

Accuplacer FAQ's

Q: What is the Accuplacer?

A: The Accuplacer is an online, **untimed**, adaptive, **multiple choice** placement test designed to measure your preparedness in the areas of reading, writing, and math. The test is adaptive meaning that the questions increase or decrease in difficulty depending on your answers as you work through the test.

Q: When can I take the Accuplacer?

A: Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Q: Where do I take the Accuplacer?

A: The Accuplacer is given either **remotely** or **in the Testing Center**. To take the exam remotely, the tester must have a computer with reliable Internet and a webcam with audio capabilities (No Chromebooks). The Testing Center is located on the second floor of the El Dorado Conference Center, room 220.

Q: How do I make an Accuplacer appointment?

A: Contact the Testing Center to make a testing appointment by either calling 870-864-7196 or emailing testing@southark.edu with the request.

Q: Where do I pay for the Accuplacer?

A: Payment for the **\$10** Accuplacer fee is made online at SouthArk's Bookstore (<https://bookstore.southark.edu>). Once the transaction is complete, both the Testing Center and tester will receive an emailed receipt. At that time, an appointment can be confirmed.

Q: When do I get my Accuplacer Score Report?

A: Score reports are available **immediately after** the test is complete. At that time, tester is directed to contact their Student Advising Coach to review their scores for course placement. In addition, an official copy of the Score Report is sent to Admissions.

Q: Can I retake the Accuplacer?

A: YES. You may retake the Accuplacer. If you take the test multiple times, SouthArk takes your highest scores for course placement. The practice and review of skills are encouraged prior to testing and for retesting. See the reverse side of this handout for some test prep information and practice tests.

Q: How many questions are on the Accuplacer?

A: There are a certain number of questions asked in each section of the Accuplacer. Most testers finish the test within **1 to 2 hours** if taking all 3 sections.

- Reading – 20 questions
- Writing – 25 questions
- Math – 20 questions (QAS – Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics)

Q: What scores do I need on the Accuplacer?

A: Accuplacer scores assist in determining course placement for students. The Accuplacer score range is from 200 to 300.

| Accuplacer Scores (Next Generation) | | SouthArk Course Placement |
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| Writing | Reading | |
| 234 or below | | English I |
| 235 – 252 | | Composition I with Lab |
| 253 + | | Composition I |
| Math (QAS) | | |
| 242 or below | | Tech Math with Lab Math for Health Prof. with Lab |
| 243 – 255 | | Tech Math Math Reasoning with Lab College Algebra with Lab Math for Health Prof. |
| 256 + | | College Algebra Tech Math Math Reasoning Math for Health Prof. Intro to Stats |

Q: What do I need to bring on testing day?

- Current **Photo ID** and receipt of payment (\$10) issued from the Bookstore.
- **No handheld calculator is allowed.** An on-screen calculator is available on certain questions.
- Scratch paper and pencils are supplied by the Testing Center.
- All personal belongings, including cell phones and all wrist-wear items, are stored in lockers provided by the Testing Center.

Q: What Accuplacer test prep information is available?

Reading and Writing Skills

www.chompchomp.com (Great for sentence structure review such as subject-verb agreement.)

Math Skills

www.math.com

www.coolmath.com

www.khanacademy.org

www.hotmath.com

Practice Tests

- <http://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org> (study app)
- <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students> (sample questions - printed format)
- www.practiceaccuplacertests.com
- www.test-guide.com/Accuplacer

Contact the Testing Center for additional information!

(870) 864-7196 ~ testing@southark.edu

www.southark.edu/student-services/resources/testing-center