

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 \$20 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 placement test used to help determine which Writing classes you are ready for at Kodiak College, UAA. This adaptive computer-based test has two sections: Writing and Reading.

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 and/or the official Accuplacer 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 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. Completing a writing sample may also be an option. Talk with an Advisor to help decide if retaking the Accuplacer or completing a writing sample is a good fit for you before doing so.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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