Placement Testing

How it works and why it is important to you
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- At Cameron University, students below the age of 21 must submit ACT or SAT scores as part of admission requirements.
- Your sub scores in English, math, and reading are used to determine the appropriate courses for you based on your academic skill level.
- To start in a college class that is too easy, or too hard, will only lead to frustration.
## Placement based on ACT sub scores in English, math, and reading

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>English Comp I</td>
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<td>16–18</td>
<td>Developmental Writing</td>
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<td>15 or less</td>
<td>Basic Composition Skills</td>
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<td>Reading</td>
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<td>Pre-Algebra</td>
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What this placement means

- If you score below 19 in any or all of these subjects, you are required to take the developmental course(s) listed in red on the previous chart.

- These classes do not count towards your degree and cost extra per credit hour.
You do have an option..

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Perhaps you didn’t do your best on the ACT, or you have learned more in school since you took it.

The ACCUPLACER computerized tests give you another chance to show what you know in mathematics and reading.

Your English skills will be evaluated from a written essay.

Placement tests are only given for the area(s) for which you scored below an ACT sub score of 19.

This is an important opportunity for you – Save time and money on extra classes you may not need!
When faced with an important task you should—

- Learn more about it
- Prepare
- Do your best
Learn about the ACCUPLACER tests

- The ACCUPLACER placement test is a computerized test used to assess student skill levels in mathematics and reading.
- It has no time limit and is self-paced.
- There are far fewer questions than on the ACT so each counts significantly.
- Every question must be answered and you may not go back to previous questions.
- You may *not* use a calculator.
To assess your English and writing skills you will be given 45 minutes to handwrite a well-constructed essay.
The two topics you will choose from are everyday topics that you have experienced.
Faculty from Cameron University’s English department will read your essay and assign course placement based on the English and writing skills you demonstrate.
Next Step – Prepare

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

Benjamin Franklin
Resources to Prepare for ACCUPLACER

- The Cameron University Testing Center webpage [http://www.cameron.edu/testing/cpt.html](http://www.cameron.edu/testing/cpt.html) gives information about the tests and a link to ACCUPLACER sample questions.

- The College Board has released an official ACCUPLACER Study App for the iPhone, iPod, and iPad. This app allows students to take a sample exam for the ACCUPLACER reading and math test. The app also offers additional information on how to prepare for the test. The ACCUPLACER Study App is available on the Apple App Store for $2.99.

- The official College Board Web ACCUPLACER Study App offers the same features as the iPhone App. [http://ACCUPLACER.collegeboard.org/students](http://ACCUPLACER.collegeboard.org/students)
By familiarizing yourself with the style of questions, you won’t spend time during the test figuring out the setup and what they’re looking for. (Think about the second test you take for a teacher – you always have a better idea of what to expect.)

By doing the sample questions, you may identify weak areas, allowing you to review those areas in advance.
Please take time and review the following links:

- Purple Math:  http://www.purplemath.com/
- The World of Math Online:  http://math.com/
- SOS Mathematics:  http://sosmath.com/
- Reading Theory:  http://www.readtheory.org/
- Khan Academy:  https://www.khanacademy.org/
“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
Why it’s important

- Time spent reviewing and studying practice questions may ensure a positive outcome in testing results.

- Successful placement testing can save you time and money by showing that you are ready for college level classes and allowing you to bypass developmental classes.
Keep in mind:

- It is to your advantage to take the correct courses on your path to a college degree.

- Those courses are determined by ACT scores and placement testing.

- If your test results indicate that you need developmental classes, these courses are designed to make you successful in your college career. If you need them, it is time and money well spent.
Placement testing is given every week on Monday and Thursday at 9:30 and 2:30.

No appointment necessary (main campus).

A valid photo ID is always required for testing.

Placement testing is also given at CU–Duncan by appointment – call (877) 282-3626.
Testing Center

- Cameron University
  2800 W. Gore Boulevard
  Lawton, Oklahoma 73505

- North Shepler, 5th floor

- Please call with any questions
  (580) 581-2502
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