

## Tips for Taking ACCUPLACER Tests

1. Learn about the test and study. The purpose of the ACCUPLACER placement test is to determine whether you start at college-level or developmental courses. Reviewing math formulas, grammar rules and reading basics can refresh your skills and build confidence for the test. Please visit our website at [www.kish.edu/placement](http://www.kish.edu/placement) for information about the test and sample questions.
2. Utilize the free practice exams provided by ACCUPLACER. You will need to create an account with their webpage in order to access free practice tests here:  
<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>
3. Get plenty of rest and eat properly before the test. You should also arrive 10 minutes early so you can find the testing area, use the restroom, and have time to gather your thoughts before the test begins.
4. Bring a photo ID to your appointment. You will not be allowed to test without it. Your photo ID must also list your first and last name. Driver's licenses, state IDs, and student IDs with first and last name can be accepted.
5. Be sure you understand the directions for each test before that test session begins. Ask questions if you need to clarify.
6. Take your time answering questions. There is no time limit for the math and reading tests. There is a 90-minute time limit for the writing test. Breaks between tests are not allowed, so please make sure you visit the bathroom, if needed, ahead of time.
7. Read each question carefully until you understand what the question is asking. If answering an item requires several steps, be sure you consider them all. Use scratch paper to work out questions and to plan your essay.
8. Be sure to answer every question. You are not penalized for guessing.
9. Ask the test administrator or proctor for assistance if you have a problem or question during the test. Although the proctor cannot answer test questions for you, he/she can help you with other types of issues.
10. Relax! The ACCUPLACER tests are designed to help you succeed in school. Your scores help you and your institution determine which courses are most appropriate for your current level of knowledge and skills. Once you identify your academic strengths and weaknesses, you can get the help you need to improve under-developed skills before they interfere with your learning.