

Placement Chart

Assessment scores are used to determine appropriate course placement, in addition to satisfying specific program admission requirements.



Reading and Writing - scores are valid for three years prior to course registration.

	ACCUPLACER CLASSIC®	ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION®	ACT ENGLISH®	ACT Compass®	SAT	Course Placement
Reading	0-43	200-230	0-13	0-44	NA	RDG:034 College Reading I
	44-69	231 - 249	14-18	45-80	NA	RDG:041 College Reading II
	70 and above	250 and above	19-39	81 and above	NA	Prepared for College Courses
Writing (Writeplacer)	1-3	1-3	0-13	0-37	200-334	ENG:045 Communication Through Reading and Writing I
	4	4	14-17	38-69	335-429	ENG:021 Foundations of Writing
	5-8	5-8	18-36	70-100	430	ENG:105 Composition I

Math - scores are valid for two years prior to course registration.

ALEKS®	ACT	SAT	Course Placement
0-13	1-15*	0-429*	MAT:053 Prealgebra MAT:772 Applied Math
14-29	16-18	430	MAT:063 Elementary Algebra MAT:773 Applied Math II MAT:779 Applied Trigonometry
30	19	510	MAT:744 Technical Math MAT:102 Intermediate Algebra MAT:110 Math for Liberal Arts
35	20	520	MAT:156 Statistics
45	22	540	MAT:120 College Algebra MAT:140 Finite Math
50	24	580	MAT:130 Trigonometry
55	22	540	MAT:128 Precalculus
75	26	610	MAT:210 Calculus I

*Students who score in this range are recommended to complete the ALEKS assessment.

Improving Scores. You have the option to retake the assessment if you feel your initial score could be improved. Students are strongly encouraged to seek assistance from one of the College's Learning Centers or utilize online resources at nicc.edu/courseplacement.

Program Admission Requirements

The chart below identifies programs with specific admission requirements in reading, writing or math. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information on programs with additional requirements. Waivers may be granted by submitting previous college transcripts or valid ACT®, ACT Compass®, ACCUPLACER CLASSIC®, ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION® or ALEKS® scores.

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PROGRAM	ACCUPLACER CLASSIC®		ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION®	ALEKS®	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
	WRITING	READING		COLLEGE LEVEL MATH	
Commercial/Residential Electrician				30	
Dental Assisting		70	250		●
Engineering Technology				30	
Health Information Technology		70	250		
Industrial Electrician				30	
Industrial Maintenance Technician				14	●
Large Animal Veterinary Technician	5			45	●
Medical Assistant		70	250	14	
Nursing					●
Paramedic		70	250		●
Radiologic Technology		70	250	30	●
Respiratory Care		70	250	14	●

ALEKS® Math

Students must complete at least five hours in the Prep and Learning Module (PPL) prior to taking a subsequent assessment. After the first assessment, students may retake ALEKS up to four times during the six months that the PPL module is active.

ACCUPLACER® Reading and Writing

A 48 hour wait period is required between each assessment. A student may take up to four assessments within a 12 month period. A \$20 fee is charged for the third and each subsequent assessment.

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