Below are the parts of the placement test required for your program/major of study. Use the study guide, “Yes! You Can Improve Your Placement Test Scores,” to review for the parts you need: *W=Writing/Sentence Skills; R=Reading; N=Numerical/Arithmetic, EA=Elementary Algebra, IA=Intermediate Algebra. Please note that for the Accuplacer, Intermediate Algebra is included in the Elementary Algebra section. Accuplacer does not have an Elementary Algebra component. If you are taking the Accuplacer and IA is listed, you must take the Elementary Algebra section of the Accuplacer.

### Programs

#### Associate in General Education

- W, R, N, IA (ASSET), EA (Accuplacer)

#### Health Sciences & Nursing:

- Associate Degree Nursing: W, R, N
- Dental Assisting: W, R, N
- Dental Hygiene: W, R, N
- Early Childhood Associate: W, R, N, EA (W, R for Dip./Cert.)
- LPN Refresher: no test
- Occupational Therapy Assistant: W, R, N
- Phlebotomy: W, R
- Practical Nursing: W, R, N
- Pharmacy Technology: W, R, N
- Radiography: W, R, N, EA
- Sonography: W, R, N, EA

#### Business:

- Accounting: W, R, N, EA
- Banking & Finance: W, R
- Business Administration: W, R, N, EA
- Culinary Technology: W, R, N, EA (None for Certificate)
- Customer Service: W, R
- Hotel & Restaurant Management: W, R, N, EA (None for Certificate)
- E-Commerce: W, R, N, EA
- Interior Design: W, R, N, EA
- Medical Transcription: W, R
- Real Estate: no test
- Real Estate Appraisal: no test

#### Engineering:

- Architectural Technology: W, R, N, EA
- Chemical Technology: W, R, N, EA
- Computer Engineering Technology: W, R, N, EA
- Electrical/Electronics Technology: W, R, N, EA (None for Certificate)
- Electronics Engineering Technology: W, R, N, EA
- Instrumentation Process Control: W, R, N, EA
- Machining Technology: W, R, N, EA (None for Certificate)
- Mechanical Engineering Technology: W, R, N, EA

#### Public Service:

- Basic Law Enforcement Training: R
- Community Spanish Interpreter: W, R, N, EA (R for Cert.)
- Cosmetology: W, R
- Cosmetology Instructor: no test
- Criminal Justice Technology: W, R, N, EA
- Esthetics Technology: W, R
- Esthetics Instructor: no test
- Film & Video Production Technology: W, R, N, IA (ASSET), EA (Accuplacer)
- Manicuring: no test
- Paralegal Technology: W, R, N, EA (None for Certificate)

#### Trade Technologies:

- Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration: N (None for Certificate)
- Auto Body Repair: N (None for Certificate)
- Boat Building: N (None for Certificate)
- Carpentry: N (None for Certificate)
- Industrial Systems Technology: N (None for Certificate)
- Landscape Gardening: W, R, N, EA (None for Certificate)
- Truck Driving Training: no test
- Welding Technology: N (None for Certificate)

#### Marine Programs:


#### College Transfer:

- Associate of Arts: W, R, N, IA (ASSET), EA (Accuplacer)
- Associate in Fine Arts: W, R, N, IA (ASSET), EA (Accuplacer)
- Associate of Science: W, R, N, IA (ASSET), EA (Accuplacer)

*W = Writing/Sentence Skills  R = Reading  N = Numerical/Arithmetic  EA = Elementary Algebra  IA = Intermediate Algebra (Asset only)

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Frequently Asked Questions about the Placement Tests

