

# Mandatory Placement Testing Policy and Waiver Guidelines

Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, Assessment and Placement is required of all new curriculum students unless exempt by a waiver. The NC DAP placement test assesses a student's skills in English, Reading, and math and identifies which course or courses best fit the student's skill level.

Assessment for English, reading, and math is mandatory. However, you may qualify for a placement test waiver for one or more of these areas by the following means:

**1.** Unweighted high school GPA  $\geq 2.6$  meeting certain college ready requirements. For additional information, please visit the Student Records Office or call 704-330-6625.

***Documentation needed: Official H.S. transcript within 5 years of graduation***

## High School GPA Waiver Qualifications

**2.** For SAT tests taken prior to March 2016: SAT scores of at least 500 on Critical Reading **OR** 500 on Writing will exempt the student from the writing, reading and English sections of the placement test. An SAT score of at least 500 on Mathematics will exempt the student from taking the math sections of the placement test.

For SAT tests taken March 2016 - present: An SAT score of at least 480 on Evidence-Based Reading and Writing will exempt the student from the writing, reading and English sections of the placement test. An SAT score of at least 530 on Mathematics will exempt the student from taking the math sections of the placement test.

ACT scores of at least 22 on Reading **OR** 18 on English will exempt the student from the reading and English portions of the placement test. An ACT score of at least 22 on Mathematics will exempt the student from taking the math sections of the placement test.

***Documentation needed: Official SAT or ACT scores within 5 years of testing***

**3.** Non-degree, special credit students registering for a course that has no prerequisite (e.g., golf, keyboarding, etc.) Check the college catalog for course prerequisites.

***Documentation needed: Approval by Campus Registrar, Counselor, Advisor, or First Year Experience.***

**4.** Successful completion (with a grade of "C-" or higher) of a college-level math and/or English course from a regionally accredited institution.

***Documentation needed: College-issued transcript***

**5.** Successful completion in Developmental level courses in English and/or math from another North Carolina Community College.

***Documentation needed: College-issued transcript***

**6.** Appropriate scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or College Level Exam Program (CLEP) exams, or the following placement test: NC DAP (DMA and DRE). Only College-Level Math from the old ACCUPLACER battery of tests will still be accepted.

***Documentation needed: Official NC DAP test scores or official AP / IB transcript. NC DAP scores accepted within 5 years of testing. Scores previously received and documented remain valid. Policies for AP, IB, and CLEP can be found in our [catalog](#).***

Students who qualify for a waiver must see a Campus Registrar, Counselor, Advisor, Transfer Resource Center staff member, or First Year Experience staff member.

Students who qualify for a waiver in either math or English, but not both, will need to complete the NC DAP assessment for the skill area not exempted.

Students must present all appropriate documentation when requesting a waiver.

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If you have taken the NC DAP placement test (DRE & DMA) or the ACCUPLACER College-Level Math placement test at another school within the last five years, have an ***official copy*** of your scores mailed or faxed to CPCC:

**Mail:** CPCC Testing & Assessment Center, C/O Matt Bruining, Central High 248, P.O. Box 35009, Charlotte, NC 28235

**Fax:** 704.330.6620

***Scores must be sent from the educational institution where test was taken.  
PLEASE DO NOT FAX OR MAIL THEM YOURSELF.  
UNOFFICIAL COPIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.***