticeship as we assume you are no longer interested and you will not move forward with technical training.

13. What happens to my application if I meet the required benchmarks on Accuplacer for apprenticeship?

If you have reached the benchmarks for apprenticeship, and if all other admission requirements have been met, you will be notified that you qualify to move forward in your apprenticeship.

14. What happens to my application if I do not meet the required benchmarks on Accuplacer for apprenticeship?

If any of your results are below the required benchmarks, you will be contacted indicating further work is required. The SATCC will require that you work with the online software program, MyFoundationsLab (MFL). MyFoundationsLab equips students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in technical training.

At the time that one needs to work on MyFoundationsLab, your passcode and all relevant information needed will be emailed to you. You have 6 months to complete MFL.

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