

Placement Exam Prep

Need to take the ACCUPLACER Exam? Or, maybe you would like to improve your current course placement. We want you to be placed in the class that best represents where you need to begin your studies at GSCC. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you use one or all of the following resources to be better prepared for the ACCUPLACER Exam.

Placement Exam Study Resources

EdReady (www.edready.org)

This website is great for students who need to take the ACCUPLACER Exam or the ACT/SAT, and the service is completely FREE! You begin by taking a diagnostic assessment and are then told the specific math concepts in which you need to improve. It offers videos, practice problems, and other resources to help you better understand the material with which you struggle. Then it gives you the opportunity to check your knowledge and improve your scores. We recommend that students spend at least a week (longer if possible) studying intensely with EdReady before attempting to take the Placement Exam. See separate EdReady flyer for more information.

ACCUPLACER Study App and Sample Questions

(<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice>)

This website provides a web-based study app that includes practice tests in each subject area as well as “Learn as you go” explanations of correct and incorrect answers. The website also contains pdf’s of sample questions.

ACC ACCUPLACER Study Guides

<http://www.aims.edu/student/testing/docs/arithmetic-aims.pdf>

<http://www.aims.edu/student/testing/docs/elementary-algebra-aims.pdf>

<http://www.aims.edu/student/testing/docs/college-math-aims.pdf>

Aims Community College has created these study guides that allow students to review, practice, and then check answers. There are guides for Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, & College Level Math.

GPC ACCUPLACER Preparation Links (<http://counselingcenter.gsu.edu/pc/testing-services/compass/accuplacer-preparation/>)

This Georgia Perimeter College website contains links for you to utilize for ACCUPLACER preparation. Under the math section, there are video links, practice links, and even the Garfield Math Readiness Assessment (a test like the one in EdReady that shows you what you need to focus on to improve your skills).

Union Test Prep (<https://uniontestprep.com/accuplacer-test/practice-test>)

This site contains free practice tests for the ACCUPLACER Exam. It includes Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, and College-Level Math as well as practice tests for subjects other than math.

EDREADY

EdReady is an excellent resource for preparing for Placement Exams, like the ACCUPLACER exam, preparing for the ACT and SAT, and for simply improving your math skills. If you are using EdReady to prepare for the ACCUPLACER exam, it is recommended that you study intensely at least a week using EdReady before taking the exam.

To get started:

- 1) Go to www.edready.org and click “Get Started.”
- 2) Enter your first and last name, a current email address, a password that you will use to login to EdReady, and your zip code. Then click “Sign Up.”
- 3) A message will come up saying “Almost Finished.” When this happens, login to the email that you listed and click on the message that EdReady has sent you. It may take a few minutes to show up in your inbox. Then, click on the first link in the email, enter your password when prompted, and click “Log In.” You are now able to use EdReady! A popup will appear allowing you to click “Get Started.”
- 4) Four colorful boxes appear on the screen. The first box is for GED and TABE Prep, the second box will help you find colleges and check your math readiness, the third box will help you prepare for common Placement Exams, like the ACCUPLACER exam, and the fourth box is for ACT or SAT Prep. Decide which box is right for you and click “Add to goals.” Then click “Go to goal.” For the sake of continuing the instructions, let’s assume you want to prepare for the ACCUPLACER exam. So, you would choose box three.
- 5) Next, choose to prepare for the ACCUPLACER exam and click “Start assessment.” Then click “Start assessment now.” You will now be asked several math related questions. This assessment will take some time, but you need to do the best you can on it so that the program can determine what you still need to work on. If you don’t know the answer to a question, rather than guessing, click “I don’t know.” This will produce the most accurate results for what you need to study. Note: This assessment does not have to be completed in one sitting.
- 6) Once you are through with the assessment, click “View Results.” You will see a page showing the details of your assessment. At the bottom of the details, click on “Go to study path.” Now you can “View Resources” (i.e. videos, practice problems, presentations, etc.) and then “Check your Knowledge” on the math concepts that EdReady has determined you still need to work on. As you “Check your Knowledge” and begin answering questions correctly, your score will go up. The goal is to get to at least a 75 in the EdReady program before actually taking the ACCUPLACER exam; however, you should really get your score as high as possible.
- 7) If you log out of EdReady and then later want to log back in, go to www.edready.com, click “Get Started,” and then click “Log In” (small text toward the right side of the page). Then you can go back into your goals and continue where you left off.