

# Placement Testing - Study Tips and Information

## 1. Study and review before the test:

- [www.QCC.edu/placement-testing](http://www.QCC.edu/placement-testing) - Read "Prepare for the test." Review the Placement Test Study Guide and the Five Paragraph Essay documents.
- <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice> - Select Next Generation Reading, Next Generation Writing (which we call Sentence), and WritePlacer Guide.
- [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) - You will find videos here for learning math and many other subjects.
- <https://www.studyguidezone.com/images/accuplacerteststudyguide.pdf> - Though based on the older version of Accuplacer, the information here is still very useful.

## 2. Schedule your studying for your most alert time of day.

## 3. Get plenty of rest and eat a well-balanced meal before your test.

## 4. Relax! The placement tests are designed to help you succeed in college. Once you identify your academic strengths and needs, you can get the help you need to improve underdeveloped skills.

## 5. Make sure you understand the directions for each test before that test session begins.

## 6. Ask questions if you don't understand what to do.

## 7. If you do not know the answer to a question, try to eliminate one or more of the choices.

## 8. Keep a positive attitude while testing.

## 9. Accuplacer (English) is an adaptive test. Questions are chosen for you on the basis of your answers to previous questions. The test stops after a certain number of questions. QMAT (math) is different. You progress from one section to another, depending on your score in the previous section. The test stops after you finish a section in which your course placement has been determined. After either test, you will receive your test scores when you finish testing; the only exception may be your score for the essay. If you receive a "pending" comment, we will receive your essay score 24 hours later.

## 10. The tests are untimed. Math usually takes less than an hour. English usually takes 2-3 hours. You may need to schedule two appointments to complete all the tests.

- To schedule an appointment, visit [www.QCC.edu/testing](http://www.QCC.edu/testing) or call 508.854.2784.

## 11. Remember to bring a picture ID to the test.

