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Testing Center
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Quick Guide to testing

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General Intake and Placement for Freshmen

- Double check with student for ACT, previous placement testing, or college classes to transfer in.
- Administer Accuplacer in Reading, Sentence Skills, and Math.
 - Use Academic Testing Center triplicate form.
 - White sheet is placed in the student file.
 - Yellow sheet should be filed to be shared with the appropriate department. If student is in college level English, yellow sheet may be shredded.
 - Pink sheet is given to the student.
 - Math test is the Elementary Algebra test: any test scores from other institutions must be Elementary Algebra to count for admissions placement.
- After testing, students should be scheduled for an orientation day, or directed to meet with an advisor and reminded to complete FAFSA and meet with financial aid.



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- Students who test into Success First should be given the Guide to Success First handout and sent to talk with the Success First Director. If not available, email the Success First Director and ask her to contact the student at a later date.
- Students who wish to retest may do so with permission from testing director and Success First or Conditional Admit director, if applicable.
- For students retesting, the following conditions will apply:
 - Students must pay a retest fee of \$15 to retake any test or group of tests.
 - Fee will be waived if students are tested at instructor request.
 - Students must wait two weeks before retesting and should be given the appropriate study guides and aids in preparation.
 - Waiting period may be waived with permission of Director of Student Success or by instructor request.



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General Intake and Placement for Students Interested in Practical Nursing

- These students still need to test into college level classes, so they need to take the Accuplacer Reading and Sentence Skills tests.
- Conditional admission may be waived for students taking only nursing pre-requisites. This will be decided with input from Director of Student Success and an academic advisor.
- Nursing students who test into Success First should be seen by the Success First Director and also advised to discuss their placement with the nursing recruiter or director.



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Placing Students with Past Placement Scores

- Students may be placed with Compass or Accuplacer scores from a past institution provided that they:
 - Are sent directly from another school or college testing center in an email or sealed envelope
 - Are no more than 3 years old
 - Are from the same battery of tests used by Donnelly College to place students

Accuplacer - Specific Battery of tests consists of:

- Sentence Skills
- Reading
- Elementary Algebra

Compass - Specific Battery of tests consists of:

- Writing Skills
- Reading
- Algebra

- Students may be placed with ACT scores that are no more than 3 years old.



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Cut Scores for College Placement (Effective Fall 2016)

Accuplacer (No more than 3 years old)

Placement	Reading	Sentence Skill
EN 111 (College Classes)	75 +	71 +
Conditional Admission	61 - 74	71 +
Success First CCS 096/097	41 - 60	50 - 70
Eligibility for Success First Program determined on case by case basis	25 - 40	28 - 49
Referral to Adult Basic Education	24 or below	28 or below

Placement	Elementary Algebra Test
MT 80 Arithmetic	0 - 30
MT 85 Basic Alg.	31 - 59
MT 103 Int. Alg.	60 - 80
MT 130 College Alg.	81 - 120

- Students who have math scores of 100 or above and want to go further than College Algebra may be referred to the math department to determine specific placement beyond MT 130.



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Compass (No more than 3 years old)

Placement	Reading	Writing Skills
EN 111 (College Classes)	80 and above	74 and above
Conditional Admission	74 - 79	64 - 73
Success First CCS 096/097	58 - 73	33-63
Eligibility for Success First Program determined on case by case basis	15 - 57	11-32
Referral to Adult Basic Education	14 or below	10 or below

Placement	Algebra Test
MT 80 Arithmetic	0 -20
MT 85 Basic Alg.	21 - 45
MT 103 Int. Alg.	46 - 65
MT 130 College Alg.	66 - 100

- ❖ Students who have math scores of 100 or above and want to go further than College Algebra may be referred to the math department to determine specific placement beyond MT 130.



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ACT (No more than 3 years old)

Average of English/ Reading Score	English Placement
10 – 12.5	Eligibility for Success First Program determined on case by case basis
13 – 15.5	Success First CCS 096/097
16 – 17.5	Conditional Admission
18 or above	EN 111 and 100 level classes

Math Score	Math Placement
0 – 17	Must take Accuplacer to insure accurate placement
18 – 20	MT 085
21 – 22	MT 103
23 or above	MT 130

❖ Students who have math scores of 23 or above and want to go further than College Algebra may be referred to the math department to determine specific placement beyond MT 130.



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Success First Intensive English Placement (Revised April 2017)

Test	Score Range
Accuplacer ESL (Language Use, Listening, Reading Skills, Sentence Meaning)	65-99
Toefl IBT test	15 – 21
TOEFL	400 - 499

Students scoring below the specified range will be referred to community ESL programs.

Students scoring above the specified range may take the Accuplacer Reading and Sentence Skills test for eligibility into college classes or placement in Success First classes.



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College Credit Now:

Testing Protocol for College Credit Now:

Course	Tests Needed
Math	Math only
English	Reading and Writing
History or Government	Reading and Writing
Public Speaking	Reading and Writing
Anatomy and Physiology	Reading and Writing
Spanish	Spanish (in house exam) only
Chemistry	Math only

Scores Needed for College Credit Now:

Test Area	Compass score	Accuplacer	ACT
Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Algebra • Statistics • Pre-Calculus 	66	81	23
Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculus 	X	100 and 80% on Trig Waiver Or MT 130 and (MT 136 or MT 133)	
Reading	80	75	Avg. of English /Reading 18
Writing	74	71	

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- Students may retest but will be charged \$15 for testing after the initial administration.