How can I prepare to take COMPASS?

Familiarize yourself with the test by completing practice test exercises online at www.act.org/compass or at www.hgtc.edu/PACE

Placement Testing: COMPASS Practice Tests

Plan to arrive early to avoid traffic delays.

Arrive to take the test well-rested and relaxed.

Make sure you eat before taking the test.

What services do you provide for students with disabilities?

Placement testing is available in alternate formats for students with disabilities. Students requesting special accommodations for the COMPASS Test should contact the Counselor for Students with Disabilities at the campus most convenient to you.

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Earn College Credits NOW in High School!

HGTC COMPASS Testing Locations

Conway Campus Testing Center
Building 1100, Room 125
843-349-5248

Grand Strand Campus Testing Center
Building 200, Room 101
843-477-2106

Georgetown Campus Testing Center
Building 100, Room 129
843-520-1451

PACE Dual Enrollment
High School Students

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How to Register for COMPASS Testing

Step 1
Go to the Horry Georgetown Technical College website – www.hgtc.edu/testing

Step 2
This will take you to the HGTC Testing homepage. On the bottom right hand side of the page, you will see the “Register for a Test” links. Select the campus at which you would like to test.

Step 3
On the registration screen, you will need to select “COMPASS HGTC Students Only.”

Step 4
A calendar will appear letting you select the date you would like to test. Dates available for testing are highlighted in blue. Once you select your day, times for the test will appear at the bottom. Select a time you would like to test.

Step 5
The final registration screen will appear. Please enter in all fields. For the H-Number, PACE students will leave this blank. Please click the box acknowledging you have read the Student Acknowledgement box. Once everything is complete, click on the “Register” button to finalize the appointment. Your confirmation page will appear for printing and one will be emailed to you to the email account you provided.

Note: Students are reminded that a photo ID is required at the time of testing at the HGTC Testing Center.

What is the COMPASS?
The COMPASS test is a computer-based test that helps place students into appropriate courses:
- Not timed
- Average time to complete is 1 1/2 to 2 hours
- Easy to use
- Results used for advising to help select appropriate course placement

What types of questions can I expect?
There are three sections: Reading, Writing, & Math.

Reading Section
- Read passages and answer questions about the content.

Writing Section
- Determine whether a passage is written correctly. If the passage is incorrect you will choose an alternative version of the selection.

Math Section
- Complete addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, fractions, basic algebra, and word problems.

What will I need?
Photo ID is Required.
- For example: driver’s license, student ID, passport, alien registration card or any other government-issued IDs. Photocopies not accepted.
Online calculators are available
- Do not bring personal calculators.
Personal Items Not Permitted in testing
- Book bags, purses, etc. are not allowed.