

Retest Policy

Central Piedmont Community College has been using the ACCUPLACER™ placement tests since 1985, and considers ACCUPLACER a very reliable and accurate assessment for placing students into English and math courses, or courses with English, reading or math prerequisites. Accordingly, CPCC makes every effort to provide students with a thorough understanding of the importance of the placement testing process, as well as provides students with the opportunity to take realistic practice tests before taking the actual placement tests. Research conducted by the College Board concludes “... *that students be allowed to retest only after they have done a thorough review of the subject matter being tested.*” As a result, CPCC has adopted the retesting guidelines listed below. Any exceptions must be approved by the English or mathematics division directors.

Sentence Skills or Reading Comprehension Tests

- Students may retest without permission after one year
- Students may retest without permission after completing the required developmental course with a grade of “A” or “B”
- Only the most recent test score will be used by the College, even if it’s lower, *which may require the student to retake a developmental class*
- Students are encouraged to retake any Sentence Skills or Reading Comprehension tests that is more than two years old since his or her skill levels may have changed
- Students applying to the nursing or health sciences programs who have a Reading Comprehension score of 80 or above must complete RED 111 (or an ENG course) with an “A” or “B,” and be recommended by his or her instructor before he or she can retest

Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra or College Level Math Tests

- Students may retest without permission after one year
- Students may retest without permission after completing the required developmental course with a grade of “A”
- Only the most recent test score will be used by the College, even if it’s lower, *which may require the student to retake a developmental class*
- If a student waits more than one year before taking the required developmental class, the student should retest since his or her skill levels may have changed