



What is course placement? Pine Technical and Community College's course placement process determines a student's readiness for reading, writing, and mathematics courses. It is used to assist a student with the selection of appropriate courses to help assure a student's success upon entering PTCC. All degree-seeking students are required to satisfy course placement.

Course placement can be determined using one or a combination of the following:

- ACT, SAT, and MCA Scores - valid within the last 5 calendar years
- High school GPA - valid within the last 10 calendar years
- Completion of college-level coursework from an accredited U.S. college or university

Accuplacer Accuplacer Assessment will be used if the above scores do not meet the college level benchmarks to demonstrate academic readiness to enroll in college-level courses. The Accuplacer is a placement test that assesses skill levels in reading and mathematics.

Can I retake the Accuplacer? If you are dissatisfied with any of your scores, you may wish to consult an Admissions Representative or counselor before taking the placement tests a second time.

Can I fail the Accuplacer? No, there is no pass or fail. The tests indicate your current skill level, not your potential.

How long are the scores valid? PTCC follows the guidelines of assessment for course placement set forth by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. Reading and writing placement scores are valid if taken within five calendar years, inclusive of the current calendar year and mathematics scores are valid for two calendar years, inclusive of the current calendar year.

Can I receive accommodations for testing? Students who may need accommodations for placement testing because of a disability should contact the Student Success Coordinator at 320-629-5174.

Reading Placements

Reading Refresher

A Reading Refresher score indicates that you will need to improve your basic skills in reading and writing. You are eligible to:

- Retake placement tests
- Utilize Adult Basic Education (ABE) resources available to help improve your skills.

Reading Pre-College Level

You are eligible for these courses:

[ENGL 0225 Critical Reading and Writing Concepts](#)

[ENGL 0250 Express English](#) (taken concurrently with ENGL 1276 College Composition)

These developmental reading and writing courses. It offers preparation for reading and writing college-level material

College Level Reading

You are eligible for:

[ENGL 1276 College Composition](#)

[ENGL 1277 Technical Communications](#)

These courses are designed to develop and apply critical reading and thinking skills in a variety of research and writing assignments.

An advisor will help determine which course is appropriate for your major.

Math Placements

Math Refresher

A Math Refresher score indicates that you will need to improve your basic skills in math. You are eligible to:

- Retake placement tests
- Utilize Adult Basic Education (ABE) resources available to help improve your skills.

General Math Review

You are eligible for:

[MATH 0250 Math Concepts](#)

[MATH 1251 Technical Math](#)

These are developmental math courses.

Introductory Algebra Review 1

You are eligible for:

[MATH 0365 Algebra Concepts](#)

This is a developmental math course.

Introductory Algebra Review 2

You are eligible for:

[MATH 0450 Intermediate Algebra](#)

This is a developmental math course.

Non-Algebra College-Level Math

You are eligible for:

[MATH 1256 Mathematical Thinking](#)

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Algebra College Level Math

You have placed at college-level mathematics. You are eligible for these math courses:

MATH 1260 College Algebra

MATH 2270 Pre-Calculus

MATH 2260 Trigonometry

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Calculus Level Math

You are placed above college-level mathematics. You are eligible for this math course:

MATH 1262 Calculus

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Adult Basic Education: Adult Basic Education (ABE) can help students who want to attend college, but still need to earn their high school credential. ABE also provides basic skills refreshers in math, reading, writing or computer skills. Contact Jami Kritzeck for more information. 320-629-5139 or jami.kritzeck@pine.edu.