

PREPARATION FOR THE SPSCC MATH PLACEMENT TEST

How to succeed at taking the South Puget Sound Community College Accuplacer Math Placement Test and be placed at college level Pre-Calculus, maybe Calculus:

First, you must have the mindset consisting of the following 2 attitudes:

#1 You must terribly want to take college level Pre-Calculus or Calculus.

#2 You must truly be a very hard worker.

Second, do the following:

Review and take all the 3 attached sample tests (with answer key) five to six times, really understanding all the concepts addressed in the problems while maintaining reasonable accuracy. And one more on Limits and Continuity as a reinforcement, to hopefully be able to test into Calculus. Go over the 3 tests (or 4) repeatedly until you feel comfortable as if you were going to ace all of them.

Third, register for the placement test (\$25) by contacting SPSCC counseling center: Be confident and ready on the day of the test where you will be **zoom proctored** during the pandemic at home. You have one free retake.

The ACCUPLACER placement test is an adaptive test. Therefore, your next questions are based on your previous answers. It adapts to your answers to give you harder or easier questions. You want HARDER because that means you are scoring into a higher class and saving time and money!

DURING THE TEST...

- Remember that the test is untimed.
- Watch the word “not” and how it is used in the questions.
- Take your time! If you do not know the answer to a question, try to eliminate one or more of the choices. Then pick from the remaining choices. Choose wisely, but **DO NOT GUESS!!**
- You **CANNOT** skip questions and you **CANNOT** go back to previous questions. Answer **EVERY** question carefully and correctly!!!
- Note that the exponents are the same size as the coefficients. Weird looking, but important to know ahead of time and remember during the test.
- Check your answers (e.g., check factoring answers with multiplication) **BEFORE** submitting the answer!!
- Some of the questions are back-ended. Take your time and answer what is needed!
- Take your time **DURING** the test.
- Go **SLOWLY** on the test to do your best, score your highest, and save the most time and money.

You may do it anytime you are ready by scheduling with SPSCC Testing Center 360 596 5770 ahead of time. Good luck!