

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2025P ABILITY TO BENEFIT PROCEDURE

In December 1990 the Federal Department of Education issued a policy requiring the testing of students who did not possess a high school diploma or a GED (General Educational Development) credential but who wished both to enroll in post secondary education, and to apply for federal financial aid. Passing an appropriate test at the specified level would indicate that the candidate has sufficient “ability to benefit” (ATB) from post-secondary education and consequently that the application process for federal financial aid could begin. ACCUPLACER COMPANION Tests are not on the list of approved tests.

ATB Testing Procedures

It is required to use the approved test site with appropriate branching profiles when testing students for ATB purposes.

- All testing should be completed on the same day, unless there is a need to accommodate a student with a documented disability.
- A candidate must meet or exceed the minimum scores on each of the three approved tests in a single test administration.
- Candidates who do not meet or exceed all three passing scores must retake the complete set of three tests and pass all three tests in that administration.
- Photo identification must be checked prior to and after ATB testing.

ATB Passing Scores

ACCUPLACER Tests Passing Scores

Reading Comprehension 55

Sentence Skills 60

Arithmetic 34

Re-Test Policy

- Within any three-month period, ATB candidates will be permitted an initial test and one retest.
- There should be a two-week waiting period between the initial test and the retest. Students should be encouraged to use the waiting period for study and review.

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