

The Learning Center

COMPASS Placement Test Preparation

TTC's placement test determines the level of course work [developmental, bridge, or curriculum] you can enter when you begin taking courses at TTC. Based on placement test scores, you may be placed into developmental or bridge level courses that you must successfully complete before you can take curriculum level courses.

If you are required to take a reading course (RDG032 or RDG100), you are very limited as to the other courses you may take until you complete the reading course.

You *MAY NOT* take most curriculum level courses until you have completed RDG100.

Placement into developmental and/or bridge level courses will affect the timeline of your academic plan. See chart below:

	Reading	English	Math
Developmental Courses	RDG 032 ↓	ENG 032 ↓	MAT 031 MAT 032 ↓
Bridge Courses	RDG 100 ↓	ENG 100 ↓	MAT 101 or 152 (and MAT 102 or 153 if MAT 109 or 110) ↓
Curriculum Courses	See program	ENG101	MAT 109 (Requires MAT 102 or 153) or MAT 110 (Requires MAT 102 or 153) or MAT 120 (Requires MAT 101 or 152) or MAT 155 (Requires only MAT 032)

To ensure accurate placement into the appropriate level of courses when you begin your studies at TTC, you should *do your best work when you take the TTC placement test*. These websites have exercises and information to help you prepare for the placement test:

<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html>

This website is directed toward ACT preparation, but the same skills are tested on the COMPASS placement test. The questions provide immediate feedback as well as an explanation for the correct response, making this preparation more useful than the COMPASS practice tests accessed through the link below. **Begin COMPASS review with these sample tests for reading and English.**

<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html>

This website has sample questions for each discipline as well as printable practice tests. **Begin mathematics review here.** All applicants should work the sample questions for **Numerical Skills/PreAlgebra** first and then move into **Algebra** and higher levels. TTC's COMPASS test is set to begin all test takers at **Numerical Skills/PreAlgebra**.