

## About ACCUPLACER

- ✓ ACCUPLACER is a Massachusetts **state mandated assessment** and is required of all students entering state colleges.
- ✓ ACCUPLACER measures academic skill level in **Reading, Mathematics and Writing**.

## Tips for Taking ACCUPLACER

- ✓ **Take this test very seriously!** Take your time and do your best work! The computerized reading and math testing is un-timed. The Writing Sample will be timed. You will have 50 minutes to type the best essay you can.
- ✓ **Remember to arrive about 10 minutes early.** This will give you time to find the testing area, restrooms, phones, etc.
- ✓ **Relax!** Do not worry if you are not familiar with computers. You do not need to know anything about computers to take the ACCUPLACER test.
- ✓ **You will need to request an NECC ID number.** You must have a NECC ID to take the ACCUPLACER test. Go to [www.necc.mass.edu/future-students/https://www.necc.mass.edu/future-students/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/future-students/https://www.necc.mass.edu/future-students/), click REQUEST INFORMATION and complete the Prospective Student Information Form. You will receive your NECC ID number via email within 24 hours.
- ✓ Also, remember to bring a picture ID.
- ✓ **You are not allowed to use dictionaries, calculators, notebooks, or textbooks of any kind.** There is a calculator enabled on ACCUPLACER for certain math questions and you will be provided with scratch paper.

## FAQ's

- ✓ **Should I study for ACCUPLACER?** It is beneficial to study. Access resources by going to [www.necc.mass.edu/apply/assessment/ACCUPLACER-test-prep/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/apply/assessment/ACCUPLACER-test-prep/).
- ✓ **What if I have a diagnosed disability and need testing accommodations?** Students with documented disabilities should contact the Learning Accommodations Center to arrange for special accommodations. Visit [www.necc.mass.edu/succeed/academic-support-services/learning-accommodations/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/succeed/academic-support-services/learning-accommodations/) for additional information.
- ✓ **When can I take the ACCUPLACER test?** Walk-in testing is available at both the Haverhill and Lawrence campus. The schedule is online at [www.necc.mass.edu/apply/assessment/ACCUPLACER-test-dates/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/apply/assessment/ACCUPLACER-test-dates/).
- ✓ **Are there options that can exempt me from taking ACCUPLACER?** Students with prior college credits, SAT scores or High School GPA may be eligible for a partial or full waiver of the Assessment. Waivers are granted based on review of transcripts, CLEP and Advanced Placement Transcripts. Contact Enrollment Services at 978-556-3700, stop in one of the Academic Advising Centers or stop in to the Academic Placement & Testing Center to inquire about the waiver process.
- ✓ **Whom do I contact for additional questions about ACCUPLACER?** The Academic Placement & Testing Center can be reached at 978.556.3872 or by email at [testing@necc.mass.edu](mailto:testing@necc.mass.edu).