

PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEASURES FOR ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT

More Information: [PVCC Placement Testing Policy I-100.0](#)

****A PVCC advisor can determine if a placement test is necessary for your program of study****

VIRGINIA PLACEMENT TEST (VPT)^{1,2}

Subject Area	Placement Options
English	ENF 1
	ENF 2
	ENF 3 and ENG 111
	ENG 111
Mathematics	Developmental Math
	MTH 115 or 154
	MTH 161
	MTH 263

ACT and SAT³

Test Name	Subject Area	Required Score	Placement
ACT	English and Reading	15-17	ENG 3 and ENG 111
		18 or above	ENG 111
	Mathematics	19-21	MTH 154 (MTE 1-5 Satisfied)
		22+	MTH 115, 161, or 167 (MTE 1-9 Satisfied)
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	460-470	ENF 3 and ENG 111
		480 or above	ENG 111
	SAT: Mathematics	510-520	MTH 154 (MTE 1-5 Satisfied)
		530+	MTH 115, 161, or 167 (MTE 1-9 Satisfied)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS (AP)⁴

Subject Area	Test Name	Required Score	Course Credit Awarded
English	English Language and Composition	3, 4, 5	ENG 111 and ENG 112 (Total: 6 Credits)
	English Literature and Composition		ENG 111 and ENG 112 (Total: 6 Credits)
Mathematics	Math Calculus (AB)	3, 4, 5	MTH 263 (Total: 4 Credits)
	Math Calculus (BC)		MTH 263 and 264 (Total: 8 Credits)
	Math Statistics		MTH 245 (Total: 3 Credits)

¹ Students who take the Virginia Placement Test-Math and who do not enroll in developmental courses are allowed to take one (1) retest within twelve (12) months. Students who attempt developmental courses will be ineligible for a retest. Exceptions to this retest policy may be made on a case-by-case basis.

² Virginia Placement Test-English and -Math scores are valid for five (5) years after the date of the test.

³ SAT, ACT, high school GPA and GED test scores are valid for five (5) years after the date of the test or graduation date.

⁴ Although an AP score of 3 is acceptable towards a degree at PVCC, it may not be acceptable at some four-year colleges. It is the student's responsibility to check the status of AP course requirements at the intended transfer institution.

HIGH SCHOOL GPA AND COURSEWORK⁵

Subject Area	Description	Required GPA Range	Placement
English	Cumulative GPA only	2.7-2.9	ENF 3 and ENG 111
		3.0 or above	ENG 111
Mathematics	Cumulative GPA and completion of both Algebra II and one Algebra Intensive Course	2.7-2.9	MTH 115, 161, or 167 with Required Co-Requisite MCR Course (MTE 1-9 Satisfied)
		3.0 or above	MTH 115, 161, or 167 (MTE 1-9 Satisfied)
	Cumulative GPA and completion of Algebra II	2.7-2.9	MTH 154 with Required Co-Requisite MCR Course (MTE 1-5 Satisfied)
		3.0 or above	MTH 154 (MTE 1-5 Satisfied)
	Cumulative GPA and Algebra I	2.7-2.9	(MTE 1-3 Satisfied)
		3.0 or above	(MTE 1-3 Satisfied)

GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA (GED)⁵

Subject Area	Required Score	Placement
English	165 or above	ENG 111
Mathematics	155-165	(MTE 1-3 Satisfied)
	165+	MTH 154 (MTE 1-5 Satisfied)

ACCUPLACER (English as a Second Language)

Test Name	Score	Score Range	Score Range	Score Range
Language Use	100	82-99	55-81	Below 55
Reading	100	82-99	57-81	Below 57
Sentence Meaning	100	88-99	61-87	Below 61
Cumulative Score	300	Varies	Varies	Varies
Placement Level	ENG 111	ESL 13	ESL 12	TJACE ESOL ⁶

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⁶ Thomas Jefferson Adult and Career Education: www.adultslearn.org