

Placement Assessments

NCCC currently uses the ACCUPLACER computer-based assessment instrument to determine a student's proper placement in the areas of **Math, Reading, and Writing**. The writing portion of ACCUPLACER requires students to write an essay in response to a given topic which will determine placement in appropriate English courses.

One or more assessments may be waived for applicants who meet specific criteria. The Admissions Office reviews student transcripts to determine if the criteria are met. These criteria, along with sample questions, may be found at www.niagaracc.suny.edu, click "Admission," "Placement Assessment".

Students with disabilities who require accommodations (e.g., calculator, scribe, tests on tape, etc) should contact the Disability Services Coordinator prior to making an assessment appointment.

Students who score below college level are required to register for non-credit foundation class(es) in their first semester.

These courses will *not* meet any curriculum requirements, but do apply toward full time status for Financial Aid eligibility.

Interpreting Assessment Scores

READING

Passing: 75 or above

64 or below – AAC 041 ***is required***

65 to 74 – AAC 042 ***is required***

75 to 90 – AAC 104 is **recommended**. College Reading is a 3 credit hour elective focusing on textbook and critical reading as well as study techniques.

91 to 120 – AAC 108 is **recommended**. College Study Strategies is a 3 credit hour elective covering techniques for synthesizing course content, note-taking, preparing for exams, and other study strategies.

WRITING:

ACCUPLACER: score with "P" is passing, "F" is failing

Testing as of July 1, 2009: Passing =

05 or above

Scores of 00 to 04 = ENG 099 ***required***

Students who tested prior to July 1, 2009:

Passing = 08 or above, 07 may be passing or failing (look for "P" or "F" after the score).

Students scoring 00 to 06 = **ENG 099 required**

MATH:

All students with an ACCUPLACER Algebra test score below 57 are **required** to take an ACCUPLACER Arithmetic test.

A student scoring between 50 and 56 on the ACCUPLACER Algebra test (Arithmetic is not evaluated) is **required** to take MAT 002 or MAT 046*.

A student scoring 34 or greater on the ACCUPLACER Arithmetic test is **required** take MAT 002 or MAT 046*.

A student scoring 33 or below on the ACCUPLACER Arithmetic test is **required** take MAT 001.

A student scoring between 57 and 75 on the ACCUPLACER Algebra test **may be required** (based on other considerations) to take MAT 003.

* MAT 046 is dependent on a students' program. Students scoring in the ranges indicated that are enrolled in the following programs are required to take MAT 046:

Animation, A.S.

Business: Accounting, A.A.S.

Business: Administrative Assistant, A.A.S.

Business: Business Administrative, A.A.S.

Criminal Justice, A.S.

Human Services, A.A.

Lib Arts and Sciences: Hum and Soc Sci

Physical Education Studies, A.S.

Recreation Studies, A.S.

Sport Management, A.S.

Theatre Arts, A.S.

Personal Training Certificate

Health Studies, A. S.

READING:

A student scoring **below 65** on the ACCUPLACER Reading Test, is **required** to register for **AAC 041, Reading Foundations II**

A student scoring **between 65 and 74**, is **required** to register for **AAC 042, Reading Foundations III**

A student scoring **between 75 and 90** is **recommended to take AAC 104, College Reading**, a three-credit elective which focuses on critical reading, analysis of types of writing, test-taking, memory improvement, as well as other study techniques designed to help them excel in their other courses.

A student scoring **between 91 and 120** and has indicated a need for **help with study skills**, will be **recommended** to take **AAC 108, College Study Strategies**, a three- credit course in

which instruction focuses on synthesizing course content, critical thinking, note-taking and preparing for exams, all of which are applied to another course the student is taking.

Note: Even if a reading course is not recommended, a student may elect to take one. All of the AAC courses are designed to foster success in other coursework.