FAQ’s- Next-Generation Accuplacer Tests

What is Next-Generation Accuplacer Assessment?
The Next-Generation Accuplacer assessment replaces the Classic Accuplacer Tests. As part of College Board’s plans to improve its placement test services, align test contents with college and career readiness standards and, reflect the changing landscape of higher education with math sequences aligned to clear pathways, the Next-Generation Accuplacer tests assess your skills using redesigned reading, writing and math contents.

The test, although untimed, usually takes about 2 hours to complete.

This is a computer adaptive test. The test questions are multiple choice and chosen for you on the basis of your answers to previous questions. Hand held calculators are not allowed in the Math part of the test. Test takers can access an on screen calculator for certain math questions. Tests begin with sample questions designed to illustrate the types of test questions the examinee will see during the test.

Who will need to take the Next-Generation Accuplacer tests?
New HCC students who have not completed College Level English or Math, nor earned qualifying College and Career Readiness (CCR) assessment scores may be referred to the HCC-Test Center to complete the Next-Generation Accuplacer tests.

Continuing Education Allied Health Certificate-seeking students planning to register for classes must have the related academic skills and may be required to complete the Next-Generation Accuplacer Reading and Arithmetic.

Where can students take the Next-Generation Accuplacer Tests?
The Next-Generation Accuplacer tests are offered in the HCC-Test Center during hours of operation. Visit www.harford.edu/testing or call 443-412-2352 for more information about hours and testing requirements.

If a student will not be able to come to campus, the Next-Generation Accuplacer tests may be given at an approved Accuplacer institution or through an approved virtual proctor. Please contact the HCC-Test Center at 443-412-2352 or send an email at testcent@harford.edu to request for a test voucher if planning to test outside HCC-Test Center.

How are Next-Generation Accuplacer scores reported?
With redesigned reading, writing and math contents, the Next-Gen Accuplacer tests have new score reporting scale of 200-300.

Upon completion of the tests, students will be able to view their score reports and a printed copy will be provided by the Test Center.

What are the college level scores for the Next-Generation Accuplacer tests accepted at Harford Community College?
The following are considered college-level scores:

(NGR) College Level Reading Score: 263
(NGW) College Level Writing Score: 263
(NGQ) College Level Math Score: 263
(NGF) Advanced Algebra and Functions Math 101 and higher: 237

I am applying for the CET Allied Health programs and will need to take Reading and Arithmetic. What scores should I need to get to be qualified for those programs?
How long are the Accuplacer scores valid?
The Next-Generation Accuplacer scores are valid for two years.

I took the classic Accuplacer tests, do I need to take the Next-Generation Accuplacer tests?
Existing classic Accuplacer scores are valid within a two-year period from date of testing. As long as your classic Accuplacer scores are still valid, you may use those scores for your application and/or registration to courses.

How to prepare for the New Next-Generation Accuplacer Tests?
To prepare for the tests, Accuplacer official study app: https://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org, can be accessed in any web browsers and mobile devices. Choose the Next-Generation Practice Tests.

What do I need on the day of testing for Next-Generation Accuplacer tests?
Please bring your HCC ID card when you come to the Test Center for testing. If you do not have an HCC ID card yet, please bring a valid photo ID. Please visit www.harford.edu/testing for information about testing policies and procedures.

How many times can I take the Next-Generation Accuplacer Tests?
You may take the Accuplacer test twice for free. You may retest 24 hours after the initial test. After two attempts within a two year period a $25 proctoring fee will be assigned for all subsequent attempts.

If you have a valid classic Accuplacer scores, those are considered test attempts. If you will take the Next-Generation Accuplacer test, while you have a valid classic Accuplacer scores, you may be charged a test fee.

How can I be exempted from taking the Next-Generation Accuplacer tests?
You are exempt from taking the Academic Skills Assessment(Accuplacer) if you meet the CCR requirements or have earned an Associate or Baccalaureate degree (Transcript required). For more information about CCR designation, visit: http://www.harford.edu/student-services/testing/academic-skills-assessment/requirements-for-assessment.aspx

You may also speak with your advisor about completing a course placement exception request form.

I took the Next-Generation QAS Math test and scored 263. My test routed to Advanced Algebra and Functions test and I got a score lower than 237. I will need to register for Math 101- College Algebra. When I retake the test, will I have to start again with QAS Math?

When retaking the Next-Generation Accuplacer Math test, you will not need to start again with QAS test if you have a score of 263 or higher in the previous attempt. You will be given the Advanced Algebra and Functions test. You will need 237 or higher in this test to be eligible to enroll in Math 101.

Who will I be speaking to if I have questions about my test scores?
Your questions about test scores or course placement should be directed to your advisor.