ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PREPARING FOR THE PLACEMENT TEST
COMPASS

Why is it necessary to take a placement test?

You are applying for college admission. To be successful, you will need to be able to function academically at a certain level in order to be ready for the college work you will be assigned by your instructors. The placement test measures basic skills in writing, reading, and math. Your results will tell us whether or not you will need to take learning support courses before going into your credit classes.

What test will I take?

You will be taking the COMPASS, an untimed, computerized placement test which permits you to use a calculator on the math portion of the test. Because the test is untimed, there is no way to predict how long it might take you to complete it, but you should allow yourself at least a 3-hour period of time to be at the testing center. If you are unable to finish before the testing lab closes, you can return for another test session and pick up where you left off.

Should I study for it?

Yes! For review work in writing, reading, and math (pre-algebra and algebra areas only), you can find study help from the COMPASS website at http://www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html. You may also benefit from going to the Academic Support Center homepage at http://www.athenstech.edu/StudentDevelopmentServices/AcademicSupportCenter/ on the Athens Technical College website. Follow the links to English, Math, and Reading to access a number of helpful study websites in each subject area.

What should I bring to the test?

On your scheduled test date, you need to bring either a pen or a pencil and a picture ID with you. All other test materials will be furnished by the College, including calculators.

Is it possible to receive accommodations on the test if I have a diagnosed disability?

If you believe you are eligible for any type of accommodation on the test due to a documented disability, please notify the testing office at 706-583-2728. In order to receive accommodations on placement testing, you must contact the Coordinator of Disability and Career Services at Athens Technical College as soon as possible at 706-355-5006 to learn about the College’s documentation requirements. Once we have received appropriate documentation of your disability, we will make arrangements to test you at a different time and provide you with all approved academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids. We want to provide reasonable accommodations to anyone who is entitled to receive them, so please make sure we know about your situation before you take the test. If you have any questions about qualifying for this assistance, please contact us at 706-583-2728. Disability documentation is always considered confidential between the student and the Office of Disability Services. No information will be released without written permission of the student, except in those emergencies mandated by law.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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