

T I D E W A T E R C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E

Assessment Testing Schedule • January 17, 2009 to January 16, 2010

The COMPASS/ESL Test is used to evaluate your reading, writing and math skills. For students whose native language is not English (ESL), reading, grammar and oral skills are assessed. Based upon your scores, you will be placed in either college-level courses or developmental or ESL (non-credit) courses. Detailed information about the College's placement and assessment policy and sample test questions are in the Placement Testing Sample Booklet available in the Information Center (822-1122), and in the campus Student Development Office. Also, this information is on the college website at www.tcc.edu/students/admissions/plactest/index.htm, along with additional practice questions.

WHO TAKES THE COMPASS TEST?

- Required:**
- All new curriculum students
 - All new students planning to take an English or history or math class
 - Students with disabilities who want academic accommodations (see reverse for special information)
 - Students who are non-native English speakers (see reverse for special information)
- Not Required:**
- Non-curriculum students may take up to nine credits, not including English or math courses
 - Students exempted by a counselor based on transcripts showing completion of college-level English and math with a grade of C or better
 - Students who demonstrate satisfactory scores on either the ACT or SAT instruments within three years prior to enrolling at the college. See www.tcc.edu/students/admissions/plactest/index.htm for required scores.

TESTING STEPS

- 1 Gain acceptance to the college by submitting an Application for Admission. Must be admitted to the college prior to taking the Assessment Test. Allow 48 hours for an Application to be processed.
- 2 Review the COMPASS test practice materials available at <http://www.tcc.edu/students/admissions/plactest/index/htm> or study the COMPASS Testing Sample Booklet available at any TCC campus.
- 3 Pay a \$4.00 testing fee at any campus Business Office (Business Offices are not open on Saturday or immediately prior to all 6:00 p.m. tests. See Business Office hours of operation in the current Class Schedule or on our website).
- 4 Present a photo ID and the receipt for \$4.00 to the Assessment Lab Proctor.
- 5 Allow at least three (3) hours to complete the Assessment Test. **Assessment testing sessions will NOT be started any later than three hours before the posted closing time.**
- 6 Arrive fifteen (15) minutes early for all tests. Limited seating available. Plan ahead.

For the open testing labs, students may sign in to take the tests at any time between the hours of operation. Seating is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; appointments are not accepted. The tests will take an estimated three (3) hours. **Assessment testing sessions will NOT be started any later than three hours before the posted closing time.**

OPEN TESTING LABS CHESAPEAKE AND NORFOLK

Monday through Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CLEP, COMPUTER COMPETENCY & NURSING DIAGNOSTIC ARE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please email chesapeaketesting@tcc.edu listing 3 dates and times you are available. We will respond to your request within 24 hours after receipt of your email.

OPEN TESTING LAB VIRGINIA BEACH

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH DAYTIME TESTS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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PORTSMOUTH EVENING TESTS - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday February 19, March 26, April 23, June 18, July 23, August 6, August 13, October 22 and December 10

PORTSMOUTH SATURDAY TESTS - 9:00 a.m.

May 9, July 11 and November 7

REMINDER: Limited Seating Available

ASSESSMENT CENTER LOCATIONS

Chesapeake Campus
Room 210
George B. Pass Building
(757) 822-5131

Norfolk Campus
Room 4102
Roper Building
(757) 822-1310

Portsmouth Campus
Room 514-C
Frederick W. Beazley Building
(757) 822-2194

Virginia Beach Campus
Room G-108
Virginia Beach Building
(757) 822-7390

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TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Guidelines for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are encouraged to identify themselves to a Disabilities Services Counselor. Students with documented disabilities may qualify for academic accommodations such as more time on tests, priority registration, and other services as needed. TCC offers Placement Assessment in Braille, tape, large print and computer magnified formats.

Transactions between the Disabilities Services Counselor and students with disabilities are confidential. Information regarding students with disabilities may not be shared with anyone without the student's written permission.

Students with disabilities who wish to take classes at TCC, should take the following steps:

- 1 Complete an Application for Admission and submit it to the College.
- 2 Make an appointment with a Disabilities Services Counselor, at least 45 days before classes begin.
- 3 Meet with a Disabilities Services Counselor. Bring documentation (proof of disability such as a doctor's letter, school psychologist evaluation, etc.) to the meeting with the Disabilities Services Counselor.
- 4 Schedule a Placement Test through the Disabilities Services Counselor.
- 5 Meet with the Disabilities Services Counselor to review your Placement Test scores, to select courses, to plan your academic program, etc.
- 6 Register for classes. The Disabilities Services Counselor will help you with this process.

Disabilities Services Counselors

Chesapeake Campus

Constance Lawson
Student Development Center
Room 144
George B. Pass Building
(757) 822-5125

Norfolk Campus

Janice Rashada
Student Services
Room 1120
Andrews Science Building
(757) 822-1200

Portsmouth Campus

Ted Tyler
Student Development Center
Room 436D
Frederick W. Beazley Building
(757) 822-2201

Virginia Beach Campus

Beth A. Callahan
Disability Services
Room A-115
Princess Anne Building
(757) 822-7211

Testing for Non-Native English Speakers

Most non-native English speaking students are required to take an English-as-a-Second Language placement test before enrolling in college courses. Information needed to apply to the college and a link to Placement Testing information is available on the college website at www.tcc.edu/students/admissions/index.htm and from any campus TCC Enrollment Services office.

Select non-native English speakers are NOT required to take the ESL Placement Tests and instead, take the placement tests for native speakers. These include students who have earned a TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 80 (Internet-based). Students who do not demonstrate appropriate proficiencies on the native speaker's English test may be placed in ESL or developmental classes.

Additional exemptions may be determined by any campus TCC Counseling Center.

TCC Counseling Offices

Chesapeake Campus

(757) 822-5125
Room 141
George B. Pass Building

Norfolk Campus

(757) 822-1200
Room 1120
Andrews Science Building

Portsmouth Campus

(757) 822-2200
Room 436
Frederick W. Beazley Building

Virginia Beach Campus

(757) 822-7211
Room A-115
Princess Anne Building



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