

## English & Math Placement via Testing, CLYMER or WorkKeys

There are three (3) options for English and Math placement for new students below. Students who are transferring from another college or university may not need a placement test.

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### Option A.

#### Schedule a Placement Test at GCC

Guam Community College uses the ACCUPLACER Test to determine a student's placement for English and Math courses. Colleges use ACCUPLACER to assess your skill levels in reading, writing, and math to determine if you're ready to take courses that will earn you credits at that school. If you show proficiency in a subject, you won't have to take developmental courses and can start earning credits right away that count toward a degree or certificate.

#### **1. Contact a counselor or academic advisor to schedule a placement test, before making a \$22 (non-refundable fee) payment.**

[Request for Virtual or Walk-in Counseling Services](#) [1]

Virtual and Walk-in Counseling Services Schedule

**Mondays – Fridays**

**8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Students will be contacted in the order in which requests are received during regular hours of operation from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

(Closed on GovGuam Holidays. All other hours by appointment only)

#### **2. Pay the placement test fee of \$22 (non-refundable fee) after contacting a counselor or an advisor. A receipt is needed in order to sign up for a placement test.**

To make a payment online or via phone, please call [\(671\)735-5550](tel:6717355550) [2] Ext. 5400 or email [businessoffice@guamcc.edu](mailto:businessoffice@guamcc.edu) [3]

Payment is accepted at the Cashier's Office, Bldg. 2000, Room 2119

Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM.

(Closed on GovGuam Holidays)

#### **3. Schedule your placement test on the dates available:**

[Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 9:00 am](#) [4]

***Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 9:00 am***

***Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 9:00 am***

***Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 9:00 am***

***Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 9:00 am***

***Please monitor this webpage for the next available test date.***

Testing will be administered in the Student Services and Administration Building, Building 2000, Counseling Department Testing Room until further notice. Test date links will be active for sign-up when earlier test dates are filled.

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## **Option B.**

### **Placement by the CLYMER Program**

If you are a recent High School Graduate (within the past 2 years), check out the [CLYMER \[5\]](#) Program to see if you are eligible.

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## **Option C.**

### **Placement by WorkKeys**

Guam Community College accepts valid Gold and Platinum WorkKeys Certificates **awarded within the last two (2) years** for enrollment into MA110A and/or EN110 instead of a placement exam. Please click the link below to submit a WorkKeys application for English and Math placement.

[WorkKeys application \[6\]](#)

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## **What to expect with placement testing at GCC?**

[What's on the ACCUPLACER Test? \[7\]](#)

All ACCUPLACER tests use a multiple-choice format except for WritePlacer<sup>®</sup>, which is an essay test. There's no time limit on the multiple-choice tests, so you can focus on doing your best to

demonstrate your skills.

ACCUPLACER uses the latest computer-adaptive technology, which means the questions you see are based on your skill level. Your response to each question determines the difficulty level of the next question, so it's important to give each question as much thought as you can before selecting your answer.

Remember: No one passes or fails ACCUPLACER tests, but it's important to complete the test using your best effort, so you can get an accurate measure of your academic skills and be placed in the appropriate course.

## **Reading Test**

The Reading test assesses your ability to derive meaning from a range of texts and to determine the meaning of words and phrases in short and extended contexts. Passages on the test cover a range of content areas, writing modes, and complexities. Both single and paired passages are included.

## **Writing Test**

The Writing test evaluates your ability to revise and edit multi-paragraph text.

## **Math Tests**

The Arithmetic test focuses on computation, order of operations, estimation and rounding, comparing and ordering values in different formats, and recognizing equivalent values across formats. The Arithmetic test assesses the following knowledge and skills:

- Whole Number Operations
- Fraction Operations
- Decimal Operations
- Percent
- Number Comparisons and Equivalents

The Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) test

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assesses the following knowledge and skills:

- Rational Numbers
- Ratio and Proportional Relationships
- Exponents
- Algebraic Expressions
- Linear Equations
- Linear Applications and Graphs
- Probability Sets
- Descriptive Statistics
- Geometry Concepts

The Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF) test assesses the following knowledge and skills:

- Linear Equations
- Linear Applications and Graphs
- Factoring
- Quadratics
- Functions
- Radical and Rational Equations
- Polynomial Equations
- Exponential and Logarithmic Equations
- Trigonometry

## WritePlacer Essay

The WritePlacer essay measures your ability to write effectively, which is critical to your academic success. Your score is based on your ability to express, organize, and support your opinions and ideas. The position you take on the essay topic doesn't affect your score. The following five characteristics of writing will be considered:

- **Purpose and Focus:** The extent to which you present information in a unified and coherent manner, clearly addressing the issue
- **Organization and Structure:** The extent to which you order and connect ideas.
- **Development and Support:** The extent to which you develop and support ideas.
- **Sentence Variety and Style:** The extent to which you craft sentences and paragraphs demonstrating control of vocabulary, voice, and structure.
- **Mechanical Conventions:** The extent to which you express ideas using Standard Written English.
- **Critical Thinking:** The extent to which you communicate a point of view and demonstrate reasoned relationships among ideas.

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## Preparation Resources

- [ACCUPLACER Study Help](#) [7]

Link to Official Accuplacer Sample Questions and Study App:

- <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice> [7]

More helpful study sites. *Not officially endorsed by ACCUPLACER:*

- <https://blog.prepscholar.com/accuplacer-practice-test> [8]
- <https://www.accuplacerpracticetest.com> [9]
- <https://uniontestprep.com/accuplacer-test/practice-test> [10]
- <https://www.purplemath.com/index.htm> [11]