



General Information Regarding Assessment

Picture ID and Folsom Lake College Student ID Number are required

A photo id is required. Also, you must apply to Folsom Lake College in order to be eligible for assessment. You may apply on line at www.flc.losrios.edu or in person at the Student Services counter. Students who do not have a photo id and valid student id number will not be allowed to test. There is no fee. Calculators, dictionaries, cell phones, pagers, food or drink are not permitted.

First Come First Serve Basis

Please note that all testing is on a first come, first serve basis. Appointments are only given to DSPS students and students who need to take the Ability to Benefit Test for financial aid. During peak times students may have to wait as long as two hours for a computer to become available. There is also the possibility that some students may not be able to test on a given test date if our capacity is exceeded.

Results

English and Math results are available immediately after computerized testing concludes at each of our locations. ESL students must wait approximately one week for results. To obtain an additional copy of your assessment results you may visit the admissions counter at any of our locations. Photo id is required when picking up test results. No information will be given out over the phone or faxed to an individual. No second party may pick up your results.

Retakes

English/ESL/Math Placement Tests: Placement tests may be repeated one time within each testing period. The testing period for summer and fall runs approximately from the second week of February through the second week of September. The testing period for spring runs approximately from the third week of September through the first week of February. Tests may not be repeated on the same day. Any testing beyond one repeat must be approved by a counselor. Any student who repeats tests without approval will have their scores invalidated.

ATB tests: If a student does not pass the ATB test, skill improvement must take place before scheduling a subsequent test. Students must wait 30 days to retest.

Math Competency: Math competency for graduation may be taken no more than 4 times in any two year period and no more than twice in a semester or once during the summer session.

Reading Competency: Reading competency can only be met on the first or second test attempt. Please note that your first test for English or Reading placement counts as one of your two attempts!

Location

The assessment room at Folsom is FL1-107. The assessment room at the Rancho Cordova Center is RCC 3. At EDC go to room C217. Testing times and dates are subject to change. Please call the Student Services office at EDC (530) 642-5644 or FLC at (916) 608-6500 to confirm the session is being held.

Parking

Any student lot. There is a \$1.00 fee. Bring 4 quarters.



Special Accommodations

If special accommodations are needed for testing please contact the Assessment Center at (916) 608-6573 for FLC/RCC and at (530) 642-5649 for EDC. Students who have disabilities should contact the DSPS office prior to assessment.

Assessment and Testing Offered

English and Math assessment testing is used for guidance when selecting college courses and/or used for prerequisite compliance that must be presented to instructors of Math or English classes at the first meeting.

English Assessment measures reading comprehension, sentence structure, and usage. The test consists of reading comprehension (30 minutes), sentence structure and grammar (20 minutes), and sentence and syntax skills (15 minutes). All sections must be taken for placement. A handout with sample questions is available in the Student Services office and at the assessment website. CTEP is the name of the test.

Math Assessments measure math skills. Students select from Algebra Readiness (45 minutes), Elementary Algebra (45 minutes), Intermediate Algebra (45 minutes), or Pre-calculus (90 minutes). Students should choose their “comfort” level based on looking at sample questions that are available in the Student Services office and on the assessment website. MDTP is the name of the test.

ESL testing is used for guidance when selecting English as a Second Language courses. English is not the student’s primary language. A handout with sample questions is available in the Student Services office and on the assessment website. COMPASS is the name of the test.

Graduation Proficiency Reading/Math testing may be required for graduation if the coursework is not completed in Reading or Math or if evidence of competency passed is not presented at the time of petitioning for an AA or AS degree. CTEP is used for reading proficiency. Reading competency can only be met on the first or second attempt. The English placement test counts as an attempt at reading competency.

ATB-Ability to Benefit Test is required of students applying for financial aid who do not hold a G.E.D. or high school diploma. Sample questions are available in the assessment office or at the assessment website. COMPASS is the test used. This test is administered by appointment only. For EDC call (530) 642-5649 or (916) 608-6573 for FLC/RCC.