1. Do I need to take a placement test?
   All applicants must take a placement examination (assessment) or qualify for a waiver as indicated below. The assessment is not an entrance examination. The primary purpose of placement examinations is to determine the individual's skill level and readiness. Assessment results will be used to determine the need, if any, for developmental placement. Faculty advisors will also use the results in planning students’ programs and classes. Placement assessments are administered in the following areas: Writing/Sentence Skills, Reading, Numerical (Arithmetic), and Algebra. All placement scores are valid at CFCC for five years from date of examination. Effective with Fall 2002 registration, CFCC will accept official copies of placement tests taken at other colleges (ASSET, COMPASS, ACCUPLACER). SAT scores (CFCC College Code 5094) directly from the College Board at 1-800-728-7267, or ACT scores (CFCC College Code 3185) from American College Testing (319) 337-1000 are accepted by CFCC. Official high school transcripts that post SAT or ACT results are also accepted. Students enrolling in programs that have placement testing requirements are required to have placement test scores on file prior to being accepted at CFCC. The placement test may not be necessary if the applicant meets one or more of the following requirements:
   - Successfully completed comparable writing and reading and/or math developmental courses at other North Carolina Community Colleges.
   - Achieved CFCC's cut-off scores for desired curriculum programs by submitting official ASSET, COMPASS or ACCUPLACER (CPT) scores taken at other institutions within the last five years.
   - Achieved the following minimum scores within the last five years: SAT Verbal or Reading & Writing – 470; ACT English/Reading – 19; SAT Math 450 or ACT Math – 18; and has submitted an official copy to the Admissions Office.
   - Satisfactorily completed a college level English Composition and/or Mathematics course above the developmental level at an accredited college or university.

2. What is on the placement test?
   The parts of the test consist of Writing (Sentence Skills), Reading, Numerical (Arithmetic), and Algebra. The parts you take depend on your program of study (see other side).

3. How can I study/prepare for the test?
   CFCC’s Learning Lab, located in the Health Science and Learning Resource Center (L-218; 910-362-7137), offers computerized instruction to assist you with the ASSET Test. Copies of the workbook, "Yes! You Can Improve Your ASSET Placement Test Scores" are available at the Learning Lab. A copy of the Accuplacer Student Guide is located online at http://cpts.accuplacer.com/docs/StudentGuide.html. You may also obtain a copy from the Career and Testing Services offices located at both the North Campus and Main Campus downtown.

4. Do I need to make an appointment to take the placement test?
   No. Testing is provided on a first come – first serve basis.

5. Is there a fee for taking the placement test?
   No. There is no charge to take the placement test.

6. What do I need to bring to the testing room?
   You need to bring a #2 pencil, a photo ID, and know your social security number and your CFCC program of study. CFCC Student Development requires you to have an application on file in the Admissions Office before testing.

7. How long will the test take?
   The length of time for testing depends on how many parts of the test you need. Each part takes approximately twenty-five minutes. For example, if someone needs four parts of the test, it takes about 2-1/2 hours (with paperwork/instructions).

8. When will I receive the results of placement test?
   If you take the ASSET your test results will be on a computer printout called a Student Advising Report (SAR). It takes approximately two and a half hours from the start of the test to receive your scores. If the test starts at 8:30 a.m., scores are generally available about 11:00 a.m. If you cannot stay for your scores, you can self-address an envelope and the testing office will mail your scores to you. If you take the Accuplacer, score results are generated as soon as you finish testing. For a more detailed explanation on the results of your scores, see the Placement Test Advising Guide or the CFCC catalog.

9. Do my placement test scores really matter?
   Most definitely! Your scores determine whether you are proficient in English and math. If you are proficient in these areas, you can register for the first level English/math for your course/program. If you are not proficient, you must take the developmental course(s) listed on your advising report.

10. Can I take placement test more than once?
    Applicants/students can take the placement test only twice in (12) twelve consecutive months. Prior to taking a placement test the second time, it is recommended that you visit CFCC’s Learning Lab for individual instruction. It is also recommended that a student retest after completing a developmental course in the subject area.

11. If I have a disability, can I make special arrangements?
    Yes. If alternative accommodations are necessary because of a disability, requests for approval, assistance, and scheduling should be arranged through the CFCC’s Coordinator of Disability Services, Mr. Bill Parker at (910) 362-7012, bparker@cfcc.edu.

12. Do I need to keep my advising report?
    Yes. For advising purposes you must have your report when you register for classes.

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