New Student Placement Testing

Bakersfield College, like all colleges, tests students in reading, math and writing in order to place them in the class where they are most likely to succeed. These assessments or tests are online and if students practice BEFORE they take the tests they can significantly improve their scores and get placed into a higher level class.

The set of tests called AccuPlacer are not timed but there are some tips to doing well on these tests. You will have 4 hours to take the test, but most students complete the tests in 2 hours. You will at first be asked easy questions that will get more and more difficult. If you answer several questions incorrectly, the computer assumes that that is your level and the test will stop.

» Testing Accommodations Form (/download/5955)

Test Day Notes

- Be sure to bring your photo ID and your BC student ID number and Social Security card. Without these, you will not be admitted into the testing session.
- You will need to bring a pencil.
- You will receive your scores at the end of the session.
- One-day parking permits can be purchased for $5 from dispensers located in all other student parking lots.
Dates

Panorama Campus

Students may arrive to complete walk-in testing:

- **Monday** between 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Students must arrive by 6 p.m.)
- **Tuesday through Thursday** between 8:15 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- **Friday** between 8:15-9:30 a.m.
- **The following Saturdays, between 8-9:30 am**: April 11, May 2 or June 20

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- Thursday, Mar. 26, Apr. 9, May 21 & 28, June 4 & 11: 5-7 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 21, Apr. 25, May 9 & 30, June 27: 8-10 a.m.

Practice & Preparation

our placement test results will determine into which classes you are eligible to enroll. The subjects include writing, math, and reading.

The tests are good indicators of your skill levels, but it is important that you do your best. You may need to start in pre-college level courses; these courses will help you immensely and contribute to future success at Bakersfield College.

However, if you do not do your best on the test, you may get inaccurate test results based on your actual knowledge, and you may place into lower-level coursework than you need.

Tips for Success

- **Review the subjects you are testing.** Study and review may help improve your placement results, particularly if you have been out of school for a long time or you have not had mathematics in over a year. See the website links below for review opportunities.

- **Familiarize yourself with the type of test questions that are found on the tests.** Sample test questions are available on the links listed below. Knowing the format of the test questions can help you relax and concentrate during the test.

- **Get a good night’s sleep, have a light meal or snack, and drink plenty of water before arriving to the test session.** Being dehydrated, tired and/or hungry could hurt your performance on the placement tests. Take the test at a time when you are usually most alert.

- **Work carefully.** The tests are computerized and adaptive. This means that you will be unable to go back to a previous question and it also means that the better you do, the harder the questions will get. The harder the questions you answer correctly, the higher your placement will be.

- **Be sure to answer every item.** You are not penalized for guessing.

- **Do not rush the test because you have to go to work or catch a ride with a friend.** These tests are very important and you need to plan to spend approximately 2 hours on the tests.

- **If you are a multi-lingual speaker, you will place higher on English classes if you take the ESL version of the test.**
Practice Tests

We highly recommend that you prepare yourself for the placement tests. It may be helpful for you to see some sample questions or to prepare using the College’s Skills Lab supplemental instructional materials.

Prepare for the Accuplacer at http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer (http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer).

Counseling (/counseling)

- Assessment Center (/student/assessment)
- FAQs (/counseling/counseling-faqs)
- Faculty & Staff (/counseling/faculty-staff)
- New Student Workshop (/counseling/new-student-workshop)
- Services (/counseling/services)
- Student Educational Plan (/counseling/student-educational-plan)

Forms

- CLEP Registration Form (/download/7213)
- Testing Accommodations Form (/download/5955)

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Located in the Finlinson Conference Center

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Get Started

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Admissions Steps

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- Registration (/counseling/registration)

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(https://banweb.kccd.edu/dev/default.html)

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» Foxit Reader
(http://www.foxitsoftware.com/downloads/)

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President’s Blog

ACCREDITATION

Bakersfield College is accredited by the
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (http://www.accjc.org/) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (http://www.acswasc.org/). The ACCJC is one of the six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

» Accreditation Website (/accreditation)

CAMPUSES & CENTERS

Bakersfield Campus
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Bakersfield, CA 93305
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BC Online
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BUSINESS HOURS
M-Th: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
F: 8 am - 12 pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday

CONSUMER INFORMATION
Campus Safety Booklet (/download/13407)
Crime Report (CLERY) (/download/5871)
Student Right to Know (/node/1302)
Report Misconduct
Register to Vote
(http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm)

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