

Assessment Centers

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ESL Accuplacer Test Information

WHAT IS THE ESL ACCUPLACER?

The ESL Accuplacer is a placement test designed for new students who did not learn American English as their first language, and who did not attend at least 10 years of school (elementary, middle, high school) in the United States. You cannot “pass” or “fail” this placement test and results do not affect your admission to Montgomery College. The test is used to determine placement levels for English, reading, and speech courses. **This test does not include any math questions. Non-native speakers of English may take the Mathematics section of the ACCUPLACER test after taking the ESL ACCUPLACER test and placing into AELR 930 or higher.**

The test scores are valid for two years. Students who place into AELP courses but do not enroll in an AELP course for the current semester may retake the ESL Accuplacer test, but must wait until the following semester.

WHAT IS ON THE TEST?

Writing Sample

The Montgomery College American English Language Program (AELP) faculty requires you to complete a *25-minute timed essay* that measures writing skills. Your score on the writing test, combined with the computer-based multiple-choice test, will help the AELP faculty determine whether you should be placed in regular college-level English courses, credit ESL courses, or non-credit ESL courses. You will select from one of two topics given to you and write as much as you can in the time allowed.

ESL Accuplacer Multiple Choice Questions

The ESL Accuplacer test is *multiple-choice and untimed*. It consists of four subtests: **Listening Skills, Reading Skills, Language Use, and Sentence Meaning**. Each section contains 20 questions.

CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTION FROM PLACEMENT TESTING

All students whose first language is not American English must be tested unless they meet one of the following criteria: (1) a minimum TOEFL test score of 575 on the written test, 231 on the computerized version, or 90 on the iBT version; (2) a minimum test score of 6.5 on the IELTS; (3) a minimum SAT score of 550 in *critical reading*; (4) a minimum ACT score of 24 in *English*; (5) completion of EN 101; or (6) completion of an undergraduate and/or graduate degree at an accredited college or university in the United States, confirmed by the Montgomery College Office of Admissions.

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 the ESL Accuplacer 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.