

## Preparing Students for the Accuplacer Placement Exam

New Jersey's community colleges are doing a number of things to help students brush up and prepare for the Accuplacer placement exam. Below are a few highlights from across the sector that were gathered through an in-depth scan of the college websites.

Atlantic Cape Community College offers a Jump Start program to all graduating high school seniors interested in enrolling into the college. Through Jump Start, Atlantic Cape recruiters visit all high schools throughout Atlantic and Cape May Counties to talk about Atlantic Cape's admissions procedures, programs offered, student services, and their need to take the Accuplacer placement exam. Through their online admissions page, Atlantic Cape encourages students to prepare for the exam by featuring Passaic County Community College's ACCUPrep online practice center for students to connect to.

<http://www.atlantic.edu/admission/testing/placementTest.htm>

Bergen Community College strongly urges students to study for the Accuplacer placement exam through their online testing center while connecting students to a variety of test prep resources made available through the College Board, Aims Community College, Khan Academy, amongst others. Additionally, Bergen offers a number of free in-person review sessions focusing on basic skills that students can take as a brush-up before sitting for the exam.

<http://www.bergen.edu/current-students/testing/accuplacer-study-guides>

Brookdale Community College offers a variety of free and inexpensive resources such as mobile applications and practice websites to help students prepare for the Accuplacer placement exam through their online testing resources website. Additionally, faculty from Brookdale's math and English departments have prepared their own websites where students can learn specifically about math and English requirements for placing college ready at the college, as well as sample questions they can use to succeed. Brookdale encourages students to visit Passaic County Community College's ACCUPrep online practice center to get a better sense and feel for the exam.

<http://www.brookdalecc.edu/academics/testing-services/accuplacerbasic-skills-testing/>

Burlington County College encourages entering students to enroll in an online brush up course hosted by MathHelp.com where they would be exposed to 146 lessons covering all topics of the Accuplacer math test. Every lesson features videos, practice questions, self-tests and more. The site is promoted as promising option for students to place college ready at Burlington. In addition to offering the online brush up math course, the college provides links for students to connect directly to the College Board's Accuplacer practice questions.

<http://staff.bcc.edu/testcenter/index.asp?pg=4>

Camden County College offers an online brush up tool known as EdReady for the math portion of the Accuplacer placement exam through their iPOWERS math lab (Improving Preparation and Orientation Works to Enhance Retention and Success) at no cost to the student. Additionally, Camden students are encouraged to visit [www.mathpower.com](http://www.mathpower.com), a website developed by a math faculty member at Camden, for fun and easy ways to brush up on their math skills before taking the exam. Like some of the other colleges across the

sector, Camden also encourages entering students to visit Passaic County Community College's online ACCUPrep practice center.

<http://www.camdencc.edu/testing/placementtest.cfm>

Cumberland County College offers nearly sixty on-campus brush up courses in math and English for students to attend at a nominal cost of \$40 per workshop. Additionally, through their website, the college directs students to a number of test prep resources such as the College Board and Passaic County Community College's online ACCUPrep practice center.

<http://www.ccnj.edu/studentServices/successCenter/testing.cfm>

Essex County College directs students to a number of test prep resources through their online testing site including sample questions designed by the College Board, the Math League and others. Additionally, Essex offers an online brush up course through MathHelp.com where students are exposed to 146 lessons covering all topics on the Accuplacer math test, featuring videos, practice questions, self-tests and more.

<http://www.essex.edu/admissions/testing/>

Hudson County Community College encourages students to save time and money by preparing for the Accuplacer placement exam through a host of tools offered through their testing center website. In addition to promoting mobile applications designed by the College Board for students to download on their handheld devices, Hudson offers EdReady, an online brush up course that aims to prepare students for the math portion of the exam. Relatedly, Hudson also promotes test prep tools for students interested in taking the ESL Accuplacer exam.

<http://www.hccc.edu/AccuplacerStudyResources/>

Mercer County Community College features six sample Accuplacer placement tests developed by college faculty for students to take as a brush up prior to sitting for the exam. The college website connects students to important information regarding the exam provided by the College Board, features a test prep mobile application for students to download on their handheld devices, and provides contact information for academic advisors who may be of greater help to students with any questions related to the exam.

