

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

3340P ASSESSMENT FOR COURSE PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

Unless exempt by Policy 3340, all students are required to take the College Board ACCUPLACER assessment.

ACT, SAT, and MCA test scores are valid for a limited time of five (5) calendar years, inclusive of the current calendar year. Accuplacer scores are valid as outlined in the table below.

ACCUPLACER Expiration Period

Area	Expiration	Expiration when continuously enrolled
Reading	5 years	5 years
Mathematics	2 years	3 years

Students desiring to retake the ACCUPLACER may do so at their discretion. If students are taking the ACCUPLACER after expiration, it will be treated as an initial assessment. Northland's procedure for initial attempts and retakes of the ACCUPLACER are below. The best valid score is used for placement.

Assessment Attempts

Attempts	Cost	Remarks
Initial	Free	
First Retake	\$10.00 or free if taken after remediation and three-day preparatory period.	Review scores with Academic Success Center for advisement prior to retake.
Second Retake	\$10.00 or free if taken after remediation and three-day preparatory period.	Review scores with Academic Success Center for advisement prior to retake.

When ACT, SAT, and MCA scores are available, they will be considered first and the student will be advised about their placement options.

ACT, SAT, and MCA Score Minimums

Area	ACT Minimum Score	SAT Minimum Score	MCA Minimum Score
Reading	21	ERW 480	1047
English	18	ERW 480	NA
Mathematics	22	530	College Algebra: 1158 Statistics: 1148 Contemporary Math: 1150

ACT, SAT, and MCA Score Minimums with High School GPA

Area	ACT Minimum Score	SAT Minimum Score	MCA Minimum Score
Reading	19-20 + 2.5 GPA	ERW 440-479 + 2.5 GPA	1042-1046 + 2.5 GPA
English	16-17 + 2.5 GPA	ERW 440-479 + 2.5 GPA	NA
Mathematics	20-21 + 2.7 GPA	520-529 + 2.7 GPA	College Algebra: 1152-1157 +2.7 GPA Statistics: 1146-1147 + 2.7 GPA Contemporary Math: 1146-1149 + 2.7 GPA

When using ACCUPLACER scores for placement, students may take the following classes depending on their score:

Accuplacer Score Minimums

Reading (R)	200-224	ENGL 0085 Reading and Writing I
	225-249	ENGL 0095 Reading and Writing II
	225-300	ENGL 1012 Applied Communications
	250-300 or 236-249 + 2.5 GPA	ENGL 1111 Composition I ADMS 1116 Business Communications
Math 1: Arithmetic (ARTH)	200-239	MATH 0080 Math Foundations
	240-300 <i>Accuplacer administers Math 2: QAS</i>	
	240-300	MATH 0090 Introductory Algebra MATH 1001 Technical Mathematics MATH 1003 Math Apps for Nurse PHIL 2000 Logic
	270-300	MATH 0094 Pre-College Algebra
Math 2: Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)	200-224 <i>Accuplacer administers Math 1: ARTH</i>	
	225 -249	MATH 0094 Pre-College Algebra
	250 -300	MATH 0098 Intermediate Algebra MATH 1102 Contemporary Math CHEM 2205 Survey of Chemistry
Math 3: Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF)	200-224 <i>Accuplacer administers Math 1: ARTH</i>	
	225-249 <i>Accuplacer administers Math 2: QAS</i>	
	230-249	MATH 0098 Intermediate Algebra MATH 1102 Contemporary Math CHEM 2205 Survey of Chemistry
	250-300 or 236-249 + 2.7 GPA	MATH 1110 College Algebra MATH 1106 Trigonometry MATH 1113 Pre-Calculus MATH 2203 Statistics/BUSN 2203 CHEM 1020 Intro to Chemistry CHEM 1121 General Chemistry I PHYS 1111 General Physics
	275-300	MATH 2231 Calculus I

Students are encouraged to complete developmental courses during their first and second semesters.

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Date & Subject of Revisions: 9/6/2017 'Most recent' changed to 'Best valid score.'
5/10/2017 Addition of MCA and SAT test language.
4/04/18 Reviewed.
2/19/2019 Reviewed by AASC. Updated for NGA score placements.
2/20/2019 NGA score placements approved.
12/11/2019 Multiple Measure of GPA added, reviewed by AASC
12/11/2019 Multiple Measure of GPA approved.
2/19/2020 Revised cut scores for ARTH and QAS reviewed by AASC
2/26/2020 Revised cut scores for ARTH and QAS approved.
04/10/20 Revised
03/15/21 Revised
03/16/22 Reviewed