

## ACCUPLACER: Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Accuplacer placement assessment?

The Accuplacer placement assessment consists of 3 parts: reading Sentence skills and arithmetic/math. There are 20 questions in each area and your answers determine your course placement. You cannot fail the assessment. The assessment is untimed but it generally takes 1 ½ hours to complete.

### Do I have to take the Accuplacer?

San Juan College policy is that all incoming students must take the Accuplacer placement assessment in reading, English and math. This determines at what level you will start in reading, English, and, math.

Exceptions may be made.

- If you are a transfer student and can present evidence that you have completed a college level English composition course with a grade of C or better you do not have to take the reading and the English portions.
- If you have taken a college level math course with a grade of C or better within the last 2 years, you may not have to take the math portion.
- If you have AP credit or high ACT scores, you may be exempt.

Consult with the Advising and Counseling Center if you are unsure.

### Can I take the Accuplacer at a distance?

Yes, you may. You will have to find a proctor to administer the Accuplacer to you. We advise students to check with the testing center of a local college or university. If you live in an area without a local college or university you should work with your online advisor to locate an acceptable alternative. Visit the following page for more information <http://www.sanjuancollege.edu/onlineadvising>.

### Should I study for the Accuplacer?

We advise students to brush up and be mentally prepared. You can find sample questions and additional preparation resources at [www.sanjuancollege.edu/accuplacer](http://www.sanjuancollege.edu/accuplacer).

### Can I take the Accuplacer again?

Yes, you may take the Accuplacer one time at no charge. We ask that you wait at least two weeks before re-taking the Accuplacer to allow you time to refresh your skills. Additional retakes are \$15 and must be paid in advance.

### Why do I have to take the Accuplacer?

Students must take the Accuplacer so that they will be placed in the appropriate level courses in reading, English and math.

### What happens after I have taken the Accuplacer?

Your advisor will contact you to go over your scores and help you plan your courses based on your scores.