[http://www.mccc.edu/student\\_services\\_testing\\_cspt.shtml](http://www.mccc.edu/student_services_testing_cspt.shtml)

Middlesex County College offers a number of free two-hour, in-person, brush up workshops for students to attend to prepare for the Accuplacer placement exam. Additionally, the college provides an introduction to the Accuplacer placement exam for students, including an overview of all of its parts, through their testing center website. The college also encourages students to practice with placement test prep sample questions offered through Brookdale Community College, Passaic County Community College (ACCUPrep), Khan Academy and Aims Community College.

<http://www2.middlesexcc.edu/admissions.html/testing-center/placement-testing-fqs.html#prepare>

County College of Morris connects students to a variety of resources regarding the Accuplacer placement exam provided by the College Board through their online testing center. This includes an introduction to the exam and sample questions and review sheets in reading, writing and math. CCM's Writing Center also features tips and tricks provided by

the OWL Purdue system to help students ace their expanded five-paragraph essay portion of the exam.

<http://www.ccm.edu/admissions/placementTesting/cal/toscheduleplacementtest.aspx>

Ocean County College informs students of the significance of the Accuplacer placement exam by specifically mentioning that remedial courses do not carry degree credits. To help students prepare for the exam, the college offers study modules in mathematics and links to numerous outside programs that offer sample questions.

[http://www.ocean.edu/academics/programs\\_of\\_study/mathmatics/ACCUPLACER.htm](http://www.ocean.edu/academics/programs_of_study/mathmatics/ACCUPLACER.htm)

Passaic County Community College offers a fully built out online Accuplacer placement test practice center on their college website. The site covers an introduction to the exam, giving students the knowledge they need to prepare for placement test success. In addition to the informative introduction to the Accuplacer placement exam, the online practice center offers 65+ practice questions that students would expect to see in their sitting for the test pertaining to arithmetic, algebra, reading, sentence skills, and tips on how to ace the written essay.

<http://accuprep.pccc.edu/>

Raritan Valley Community College offers an introduction to the Accuplacer placement exam, describing the content that students will be expected to know, and encourages students to visit a host of recommended sites that feature sample questions for the test. The college's Continuing Education department also holds in-person brush up courses for students preparing to take the exam. Through their testing center, Raritan Valley features Passaic County Community College's ACCUPrep tool for students to utilize prior to sitting for the exam.

[http://www.raritanval.edu/studenterv/testing\\_center\\_placement\\_testing.html](http://www.raritanval.edu/studenterv/testing_center_placement_testing.html)

Rowan College at Gloucester County connects students to a host of practice tests listed through their online testing center to help students prepare for the Accuplacer placement exam. These include links to the College Board, Khan Academy, Math.com and others.

<http://www.rcgc.edu/Testing/Placement/Pages/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>

Salem Community College refers students who are interested in learning more about the Accuplacer placement exam directly to the College Board website. Here, students will learn more about the content included in the test while also finding sample questions to help prepare for it.

<http://www.salemcc.edu/admissions/placement-testing/accuplacer>

Sussex County Community College connects students to a variety of test prep sites, such as Passaic County Community College's ACCUPrep online practice center and the Khan Academy's video tutorials, while also providing them information on test-taking tips and ways to manage anxiety while sitting for the exam.

<http://sussex.edu/academics/testing/placement/>

Union County College's Academic Learning Centers' (ALCs) professional staff has created online, interactive exercises for prospective students to help them review for placement tests in basic math (arithmetic and algebra) and basic English (reading comprehension). These exercises, approved by faculty members from the Mathematics

and English departments, are also appropriate for current students who wish to review their basic skills in these subject areas.

<http://www.ucc.edu/about/ALC/Placement.aspx>

Warren County Community College offers an introduction to the Accuplacer placement exam, including an overview on the content students should be prepared to know, and testing strategies for students to consider when sitting for the test.

<http://warren.cmyki.net/admissions/placement-tests/>