



# ACCUPLACER

## Computerized Placement Test (CPT)

### *Who should take Accuplacer?*

Anoka Technical College requires all admitting students to complete the [Minnesota State Colleges & Universities](#) system-endorsed Accuplacer test. Accuplacer is not a pass/fail test. Your scores will indicate whether you (a) place directly into college-level reading, writing, and math courses or (b) begin by taking basic developmental reading, writing, and math courses.

You may start your program regardless of your test scores unless your program requires placement testing as a program prerequisite; refer to \*EXCEPTIONS noted below.

### EXEMPTIONS

To be considered for exemption you must submit official documentation of prior learning to the Dean of Academic Resources, located in the Admissions office. Students will be notified of testing exemption determinations within ten working days.

After notification, it is the students responsibility to contact the Admissions office for an appointment to take identified Accuplacer tests.

You may be exempt from all or part of the placement test if

- you are a transfer student and have completed relevant coursework (college-level reading, English or mathematics with a transcribed 2.0 GPA or above). No time limit.
- you have a degree from an accredited US institution of higher learning. No time limit.
- you have taken the Accuplacer Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills tests (or completed relevant developmental coursework) within the past three years, and/or the Arithmetic test (or completed relevant developmental coursework) within the past two years.
- you are not seeking a degree, diploma, or certificate. Please note students who are not seeking a degree, diploma, or certificate are not eligible for financial aid.
- you have ACT subscores of 24 or higher no more than three years old.

### \* EXCEPTIONS

There are exceptions. Students are required to complete course and program requirements which may include placement testing as a prerequisite. Most programs at Anoka Technical College do not have program prerequisites. Exceptions include [Occupational Therapy Assistant](#), and [Practical Nursing](#).

[Program Plans](#) are subject to change. Confirm program requirements with your academic advisor.

### *When is the test given at Anoka Technical College?*

Accuplacer is routinely administered by appointment ONLY in the Assessment Testing Center (Academic Resource Center Room 185) on Tuesdays at 1 PM, Thursdays at 9 AM, and the second Tuesday of every month at 5 PM. Call Admissions at (763) 576-4850 for an appointment. You will be required to show a photo ID when you test.

### *About Accuplacer*

- Multiple-choice computerized placement test, sometimes referred to as 'new student assessment' or 'college entrance exam'.
- Most students finish in approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.
- You may not use a calculator, however an electronic calculator will be provided when permitted by Accuplacer.
- If you have been away from school for more than a year, it is recommended you review basic reading, grammar, and arithmetic skills - see back of this form for preparation options.
- You may retest only once within a two year period.

### *What scores do I need to begin college-level courses?*

Effective for students beginning their program Fall 2008 or after, the following scores are required for placement into:

#### College-Level Reading Courses

Reading Comprehension score of 78 or higher

#### College-Level Writing Courses

Reading Comprehension score of 78 or higher AND  
Sentence Skills score of 86 or higher

#### Technical Math Courses

\*Arithmetic score of 71 or higher

#### College-Level Math Courses

Elementary Algebra score of 76 or higher AND  
College-Level Math score of 50 or higher

**\*THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS.** Check your [Program Plan](#) for program requirements and program and/or course prerequisites. Questions? Contact your Program Director.

### *Can I take Accuplacer at another location?*

Students have the option to take Accuplacer at any Minnesota State College & Universities system [campus](#). Students are responsible for:

- (1) scheduling their test at the campus of their choice, and
- (2) asking the other MnSCU campus Test Administrator to distance proctor their test from the Anoka Tech Accuplacer Web site.

# Prepare for Accuplacer

Review before testing is optional. You can not "pass" or "fail" the placement tests, but it is very important that you do your very best so you will have an accurate measure of your academic skills. If you have been away from school for more than a year, you may wish to review basic skills in reading, grammar, and arithmetic.

## Online review options

Visit Anoka Tech on the Web at

[www.AnokaTech.edu](http://www.AnokaTech.edu)

Click on **FUTURE STUDENTS**  
**Get into College**  
**Placement Testing**  
**Prepare for Test**

## Get ready for Accuplacer math

### New Web Resource!

[www.accuplacermath.project.mnscu.edu](http://www.accuplacermath.project.mnscu.edu)

Visit the **Accuplacer Math Project** on the Web - Developed by **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)**, this resource has a multitude of links to math review resources.

Accuplacer math tests include ARITHMETIC, ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA, and COLLEGE-LEVEL MATH.

Anoka Technical College requires that all students take the Accuplacer ARITHMETIC test. The ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA and COLLEGE-LEVEL MATH tests are administered **ONLY to students in program majors with college-level math course work requirements or options**. If your program major does not include (or have the option to include) MATH 1500, 1600, 1650, or MATH 1700 your math testing will include the Arithmetic test only.

View specific program requirements at [www.AnokaTech.edu](http://www.AnokaTech.edu)  
Click on **FUTURE STUDENTS**, **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**.

Your Accuplacer math scores will indicate whether you begin your college studies by registering for developmental or college-level course work.

Schedule your ACCUPLACER test by calling Admissions.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

You will be required to show a photo ID at your test session.  
You may not test without one.

## Attend FREE review sessions on-campus

Students no longer in high school may review basic English, math, and reading skills by joining the **Metro North Adult Basic Education** program.

The *no fee* ABE program requires a minimum of twelve hours of review. The ABE teacher will help you identify areas you need to study and provide you assistance in gaining necessary knowledge and skills.

Begin the review process by attending Adult Basic Education Orientation in Academic Resource Center Room 181 any Monday at 9 AM or Wednesday at 5 PM. [Schedule](#) subject to change.



View the schedule by visiting Anoka Tech on the Web at [www.AnokaTech.edu](http://www.AnokaTech.edu)

Click on **FUTURE STUDENTS**  
**Get More Help**  
**Student Support Services**  
**Adult Education**  
**ABE Orientation**

[www.AnokaTech.edu](http://www.AnokaTech.edu)

**Future Students**

**Orientation to Adult Basic Education**

Future Students > Help > Student Support Services

**GET STARTED**

To enroll in Adult Basic Education (ABE) Orientation, Orientations are routine

- Mondays beginning promptly
- Wednesdays beginning promptly
- No appointment is necessary
- The ABE [Orientation schedule](#) has the latest information.

ABE Orientation will include assessments and ABE teachers with necessary information and open labs will be distributed.

**\*View ABE Calendars for most**

- [JAN 2009](#) (116 KB PDF)
- [FEB 2009](#) (31 KB PDF)
- [MAR 2009](#) (31 KB PDF)

**Anoka Technical College Admissions**

**763.576.4850**



**Metro North Adult Basic Education**

**763.576.4722**