

NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Placement Guide



Mandatory Placement Policy

All degree-seeking students or students enrolling in a math or English course must provide evidence of proficiency prior to enrollment. Only the Vice President for Student Learning on the Chanute campus or the Dean for the Ottawa and Online campuses may authorize enrollment in reading, math or writing courses without demonstrated proficiency through the placement methods below.

NCCC has adopted multiple placement measures to help students select the most appropriate English, Reading and Math courses for their educational goals. Students who provide high school transcripts that meet the following requirements are encouraged to use their cumulative high school GPA instead of placement exams. Historical data native to NCCC suggests students succeed at a higher rate when using multiple measures to determine their placement. Please see [College Catalog](#) for comprehensive placement grid and meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment to ensure appropriate course selection.

At Neosho, students have **three** options to demonstrate proficiency for English and math placement:

Option #1

Use your High School Transcript

You may qualify if...

You are a current HS student, or have completed HS within three years

GPA	Math Placement	Writing Placement	Reading Placement
< 2.0 CUM	Beginning Algebra	Fundamentals of Written Communication	Reading Proficiency II
≥ 2.0 CUM	Intermediate Algebra	Pre-Composition	Reading in the Disciplines
≥ 3.0 CUM + ≥ 3.0 in Subject	College Algebra	English Composition I	No Reading Requirement
≥ 3.25 CUM			

HS Transcript must be submitted prior, or presented at advising/enrollment appointment to qualify

Option #2

Use your GED Test Scores

You may qualify if...

You have completed a GED (Version 2014) Test within three years

GED Scores	Math Placement	Writing Placement	Reading Placement
< 150 Average	Beginning Algebra	Fundamentals of Written Communication	Reading Proficiency II
≥ 150 Average	Intermediate Algebra	Pre-Composition	Reading in the Disciplines
≥ 160 Average + ≥ 160 in Subject	College Algebra	English Composition I	No Reading Requirement
≥ 165 Average			

GED Test Scores must be submitted prior, or presented at advising/enrollment appointment to qualify

Option #3

Use a Placement Test

You may qualify if...

You have completed an ACT, SAT, or ACCUPLACER within three years

You will need to take a placement test if...

Your HS Transcript or GED Test Scores are not considered valid

ACT					
Math Placement		Writing Placement		Reading Placement	
14-17	Beginning Algebra	0-14	Fundamentals of Written Communication	0-13	Reading Proficiency II
18-19	Intermediate Algebra	15-17	Pre-Composition	14-16	Reading in the Disciplines
*22	College Algebra	18	English Composition I	17	No Reading Requirement
*Score of 20-21 on ACT Math places into College Algebra Workshop course					

SAT					
Math Placement		Writing Placement		Reading Placement	
300-470	Beginning Algebra	0-360	Fundamentals of Written Communication	0-350	Reading Proficiency II
480-520	Intermediate Algebra	370-420	Pre-Composition	360-440	Reading in the Disciplines
*560	College Algebra	430	English Composition I	450	No Reading Requirement
*Score of 530-550 on SAT Math places into College Algebra Workshop course					

ACCUPLACER - Classic					
Math Placement		Writing Placement		Reading Placement	
20-59	Beginning Algebra	20-52	Fundamentals of Written Communication	20-50	Reading Proficiency II
60-80	Intermediate Algebra	53-68	Pre-Composition	51-68	Reading in the Disciplines
81	College Algebra	69	English Composition I	69	No Reading Requirement

ACCUPLACER – Next Generation (used beginning 1.25.19)					
Math Placement		Writing Placement		Reading Placement	
200-249	Beginning Algebra	200-236	Fundamentals of Written Communication	200-233	Reading Proficiency II
250-262	Intermediate Algebra	237-254	Pre-Composition	234-254	Reading in the Disciplines
263	College Algebra	255	English Composition I	255	No Reading Requirement

Test Administration

Students who wish to take a placement test for additional placement options are welcome to do so. The ACCUPLACER Next-Generation tests are available in the Teaching & Learning Center (Ottawa) and the Chapman Learning Center (Chanute), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or by appointment. All sections are untimed. However, you should allow at least 1½-2 hours to complete the entire battery of tests.

Purpose of the Tests

ACCUPLACER Next-Generation is composed of tests in three subject areas: writing, reading, and mathematics. It is NOT a pass/fail test. However, your best effort is extremely important, as the results may determine placement in writing, reading, and mathematics courses.

Reading Placement Test

20 multiple choice questions with a focus on four main content categories: information and ideas, rhetoric, synthesis, and vocabulary. Reading passages range from 75-400 words and cover a variety of disciplines.

Writing Placement Test

25 multiple choice questions (presented in sets of 5) assessing ability to revise and edit multi-paragraph texts. Texts include both literary and informational, and are 300-350 words in length, covering a variety of disciplines.

Math Placement Tests

Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)
Beginning, Intermediate & College Algebra Placement

20 multiple choice questions covering rational numbers, ration and proportional relationships, exponents, algebraic expressions, linear equations, linear applications and graphs, probability and sets, descriptive statistics, and geometry concepts.

Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF)
Analytic Geometry and Calculus Placement

20 multiple choice questions covering linear equations, linear applications and graphs, factoring, quadratics, functions, radical and rational equations, polynomial equations, exponential and logarithmic equations, geometry concepts, and trigonometry.

Calculator Usage: 4-function and square-root calculators are available on-screen for select test items only.

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE ACCUPLACER?

It's important that your ACCUPLACER scores accurately represent your skills and knowledge. ACCUPLACER offers tools and resources to help you prepare for the tests. Sharpening your academic skills by answering sample test questions in reading, writing, and math can lead you to improve and can help boost your confidence when you take the actual tests. ACCUPLACER resources at the link provided below include a FREE web-based study app, along with sample questions for each of the sections of the test. Simply go to <https://studentportal.accuplacer.org>, and click on "Practice Resources." Note: Neosho administers the "Next-Generation" version of ACCUPLACER.

TEST-TAKING TIPS

- Be well-rested before you test. If you are hungry, eat something before testing.
- If you have children with you, return when you have a sitter.
- Try to relax. We want to assess your **best** performance through the ACCUPLACER tests.
- Take your time! None of the ACCUPLACER tests are timed.