

ASSESSMENT

Placement Assessment

As part of LCCC's commitment to student success, applicants are required to participate in a placement assessment process. Students are strongly encouraged to prepare for placement testing and academic advising, and LCCC offers resources (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/admissions-and-enrollment/placement-assessment/>) to help them with this process.

The placement assessment process includes, but is not limited to, an evaluation of reading, sentence structure/writing and mathematical skills. Common tools used for this placement assessment can include an applicant's ACT or SAT scores, high school cumulative GPA, or LCCC placement assessment results (LCCC proctored). Based on the results of the placement assessment process, enrollment in courses will be aligned with a student's placement.

The placement assessment process must be completed before enrolling in the following:

- More than one course (three or four credit hours)
- Any mathematics course
- ENGL 161
- Any course requiring college-level reading and/or ENGL 161 as a prerequisite or corequisite
- Any science course with mathematics as a prerequisite
- BIOG 221

LCCC's current placement process for English includes a review of the student's high school GPA or SAT/ACT test scores. For students who place below ENGL 161, a writing sample is required for placement. The assessment placement process for math and any science course with math as a prerequisite includes a review of the student's high school GPA and high school coursework or GED/SAT/ACT test scores. Students who cannot be placed using high school GPA and high school coursework criteria or using GED/SAT/ACT scores shall take ALEKS for placement. The placement process for Anatomy and Physiology I includes a review of high school GPA or GED score or completion of the A&P Prep Modules.

Situations involving a wide variance between or among scores will be addressed on an individual basis. Students who believe their placement assessment scores do not accurately reflect their academic achievement and abilities are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor for next steps.

Exceptions to participation in the placement assessment process include but are not limited to:

- A student who has completed an associate degree or higher at an accredited institution recognized by LCCC
- A student who successfully completed and transferred college-level English and math courses to LCCC
- A transient student (taking classes and attending college elsewhere) student in good standing who can show proof of pre-requisite completion
- A student with an ACT English score of 18 or SAT writing score of 430 and reading score of 450 or a 480 in evidenced-based English/reading

- A student with an ACT mathematics score of 22 or SAT mathematics score of 530
- A student with an ACT reading score of 22 or SAT reading score of 450 or a 480 in evidence-based English/reading

OR

- A senior adult learner
- A student registering for audit
- A cross-registration student

Students wishing to enroll in advanced courses in mathematics or certain science courses will be required to complete the mathematics section of the placement assessment. Additional information can be obtained in the Enrollment, Financial and Career Services division.

Under the guidelines of The Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Student Accessibility Services provides accommodations and support services to individuals with a wide range of needs. The College's goal is to empower and help students make the most of their educational opportunities and potential by providing accommodations where there is a documented need. Further, the office follows strict confidentiality guidelines and secures personal information. For more information, please visit Student Accessibility Services (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/accessibility-services/>) or call (440) 366-4058.