

ASSESSMENT/PLACEMENT

Bay College uses the assessment process (ACT or COMPASS) to measure your skill level in writing, reading, and mathematics. Assessment scores must be submitted prior to enrolling in specific courses. Assessment scores assist advisors in determining appropriate course placement to maximize the student success in college-level courses. The COMPASS assessment is a free service of the College.

1. For course placement purposes, most students new to Bay College will be required to provide assessment scores of English (writing), reading, and mathematics skills prior to registering.
2. Exemptions to assessment include:
 - a. Those with a bachelor's degree or higher based on official documentation.
 - b. Those who have previously completed the ACT assessment or COMPASS within the past three (3) years.
 - c. Those with a minimum grade of "C" in the equivalent of a college-level freshman composition course and a college-level algebra course, based on official documentation. This would include appropriate scores on AP courses and CLEP.*
 - d. Those students with documented transfer credits in a college-level composition courses will be exempt from the English (writing) portion of the assessment. Those students with official documented transfer credit in basic algebra or higher will be exempt from the math portion of the assessment.
 - e. Students with completed official college guest application forms for the current semester.
 - f. Those enrolling ONLY in courses with no prerequisites as printed in the current Bay College catalog.
 - g. Those taking non-credit courses, courses for Continuing Education Units (CEU'S), or auditing a course.
3. Mandatory placement into basic writing, reading, and mathematics courses will be based on assessment scores.
4. English, reading, and mathematics basic skills prerequisites for College classes are listed in the course description section of the College catalog as E – English Composition, R – Reading, or M – Mathematics. For these courses, students must obtain minimum scores on those assessment sections or successfully complete the required prerequisite courses at Bay College prior to registration for those classes.
5. Students may retake each portion (writing, reading, mathematics) of the assessment battery two times every 365 days.
6. Students who have not been enrolled within the past three (3) years must take the assessment unless an exemption applies.
7. Upon request, students with disabilities, with documentation on file in the Office of Special Populations, will be provided special assessment accommodations.

PLACEMENT FOR SUCCESS

Placement for Success requires students to have appropriate placement scores (ACT or COMPASS) prior to registering for specific courses. The Placement Tables indicate which English (writing), reading, and math courses students will be placed into based on their achieved scores. English "E", reading "R", and math "M" prerequisites are found in the course description section of the catalog. For certain courses, students must obtain minimum scores on those assessment sections or successfully complete the required prerequisite courses at Bay College prior to registration for those classes.

TS = Transitional Studies courses *

ACT SCORES		
ENGLISH		
0-11	ENGL 095	Basic Writing Skills (TS)
12-17	ENGL 097	College Writing Skills (TS)
18 and Above Meets "E" requirement	ENGL 101	Rhetoric & Composition
READING		
0-10	ENGL 070	Basic Reading Skills (TS)
11-17	ENGL 075	College Reading Skills (TS)
18 and Above Meets "R" requirement		
MATH		
0-16	MATH 085	Pre-Algebra (TS)
17-19 Meets "M" requirement	BUSN 177 MATH 095 MATH 101 MATH 102	Mathematics of Business Basic Algebra (TS) Nursing Math Intro to Technical Math
20-22	MATH 105 MATH 106 MATH 107	Intermediate Algebra Technical Algebra & Trig I Liberal Arts Math
23-25	MATH 110 MATH 130 MATH 210	College Algebra Math for Elementary Teachers Intro to Statistics
26-36	MATH 111 MATH 141	Trigonometry Analytical Geometry & Calculus I (if high school trig completed)

* Transitional Studies course credits do not apply toward any certificate or degree and will not transfer.

COMPASS SCORES		
ENGLISH/Writing		
0-29	Engl 095	Basic Writing Skills (TS)
30-68	ENGL 097	College Writing Skills (TS)
69 and Above Meets "E" requirement	ENGL 101	Rhetoric & Composition
READING		
0-39	ENGL 070	Basic Reading Skills (TS)
40-77	ENGL 075	College Reading Skills (TS)
78 and Above Meets "R" requirement		
ENGLISH/Writing AND READING		
Writing Score of 53-68 and Reading Score of 62-77	ENGL 098	Integrated Reading & Writing Skills (TS)
MATH		
Pre-Algebra		
0-40	MATH 085	Pre-Algebra (TS)
41-100 Meets "M" requirement	BUSN 177 MATH 095 MATH 101 MATH 102	Mathematics of Business Basic Algebra (TS) Nursing Math Intro to Technical Math
Algebra		
0-40	BUSN 177 MATH 095 MATH 101 MATH 102	Mathematics of Business Basic Algebra (TS) Nursing Math Intro to Technical Math
41-65	MATH 105 MATH 106 MATH 107	Intermediate Algebra Technical Algebra & Trig I Liberal Arts Math
66-100	MATH 110 MATH 130 MATH 210	College Algebra Math for Elementary Teachers Intro to Statistics
College Algebra		
0-45	MATH 110 MATH 130 MATH 210	College Algebra Math for Elementary Teachers Intro to Statistics
46-100	MATH 111	Trigonometry
Trigonometry		
0-45	Math 111	Trigonometry
46-100	MATH 141	Analytical Geometry & Calculus I (if high school trig completed)