WHAT IS ACCUPLACER?

ACCUPLACER® is a comprehensive battery of tests designed to provide information about students’ English, reading, mathematics, and computer skills. Tests within the ACCUPLACER® System are delivered over the Internet and assist with determining if students are prepared for college-level courses or if they would benefit from developmental courses. The test questions are based on your responses to each question you’ve already answered. Questions increase or decrease in difficulty depending on your answers as you work through the test. ACCUPLACER® tests are untimed, so you can move at a comfortable pace. It’s important to give yourself enough time to do your best and complete the test because your results are the key factor in determining the courses you can take. Your results will be available immediately after you take the test.
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There are three sections: Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills, and Math Skills. The Reading Comprehension test, comprised of 20 questions, measures your ability to understand what you read, to identify main ideas and to make inferences. You need to distinguish between direct statements and secondary or supporting ideas. The Sentence Skills test, comprised of 20 questions, measures your understanding of sentence structure — what makes a sentence complete and clear. Some questions deal with the logic of the sentence, and others with the relationships between two sentences. The Math Skills portion includes addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, fractions, word problems, and basic algebra.

Please prepare by using the following tools:

• The Start Right Experience (Required)
• Placement Skills Program and Test Prep Resources
• PrepSTEP from Learning Express Library
• ACCUPLACER® Study App
• Books and eBooks

THE START RIGHT EXPERIENCE

The Student Information Center: WaveNet Central offers The Start Right Experience, a required step in the admissions process, to help you learn why it is important for you to do your best on the ACCUPLACER® test. Attend online before taking the ACCUPLACER® test at www.hgtc.edu/startright

ACCUPLACER® STUDY APP

This web-based study app features practice tests in Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, College-Level Math, Reading Comprehension, and Sentence Skills. It is accessible from any Internet-capable computer and helps students become familiar with the content and format of the ACCUPLACER® assessments. The study app is available to all students for free.

Visit www.accuplacer.collegeboard.org/store.

PrepSTEP FROM LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY

To access all parts of PrepSTEP, you must create a username and password.

• Go to www.hgtc.edu/library
• Under the heading Featured Items, click on PrepSTEP.

NOTE: H number is required for off-campus access.

• From the PrepSTEP home screen, locate and choose REGISTER. Note: This step must be completed on-campus.
• Verify your institution in the drop-down menu: Horry Georgetown Technical College.
• Fill out the entire form to create your personal username (your email address) and password.
• Keep and use this username and password to access PrepSTEP in the future from on or off-campus.
• Username: __________________
• Password: __________________

PrepSTEP is divided into Learning Centers. To access the Learning Center with ACCUPLACER® preparation resources, follow these steps:

• Click on College Center then choose Prepare for College Placement Exams for ACCUPLACER® preparation. Take a practice test to receive module recommendations.
• Also available in the College Center are Math, Reading, and Grammar/Writing skills reviews.

BOOKS & EBOOKS

HGTC Library has ACCUPLACER® preparation books available for checkout. To search for books, visit www.hgtc.edu/library and click on the Catalog tab to conduct a keyword search for ACCUPLACER®.

ACCUPLACER® preparation books are also available for in-house use only at the Student Information Center: WaveNet Central and the Student Success and Tutoring Center (SSTC).

ACCUPLACER® preparation eBooks are available through EBSCO eBook Collection. To search for eBooks, visit www.hgtc.edu/library and click on the eReading tab. Select EBSCO eBook Collection and conduct a keyword search for ACCUPLACER®. H number required for off-campus access.

ACCUPLACER® placement skills program & test prep resources

HGTC now offers students a chance to re-take the ACCUPLACER® and attempt to test into college level courses through a limited program called Placement Skills Program (PSP) or via Independent Study: http://libguides.hgtc.edu/wavenetcentral/placementskillscenter

The Library also has a page listing print and electronic test preparation resources for the ACCUPLACER®: http://libguides.hgtc.edu/wavenetcentral/testprep