

Chemeketa Community College Placement Test Information

We want you to be successful at Chemeketa. Enrolling in courses appropriate to your current skill level in reading, writing, and math is an important first step on the road to success. For this reason, new students who wish to enroll in Career and Technical programs (e.g. Automotive, Human Services, Dental Assisting) and students enrolling in transfer credit classes are expected to complete the Chemeketa Placement Test, the COMPASS.

You should submit your application for admission prior to taking the COMPASS Placement Test. The test is used to place you in appropriate class levels. It is not an admission test and the results will have no effect upon your acceptance as a student at Chemeketa. However, you may be required to enroll in specific math, reading or writing classes based on your placement test scores.

The COMPASS Placement Test is administered in the Testing Annex, Salem Campus Bldg. 6/ 216 on a drop-in basis.

- Monday/Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Last test begins at 3:00)
- Tuesday/Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Last test begins at 6:00)

COMPASS Placement Test Basics

- The test includes sections on writing skills, reading skills and mathematics (calculator permitted). You may take one section or the complete test.
- Bring your K number and picture I.D.
- No cell phones are allowed.
- Students often find the COMPASS test question format a little confusing, so take time before the test to get familiar with the way the test works. To practice the test question format used on the COMPASS Placement Tests, go to <https://web.gsc.edu/fs/mhorton/l/english/>. You can practice both reading and writing test questions at that website.
- You can also practice answering additional writing, math and reading sample test questions at www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html.
- Take your time while testing. **Remember**, the COMPASS Placement tests are not timed.
- **Average test time to complete the entire test is approximately 2 to 3 hours.**
- If you do not understand test directions, ask the proctor!
- Your test scores will be immediately available after you've completed the test.
- After you receive your Placement Test results, view the New Student Orientation at my.chemeketa.edu. Log on using your user name and password and select the student tab. Click on the New Student Orientation box to begin.

Students requesting special accommodations should contact Disabilities Services at 503-399-5192.

Testing is also available at other campus locations: Dallas Campus, 503.623.5567, Yamhill Valley Campus, 503.472.9482, Woodburn Campus, 503.981.8820 or 503.399.5207.

Other websites where you can practice the skills needed to be successful on the COMPASS test:

<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/exercisecentral/>

http://www.testprepreview.com/compass_practice.htm

<http://www.compass-test-practice.com>

http://fsweb.bainbridge.edu/tstrickland/compass_testing.htm

<http://www.learnatest.com/LEL/index.cfm/general>

Writing

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Writing 080	4 credits	28-50
Writing 090	4 credits	51-74
Writing 115	4 credits	75-94
Writing 121	4 credits	95-100

Reading

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Reading 080	3 credits	57-68
Reading 090	3 credits	69-79
Reading 115	3 credits	80-90
Reading 120	3 credits	91-100

Math

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>Pre-Algebra Level Test</u>		
Math 020	4 credits	18-20
Math 052/060	3/4 credits	21-100
<u>Algebra Level Test</u>		
Math 052/060	3/4 credits	0-17
Math 070	4 credits	18-31
Math 095	4 credits	32-74
Math 111	5 credits	75-100
<u>College Algebra Level Test</u>		
Math 111	5 credits	0-45
Math 112/241/243	5/4/4 credits	46-100
<u>Trigonometry Level Test</u>		
Math 112	5 credits	0-39
Math 251	5 credits	40-100