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Division of Student Services

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Accuplacer Test Information

WHAT IS THE ACCUPLACER?
The Accuplacer is a placement test used to determine course placement levels for reading, English, and math courses. You cannot "pass" or "fail" this placement test and results do not affect your admission to Montgomery College. It is a *multiple choice, self-paced, untimed* test given on a computer. Mathematics scores are good for 1 year; English and reading scores are good for 2 years.

WHAT IS ON THE TEST?
The Accuplacer test covers skill areas in three areas: **Reading Comprehension**, **Sentence Skills** and **Mathematics** (questions that range from elementary algebra to college-level mathematics). The Reading and Sentence Skills sections contain 20 questions each. The Mathematics section begins with 12 questions and, depending on your performance, may advance to another section. The Accuplacer placement test is adaptive. This means that the questions are chosen for you based on your answers to previous questions. Each test is untimed so that you can give each question as much thought as you wish.

HOW MANY TIMES CAN I TAKE THE ACCUPLACER TEST?
Students may take the Accuplacer test twice (the initial test and one retest) within a given time-frame. There are no third attempts and students who want to appeal their placement, should see the appropriate department chair.
Note for Montgomery County Public School students (MCPS): Accuplacer college-level test results taken at MCPS will be accepted at Montgomery College and are considered an attempt. This includes Accuplacer results taken at MCPS for a Montgomery College program such as the College Institute.

CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTION FROM PLACEMENT TESTING
You may be exempt from placement testing if you meet certain criteria that include: (1) a minimum SAT score of 550 in *critical reading and/or mathematics*; (2) a minimum ACT score of 24 in *English and/or mathematics*; (3) completion of a college-level English or Math course from an accredited U.S. college or university; (4) completion of a degree from an accredited U.S. college or university; or (5) credit for specific Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or CLEP.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE TEST SITE?
- A United States government-issued photo identification or an international passport
- Your Montgomery College (MC) student identification number, which is printed in your letter of acceptance and on the receipt you received after paying your application fee
- A retest authorization form, if you are retaking any part of the Accuplacer placement test

For additional information about our Assessment Centers including schedules, test-taking tips, and the types of services we provide, please visit our webpage at www.montgomerycollege.edu/assessment.