

Am I Exempt from Placement Testing?

Do any of these apply to you?

- I graduated from a U.S. High School. If yes, see section 1
- I took the ACT/SAT Test. If yes, see section 2
- I have taken a placement test before. If yes, see section 2
- I have taken college courses before. If yes, see section 3
- I received my GED or Adult High School Diploma. If yes, see section 4

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GPA

Section 1: Determining Whether You Need a Placement Test Based on your GPA

If you have graduated from a United States high school, your unweighted high school grade point average (GPA) will be used to determine placement.

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Previous Test Scores

Section 2: Interpreting Previous Test Scores (SAT, ACT, and Placement)

If you have previously taken the SAT, ACT, or a placement test, make sure to send those official scores to CCC&TI.

You will **NOT** need an English placement test if you have one of the following English scores:

- ACT Reading 22 or higher
- ACT English 18 or higher
- SAT Evidence Based Reading 480 or higher
- RISE Placement English Tier 2 with 70 or higher
- Accuplacer Placement English and Reading 151 or higher

You will **NOT** need a math placement test if you have one of the following math scores:

- ACT Mathematics 22 or higher
- SAT Mathematics 530 or higher
- RISE Placement Math Tier 3 with 70 or higher
- Accuplacer Placement Mathematics 7 or higher

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Previous College Coursework

Section 3: Previous College Coursework

If you have taken, and successfully passed (with a grade of C or higher), college level gateway English and Math courses, you will **NOT** need a placement test.

In some cases, previous developmental coursework will make you exempt from placement testing. For more information on this, please contact someone in the Testing Center or an advisor in Student Services.

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GED and High School Equivalency

Section 4: GED and Adult High School Equivalency

If you made a 165 or higher on all tests for the GED, you will **NOT** need a placement test.

If you made a 15 or higher on all subject tests, with a minimum of 4 on the Essay, for the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), you will **NOT** need a placement test.

Exceptions

1. Students who earned a High School Equivalency (HSE) and do not meet the required scores listed below will have the option to be placed in Transitions Math (MAT 003) and/or Transitions English (ENG 002) or take the RISE Placement test.

- **GED:** 165 or above on all tests (from 2014 forward)
- **HiSET:** 15 or above on all 5 components AND at least a 4 on the essay

2. Adult High School Graduates will have the option to be placed in Transitions Math (MAT 003) and/or Transitions English (ENG 002) or take the RISE Placement test.

3. Students who graduated from a high school outside of the United States will have to take the RISE Placement test.

Determination of placement test exemption will occur during the Admission process.

The Testing Center at CCC&TI will be glad to help with any testing needs.

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