

PREPARING FOR & TAKING THE ACCUPLACER



Use this guide to help prepare! Stop by the The Learning Center to get help from a tutor or ask Student Services about other questions.

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The Accuplacer costs \$18 for prospective UA students. Pay at the Business Office (BB 123) before taking your exam.

I. WHAT IS THE ACCUPLACER? WHY SHOULD I PREPARE BEFORE TAKING IT?

The Accuplacer is a mandatory placement test used to help determine which English classes you are ready for at Kodiak College, UAA. This adaptive computer-based test has two sections: Sentence Skills and Reading Comprehension.

While preparation is not required, we do advise it because the higher you score, the fewer classes you'll have to take to reach your goals!

II. BEFORE THE TEST

- Make an appointment with a tutor in The Learning Center to:
 - ✓ *Create a realistic study plan* for yourself.
 - ✓ *Complete practice questions* using the “Accuplacer: Sample Questions for Students” handout or the official Accuplacer Web Based Study App.
 - ✓ *Learn some test taking strategies.*

Can't meet with a tutor? Check out the “Free Test Preparation Resources” handout.

Need some Math testing tips? Check out our “Preparing for & Taking ALEKS” handout.

**Schedule your testing appointment at least
48 hours in advance.**

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Know the Testing Center & Accuplacer Rules:

- ✓ Schedule your appointment *at least* 48 hours in advance.
- ✓ Pay for your test at the Business Office
- ✓ Bring your proof of payment and a photo ID to the Testing Center on the day of your test.
- ✓ Outside resources, like phones and calculators, are not allowed during the test.
- ✓ Lockers are available in the Testing Center for personal items.
- ✓ Food and drinks are not allowed during the test, but you *can* have a lidded drink in the waiting area.
- ✓ You *can* take breaks! Just check in with the proctor before you do so.
- ✓ The test time is *unlimited*. While you may need more or less, allow yourself at least two hours to take the test.
- ✓ Ear plugs are available. Ask the proctor if you'd like some.

Locations

Business Office: **BB 123**

Student Services: **CC 103**

Testing Center: **CC 210**

Learning Center: **CC 205**

BB = Benny Benson Building

CC = Campus Center Building

III. DURING THE TEST

- Adjust your testing area to make it as comfortable as possible:
 - ✓ Ask the proctor to open or close the blinds, if needed
 - ✓ Adjust your chair and the brightness of your computer screen
- Make use of the available scratch paper and ask for more if you need it.
- Do the sample questions when they come up during the test.
- Use the test taking strategies you learned.
- Relax and take your time. Visualize success!

IV. AFTER THE TEST

- Get a copy of your results from the proctor.
- Stop by Student Services to set up an appointment with an Advisor to discuss the results and create your course schedule.
- You *can* re-take the test for an additional fee. Talk with an Advisor to help decide if this is a good fit for you before doing so.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed the Accuplacer and taken another step toward reaching your goals.