that involve fundamental arithmetic concepts. There are 17 questions on the arithmetic tests divided into three types:

- Operations with whole numbers and fractions
- Operations with decimals and percentages
- Applications and problem solving

A total of 12 questions are administered in the elementary algebra test:

- Operations with integers and rational numbers
- Operations with algebraic expressions
- The solution of equations, inequalities, and word problems

In the college-level math test, there are 20 questions that assess intermediate algebra through precalculus skills:

- Algebraic operations
- Solutions of equations and inequalities
- Coordinate geometry
- Applications and other algebra topics
- Functions and trigonometry

Preparation and sample questions

To ensure that test scores accurately represent your skill levels, you may want to review basic concepts in reading, grammar, arithmetic, trigonometry, and algebra before taking the placement test, especially if you have been away from school for more than a year.

Many students find that SAT preparation or SAT review books are helpful in refreshing their basic skills. These are available at local bookstores, public libraries, and online at the SAT Preparation Center™.


Tips for taking the test

- Relax! The placement test is designed to help you succeed in college. Your scores help determine which courses are most appropriate for your current level of knowledge and skills.
- You can concentrate better on the test if you get plenty of rest and eat properly prior to the test.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you can find the testing area, bathrooms, etc., and gather your thoughts before the test begins.
- Pay careful attention to directions, and be sure you understand the directions before you begin each test.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, try to eliminate one or more of the choices.
- Remember to bring a picture I.D.

Retesting

If you are dissatisfied with your test results, you may retest once prior to enrolling in the reading, writing, or math class into which you tested. You may opt for a full or partial retest.

To schedule a full or partial retest:

- Visit www.roguecc.edu/PlacementTest.
- Call a placement test proctor at 541-956-7112 in Grants Pass or 541-245-7536 in Medford.
- Call the RCC Counseling Department at 541-956-7191 in Grants Pass or 541-245-7552 in Medford.

Release of scores

RCC does not routinely release placement test scores. However, you may request a copy of your scores submitting a Placement Test Scores Request form. The cost is $15. Forms are available at www.roguecc.edu/Enrollment/forms/PlacementScoresRequest.pdf.

Waivers

To request a placement test waiver on the basis of official college transcripts, placement test results from another college, or an SAT transcript with scores of 500 or higher in writing and 470 or higher in math, contact an enrollment specialist at enrollspec@roguecc.edu.

Next steps

After completing the placement test, you will receive a list of first-term courses and be given the “Ready, Set, Go” handout. This provides directions on how and when to register for classes, how to get your student body card, and includes links to the New Student Information website, financial aid, bookstores and other essential college resources.
Placement testing at Rogue Community College

Students who plan to enroll in any course with a prerequisite, who intend to pursue a degree or certificate, or who plan to apply for financial aid are required to take the placement test.

The placement test is free and measures your skills in reading, writing and/or math.

The placement test does not determine admission, and you cannot “pass” or “fail” the test.

It is designed to place you into college classes that best fit your current academic skills because if you enroll in a course that’s too easy, you may become bored and drop out. If you enroll in a course that is too hard, you may feel overwhelmed and drop out.

That’s why the placement test is important. It is the key to a great start at RCC and the first step toward completing your degree or certificate.

How it works

RCC uses ACCUPLACER, which is an adaptive test. This means that the questions are chosen on the basis of your answers to previous questions. This technique selects the right questions for your ability level.

Because the test works this way, you must answer every question when it is first given. Each test is untimed so that you can give each question as much thought as you wish. You can change your answer to a particular question before moving on to the next question, but you cannot leave a question out or come back to it later to change your answer.

If you don’t know the answer to a question, try to eliminate one or more of the choices. Then pick from the remaining choices.

What to bring

On the day of the test, bring your Social Security number, RCC student number, and photo I.D. You will not be permitted to test without photo I.D.

Testing regulations

Anyone who gives or receives help during the test, or uses notes, books, or any device may not be allowed to continue the test. RCC will disregard a test score if there is reason to question its validity.

Scoring the test

Once you have completed a test, your scores will be logged into your student record, and you will be issued a report that recommends the courses you should take.

Making a testing appointment

You must be admitted as an RCC student to take a placement test. Complete the application at www.roguecc.edu/Students/start.

Next, schedule your testing appointment at www.roguecc.edu/PlacementTest.

Testing labs are located at the following sites:

• RCC Riverside Campus
  B Building, Room 10
  227 E. Ninth St., Medford

• RCC Redwood Campus
  Josephine Building, Room 1
  3345 Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass

Maps of all college locations are available at www.roguecc.edu/Maps.

NOTE: Parking at the Redwood Campus is free in all designated lots. Parking at the Riverside Campus is monitored by Diamond Parking, 541-774-2082. Because on-street parking is one hour or less, use a lot that allows long-term parking and have cash or a credit card to pay parking fees. Fines as high as $25 may be assessed for overtime parking.

Students with disabilities

If you require test accommodations due to a documented disability, contact RCC Disability Services, 541-956-7337 in Grants Pass, 541-245-7537 in Medford.

Or visit www.roguecc.edu/DisabilityServices.

The test

The RCC placement test consists of answering questions covering reading, mathematics, writing and language skills. All questions are multiple choice, and the test is untimed.

Sentence skills

There are 20 sentence skills questions of two types:

• Sentence correction requires an understanding of sentence structure. These questions ask you to choose the most appropriate word or phrase to substitute for the underlined portion of the sentence.

• Construction shift questions ask that a sentence be rewritten according to the criteria shown while maintaining essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

Reading comprehension

There are 20 questions of two primary types on the reading comprehension test:

• A reading passage followed by a question based on the text

• Two sentences followed by a question about the relationship between the two sentences

Math

In the math portion of ACCUPLACER, all testers begin with the elementary algebra test. Your response to the first question then determines the difficulty level of subsequent questions, which may shift to basic arithmetic operations and concepts or to college-level math. You may answer as few as 12 questions or as many as 20, depending on your math level.

The arithmetic test measures your ability to perform basic arithmetic operations and to solve problems