



Rowan College of South Jersey

Policy: 8105
Title: **PLACEMENT TESTING, FOUNDATION COURSES, AND
TESTING EXEMPTIONS**
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Placement Testing

The College requires all newly admitted students to take the College's placement test, the Accuplacer, or satisfy one of the exemption criteria. The Accuplacer places students in the appropriate educational foundation, or college level course, based on current abilities in reading, writing, and mathematics. The placement test is taken after admission to the College, but prior to course registration. Students receive a copy of test scores and a breakdown of course placement upon completion of the placement test.

Educational Foundation Courses

As a result of placement testing, students may be placed into educational foundation courses. Educational foundation courses within the academic area must be successfully completed before moving into college-level coursework.

Testing Exemptions

Students who demonstrate the required proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics will be exempt from the requirement of taking educational foundation courses before entering their program and/or courses of study. Exemption standards are subject to change after administrative review.

RCSJ's placement test exemption criteria can be found on the Testing Center website.

Accuplacer scores and other standardized test scores used for exemption (ACT, GED, HiSET, NJGPA, PSAT/NMSQT, SAT) are valid for five years.

The President will have administrative procedures developed to implement this policy.

References:

Rowan College of South Jersey Administrative Procedure, *8105 Placement Testing, Foundation Courses, and Testing Exemption*

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