

# **Next-Generation ACCUPLACER**

The Next-Generation ACCUPLACER is a group of untimed, multiple choice, computer-delivered tests that assess proficiency in **reading**, **writing**, and **algebra** to facilitate placement in first-year college courses.

## Reading

The **Next-Generation Reading** test has **20 questions** and measures the ability to derive meaning of words and phrases in the context of short and extended passages that vary in content, writing modes, and complexities.

Passages on the test cover a range of content areas (including science, history, and literary nonfiction), writing modes (informative, argument, and narrative), and complexities (relatively easy to very challenging).

Four broad knowledge and skills categories are assessed:

- Information and Ideas: reading closely, determining central ideas and themes, summarizing, and understanding relationships
- Rhetoric: analyzing word choice, text structure, point of view, purpose, and arguments
- Synthesis: analyzing multiple texts
- Vocabulary

Reading sample questions are available at <u>http://uca.edu/go/ReadingSampleQs.</u>

#### Writing

The **Next-Generation Writing** test has **25 questions** and evaluates the ability to revise and edit multiparagraph texts. Questions cover two knowledge and skills categories:

- Expression of Ideas: Development, organization, and effective language use
- Standard English Conventions: Sentence structure, usage, and punctuation

Writing sample questions are available at <a href="http://uca.edu/go/WritingSampleQs">http://uca.edu/go/WritingSampleQs</a>.

#### Algebra

**Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)** is the Next-Generation math test UCA uses to determine math placement. It has **20 questions** and assesses a wide range of knowledge and skills:

- Rational numbers
- Ratio and Proportional Relationships
- Exponents
- Algebraic Expressions
- Linear Equations

- Linear Applications and Graphs
- Probability Sets
- Descriptive Statistics
- Geometry Concepts

An onscreen calculator is available for certain questions. Handheld calculators are not permitted.

QAS Sample questions are available at <u>http://uca.edu/go/MathSampleQs</u>.

## Taking the ACCUPLACER at UCA:

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- Test Center Location: Torreyson West Room 315. <u>http://uca.edu/go/campusmap</u>
  - Cost Per Test: **\$5**, payable by **cash or check only** on the day of the test
- ID Requirement: Current photo ID such as a driver's license, passport, or student ID
- For Appointments: Call 501-450-3209 or email <u>chardin@uca.edu</u>

### Score Requirements to test out of transitional courses at UCA:

Test	Math	Reading	English/Writing
ACT	19	19	19
SAT (before March 2016)	460	470	470
SAT- Redesigned (March 2016 & later)	500	26	26
Classic ACCUPLACER (before February 2019)	77 (EA)	78	83
ACCUPLACER Next-Generation (February 2019 & later)	265 (QAS)	275	260

Note: ACT and SAT scores are valid 5 years from test date. ACCUPLACER scores are valid two years from test date.

### Taking the ACCUPLACER at another institution:

- You may take the ACCUPLACER test at another institution and have your test scores sent to UCA University Testing:
  - o By mail: 201 Donaghey Avenue, Torreyson West 315, Conway, AR 72035
  - Fax: 501-450-3259
  - o Email: chardin@uca.edu
- Note: There are multiple levels of the Next-Generation ACCUPLACER math tests. Make sure you take **Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS).**

# Preparing for the ACCUPLACER

# Prepare for Test Day with the Official Web-Based Study App:

https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice

- The web-based study app features practice tests in each test subject.
- It will help you become familiar with the content and format of the ACCUPLACER test questions.
- It features "learn as you go" tests to provide explanations of the correct or incorrect responses.
- You can save your work at any time and come back when it is convenient for you.
- You can review your score history to see what skills you should focus on improving.

#### Sample Questions:

- Reading: <u>http://uca.edu/go/ReadingSampleQs</u>
- Writing: <u>http://uca.edu/go/WritingSampleQs</u>
- QAS: <u>http://uca.edu/go/MathSampleQs</u>