The Academic Testing Center provides proper course placement for all students seeking a degree or certificate through HCC or attempting their first college-level English or mathematics course. The Testing Center also offers national and challenge testing to professionals and other members of the community.

Other Professional Testing Services

- Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center
- Prometric high-stakes testing
- Prometric ASE testing
- Certiport testing
- TEAS testing

Testing Center Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Mission Statement
The HCC Academic Testing Center is dedicated to enhancing student learning by providing comprehensive, accessible testing services. The Testing Center strives to fulfill the needs of students and the community by subscribing to the professional standards and guidelines established by the National College Testing Association. Providing a safe, secure testing environment, the Academic Testing Center serves a number of disciplines in the educational and professional arenas.

Faculty Testing
The Testing Center collaborates with HCC faculty to administer and proctor exams for individual students enrolled in both face-to-face and online courses, including make-up exams.

Placement Testing
Placement testing assesses your current skills in specific curricular areas. A placement exam is not a test that you pass or fail; rather, placement testing provides information necessary to determine the courses and levels in which you will be most successful. All placement testing is conducted on a walk-in basis and is free to HCC students.

ACCUPLACER College-Placement Exams
Unless you meet the exemption requirements, you must take ACCUPLACER assessments in English and mathematics. ACCUPLACER tests are adaptive, which means that the questions are chosen for you based on your answers to previous questions. As a result, questions are customized to your individual ability level. Although you are not permitted to leave a question blank or return to it later to change your answer, there is no time limit imposed.

ACCUPLACER Reading Assessment
There are 20 questions of two primary types on the reading comprehension test. The first type consists of a reading passage followed by a question based on the text. Both short and long passages are provided. The second type of question, sentence relationships, presents two sentences followed by a question about the relationship between these two sentences.

ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills Assessment
There are 20 sentence skills questions of two types. The first type is sentence correction questions that require an understanding of sentence structure. The second type is construction shift questions.

ACCUPLACER Mathematics Assessment
There are three levels of mathematics assessment. Based on your math background, you will take up to two tests from arithmetic (17 questions), elementary algebra (12 questions), or college-level mathematics (20 questions). You will be given scratch paper and pencils to work out multiple choice problems for this test. A calculator is provided for problems that require calculation.

What You Need to Know
• Bring a picture I.D. for any test
• Know your instructor’s last name
• Know your HCC I.D. number
• Children are not allowed in the testing center
• HCC makes every effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities

The following items are prohibited in the testing labs and MUST be stored in a locker:
• All cell phones and any other electronic devices
• Bags, purses, and wallets
• Coats or other outerwear with pockets
• Hats and sunglasses
• Food and drink of any kind

Other Academic Testing Services
• HCC Anatomy and Physiology Placement Testing
• HCC IST Placement Testing
• HCC Distance Learning exam proctoring
• Non-HCC college exam proctoring services
• CLEP testing
• DSST testing
• Remote ACCUPLACER testing
• COMPASS testing