Accuplacer FAQ’s

Q: What is the Accuplacer?
A: The Accuplacer is an online, untimed, adaptive, multiple choice placement exam designed to measure a student’s preparedness in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

Q: When is the Accuplacer available?
A: The Accuplacer exam is given by appointment only on Mondays through Thursdays starting at 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays starting at 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Q: Where is the Accuplacer given?
A: The Accuplacer is given either remotely or in person at the Testing Center. To take the exam remotely, the tester must have a computer with reliable Internet and a webcam with audio capabilities. The Testing Center is on the second floor of the Conference Center, room 220.

Q: How is an Accuplacer appointment made?
A: Contact the Testing Center to make a testing appointment by either calling 870-864-7196 or by sending an email to Testing@southark.edu to request a date and time for testing.

Q: How is the Accuplacer fee paid?
A: Payment for the $10 Accuplacer fee is made either in person or online at SouthArk’s Bookstore (https://bookstore.southark.edu). Once the transaction is complete, both the Testing Center and tester receive an emailed receipt. At that time, the testing appointment can be confirmed.

Q: When is the Accuplacer Score Report available?
A: Score reports are available immediately after the exam is complete. At that time, tester is encouraged to contact their academic advisor to review all test scores for course placement. In addition, an official copy of the Score Report is sent to SouthArk’s Admissions Office.

Q: Can the Accuplacer be taken more than once?
A: YES, the Accuplacer exam can be taken more than once. If the exam is taken multiple times, SouthArk uses the highest scores for course placement. Taking practice tests and reviewing skills are encouraged prior to initial testing and retesting. See the reverse side of this handout for some test prep information and practice tests.

Q: How many questions are on the Accuplacer?
A: There are a certain number of questions asked in each section of the Accuplacer. Most testers finish the exam within 1 to 2 hours if taking all three (3) sections.
- Reading – 20 questions
- Writing – 25 questions
- Math – 20 questions

Q: What does a tester need to have on testing day?
- Current Photo ID and receipt of payment ($10) issued from the Bookstore.
- No handheld calculator is allowed. An on-screen calculator is available on certain questions.
- Scratch paper and pencils. The Testing Center provides testers with paper and pencils.
- All personal belongings, including cell phones and all wrist-wear items, stored out of reach. The Testing Center provides lockers to all on-campus testers.
Q: What are SouthArk’s Accuplacer cut scores for course placement?
A: Accuplacer exam scores assist in determining course placement for students. The Accuplacer score ranges from 200 to 300.

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Q: What Accuplacer test prep information is available?

Reading and Writing Skills
www.chompchomp.com (Great for sentence structure review such as subject-verb agreement.)

Math Skills
www.math.com www.coolmath.com
www.khanacademy.org www.hotmath.com

Practice Tests
- http://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org (study app)
- https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students (sample questions - printed format)
- www.practiceaccuplacertests.com
- www.test-guide.com/Accuplacer

Contact the Testing Center for additional information!
(870) 864-7196 ~ testing@southark.edu
www.southark.edu/student-services/resources/testing-center