PREPARING FOR THE COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST

**What is COMPASS?** COMPASS is an untimed, multiple-choice computerized test that helps Athens Tech evaluate your skills and place you into appropriate courses. COMPASS offers tests in reading, writing and math.

**When Will I Know if I Passed?** You will receive your COMPASS test results immediately upon completion of testing.

**What Will the COMPASS Test Tell You and What Does It Measure?** The COMPASS test helps to tell if you are ready for the rigor of college work. The test measures basic skills in writing, reading and math.

**How Are COMPASS Scores Used?** COMPASS is not used like a traditional test. There is generally no “passing score.” Rather, COMPASS scores indicate areas in which you are strong and areas in which you may need help. You and your school can use scores from COMPASS tests to prepare a course of study that will be appropriate, relevant, and meaningful for you.

**Do I Have to be Complete a College Application in Order to Qualify to Take the Test?** Yes, be sure to visit ATC Admissions Office for an application and assistance if needed. Applications are also available online at www.athenstech.edu.

**How Should You Prepare to Take the Test?** Test preparation information is available through the testing services link, located at www.athenstech.edu. A few suggested websites are at the end of this document to practice for the test.

**What Should I Do on the Day of the Test?** Make sure you know the location of the room prior to the test. Come to the testing room approximately 15 minutes in advance of the test start time. Make sure you bring your valid picture ID and two #2 sharpened pencils with you. All other test materials will be provided, including scientific calculators to use on the elementary algebra portion of the test.

**What if I Have a Diagnosed Disability and Qualify for Extra Time on the Test?** Please notify the ATC Office of Disability Services, prior to scheduling your exam. Once we have looked at your application and pulled your student records indicating what we will need to do, we will make arrangements to provide you with all approved academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids, and/or arrangements to take the test at a different time. Provision of accommodations on the placement exam does not guarantee continued services through the Office of Disability Services. Please see the Coordinator of Disability Services for more information on ongoing classroom accommodations.

For more information on Disability Services, please contact:

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**Websites for Compass Test Preparation**

[www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu) – Current students, library services, learning express – Multiple resources to prepare for tests. From the home page follow these steps:

1) Click on “Prospective Students” tab  
2) Click on “Testing Services” tab  
3) Click on “Preparing for Placement Tests” tab

[www.act.org/asset](http://www.act.org/asset) - ASSET Student Guide with information about the ASSET, test-taking tips, and sample questions.

[www.act.org/compass](http://www.act.org/compass) - Sample questions, exercises designed to help review the basic skills areas of writing, reading, pre-algebra, and algebra.

[www.studyguidezone.com](http://www.studyguidezone.com) – Study materials for many different tests, including a 50 page guide for the ASSET.

[www.mycompassptest.com](http://www.mycompassptest.com) – Study guide for the Compass with test testing tips.

[www.testpreview.com](http://www.testpreview.com) – Study guides for a variety of college entrance tests along with test taking skill tips.

[www.compassetestquestions.com/COMPASSpracticetest](http://www.compassetestquestions.com/COMPASSpracticetest) - Another great resource study guide for the test.

[www.compass-test-practice.com](http://www.compass-test-practice.com) – yet another great study guide!

[www.gacollege411](http://www.gacollege411) – a multitude of college and career readiness resources

[www.keytrain.org](http://www.keytrain.org) – prepare for the WorkReady assessment; also helps prepare for basic skill assessments focusing on Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Applied Math (see your counselor or any CTAE instructor for access code information)

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