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](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](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.