



Academic Policy (AP) 3-2019 Placement Testing

To ensure students will be placed in the right level courses, placement tests in English and mathematics are used to assess and place incoming students who:

- Have the status of First Time Student
- Have not been in college for the past two or more years and have not taken any PCC English or math course at the college level.
- Do not have scores from standardized tests, Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American Collegiate Test (ACT), or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Standardized test results will be used to place students in appropriate levels if available. Test scores should be current within two years and sent from official testing centers to the PCC Admissions and Records Office prior to enrollment. If standardized test results are not provided, PCC Placement Tests will be utilized to place students.

Students who wish to retest may do so only after one year of prior placement test results. Students who choose to take the PCC Placement tests rather than use standardized test results may also do so.

Placement test scores over five years may be counted if the student chooses rather than retesting, provided there have been no major changes to the placement tests. Should there be any major changes or replacement of placement tests, students will be required to be tested with placement tests currently in place prior to enrollment into courses.

The table on the following page shows course placement based on standardized tests of SAT, ACT and TOEFL.

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COURSE PLACEMENT BASED ON STANDARDIZED TESTS OF SAT, ACT AND TOEFL

ACT Test	Cutoff Range	Course Placement
English Writing	18 & above	EN112
	17 & below	EN100
English Reading	18 & above	EN109
	17 & below	EN100
Math	21 – 22	MA105
	20 & below	MA103

SAT Test	Cutoff Range	Course Placement
English Writing	510 & above	EN112
	509 & below	EN100
English Reading	510 & above	EN109
	509 & below	EN100
Math	500 & above	MA105
	499 & below	MA103

TOEFL Test	Cutoff Range	Course Placement
English Writing	24 & above (iBT)	EN112
	<i>or</i>	
	4 & above (PBT)	EN100
	23 & below (iBT)	
<i>or</i>		
	3 & below (PBT)	
English Reading	22 & above	EN109
	21 & below	EN100