

College Placement Testing Information (current as of 6/1/2006)

Clackamas Community College

- Uses Compass, a computer-based placement test.
- Will assess reading, writing and math – structured to increase in grade level with each passing score.
- The test is free and offered on a walk-in basis. No college application or admissions requirement.
- Testers receive print out of scores on-site upon completion of test. **

Mt. Hood Community College

- Uses the computer-based Accuplacer as their placement test.
- The test measures reading comprehension, English grammar and math. If English is not the applicant's first language, the computer will administer the Levels Of English Proficiency tests (LOEP).
- This test is also free and administered on a walk-in basis. (First come, first served) **Valid photo ID required.**
- Testers receive print out of scores on-site upon completion of test. **

Portland Community College

- Administers two placement tests: the Asset test (paper and pencil) and computer-based Compass. The Asset test is \$10 for non-PCC students. The Compass test is \$15 for non-PCC students.
- Testing is offered based upon a schedule. **Valid photo ID required.**
- Free parking permits are offered to testers.
- Test times available online.
- Sample test questions available at: www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html
- Tests administered at Rock Creek, Cascade, Sylvania, and South East Center campuses
- Testers receive print out of scores on-site upon completion of test. **

About the tests:

The tests consist of three parts that measures Reading, Writing, and Math levels. On average, they require about 1.5 hours to complete. Most are administered via computer. (COMPASS and Accuplacer)

At none of the three community colleges contacted is it a requirement that you be enrolled and/or enrolling at the school to take a placement test.

None of the colleges will send test results to a third party. Testers receive a print-out of their scores at all three colleges.

** All three community colleges provide print outs of results upon completion of computerized tests. Included in the results are recommended coursework for basic curriculum such as math and English.

