



Holmes Community College

Placement Information

HCC Placement Procedures

Holmes Community College administers **COMPASS**, an untimed computerized assessment, to provide incoming students with immediate results of skill levels in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. The higher score of **ACT** and **COMPASS** determines the student's optimal curriculum as acknowledged in the HCC placement and prerequisite/corequisite tables. If **ACT** scores are not available at the time of registration, **COMPASS** placement tests are taken to make such recommendations. If one wishes to challenge an **ACT** placement, the student must take **COMPASS** prior to registration by appointment or on the designated registration date(s) per campus. Holmes Community College offers **COMPASS** only to HCC students and no testing fee is applied. Two **COMPASS** tests per semester with a minimum of a 48 hour time period between testing are permitted. **COMPASS** scores taken at any other institution will not be accepted.

PreCore Studies

A student placed into two or more PreCore Studies courses based on **ACT** or **COMPASS** placement within the areas of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics will be assigned a PreCore Studies advisor to facilitate the student's completion of the core curriculum required for graduation. Once the PreCore Studies courses are concluded, the student will be transferred to an advisor of one's major/concentration area.

COMPASS Test Information

Students are strongly encouraged to view test information such as sample test questions and test-taking tips provided by **COMPASS**. Note that only the computer calculator is permitted for use when taking the **COMPASS** mathematics test. For additional information or to schedule a **COMPASS** placement test, contact the appropriate campus representative.

Proof of acceptance to Holmes Community College and a valid Photo I.D. must be presented to the test proctor before one is allowed to take COMPASS at any HCC test site. Cell phones must be turned off upon entrance of the testing center.

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