

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

3340P ASSESSMENT FOR COURSE PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

Multiple Measures Assessment are the evaluation tools used for student placement into appropriate college courses.

The evaluation indicates whether a student has met evaluation criteria for college level Math and/or English. "College level" refers to a student's preparedness to succeed in college-level coursework helping them to progress toward their degrees efficiently.

If a student does not meet the required standards across the evaluation criteria, an assessment hold will be placed. This hold remains until the student either completes guided self-placement with their advisor or takes the Accuplacer assessment. Once these steps are completed, the hold will be lifted.

When ACT, SAT, MCA and high school GPA scores are available, they will be considered first, and the student will be advised about their placement options. ACT, SAT and MCA scores are valid for 5 years inclusive of the current calendar year. Accuplacer scores are valid for five calendar years, inclusive of the current calendar year, for reading and writing and within two calendar years, inclusive of the current calendar year, for mathematics. A cumulative high school GPA of 2.8 or higher and the completion of Algebra II with an average of C- or better is college level ready in math. A cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 or higher is college ready in reading/writing. High school transcripts and/or GED are valid for 10 years.

Circumstances which may exempt students from all or portions of the assessment may include:

- Completion of an associate degree, Baccalaureate degree or higher degree
- Documentation of successful completion of a college-level course in the area for which the course placement score is used
- Enrollment in courses or programs specifically designed as customized training, continuing education or management education programs
- Enrollment in one- or two-course program of study

ACT, SAT, MCA or GPA Score Minimums

Area	ACT Minimum Score	SAT Minimum Score	MCA Minimum Score
Reading	21 or 19-20 + 2.5 GPA	ERW 480 or 440-479 + 2.5 GPA	1047 or 1042-1046 + 2.5 GPA
English	18 or 16-17 + 2.5 GPA	ERW 480 or 440-479 + 2.5 GPA	NA
Mathematics	22 or 20-21 + 2.7 GPA	ERW 530 or 520-529 + 2.7 GPA	College Algebra: 1158 or 1152-1157 + 2.7 GPA Statistics: 1148 or 1146-1147 + 2.7 GPA Contemporary Math: 1150 or 1146-1149 + 2.7 GPA

Accuplacer Score Minimums

Reading (R)	200-249	ENGL 0095 Reading and Writing
	225-300	ENGL 1012 Applied Communications
	250-300 or 236-249 + 2.5 GPA	ENGL 1111 Composition I ADMS 1116 Business Communications
Arithmetic (ARTH)	200-300	MATH 0094 Pre-College Algebra
Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)	200 -249	MATH 0094 Pre-College Algebra
	250 -300	MATH 1102 Contemporary CHEM 2205 Survey of Chemistry
Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF)	200-249	MATH 0094 Pre-College Algebra MATH 1102 Contemporary CHEM 2205 Survey of Chemistry
	250-300 or 236-249 + 2.7 GPA	MATH 1111 College Algebra MATH 1106 Trigonometry MATH 1113 Pre-Calculus MATH 2203 Statistics CHEM 1020 Intro to Chemistry CHEM 1121 General Chemistry I PHYS 1111 General Physics
	275-300	MATH 2231 Calculus I

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 12/11/2019 Multiple Measure of GPA approved.
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