

# Assessment Q&A

## Assessment Requirements?

- You must be a Cabrillo College Student to take the assessment. - **EFFECTIVE 7/1/2009-** (Apply Now at <http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/ar/index.html>)
- Bring a picture ID and know your social security number or Cabrillo's student number.
- Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes before the test begins, as you will not be admitted late. Assessment availability to test is on a first come, first serve basis.

## What is Assessment?

Cabrillo's testing program will provide you with information about skill levels and placement in English, reading, and math courses.

## Who needs Assessment?

You need placement tests if you plan to do one or more of the following:

1. Satisfy math/English prerequisites\*
2. Earn AA or AS degree or certificate
3. Transfer to another college/university
4. Enroll in a program, e.g., ECE, Nursing
5. Register in more than 6 units

\* Some courses require that a student read, write or analytically compute at a certain level before enrolling in the next course. This is a required prerequisite. You can satisfy this prerequisite either through an assessment test or the methods listed below. A corequisite requires that you enroll in the corequisite class at the same time.

**You do NOT need Assessment** if you show counselor documentation for one of the following:

1. Previous college math or English course(s)
2. Placement results from another college
3. Advanced Placement Test with scores of 3, 4, or 5 in English or Calculus

## When is Assessment?

View an upcoming assessment schedule at

<http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/assessment/schedule.html>

Assessment availability is on a first come first serve basis. Please Come 20 minutes early, there will be no late admissions.

## Where is Assessment?

**Aptos campus Assessment Center**  
6500 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003  
SAC WEST Room 200.

### **Watsonville Center**

318 Union Street Watsonville, CA 95076  
Room 4550  
Call:  
831.479-6165 or 831.477.5608

## How many times can one Assess?

A student may take the assessment two times in a six month period. There is a one-week waiting period between the initial test and the retest. Retesting is available through computerized assessment on the Aptos and Watsonville campus only.

**EXCEPTION:** A student may not retest if they enrolled and remained in a math class and received a letter grade or a "W".

## Is completing an orientation a requirement?

If you are a new student or have never gone through the assessment and orientation processes, you are required to complete these two services. This is part of the Matriculation process.

### **Orientation can be completed in two ways:**

- 1) Online from home or done at Cabrillo College
- 2) Group orientation with a counselor at Cabrillo College.

#### **1) Complete online orientation at <https://sirena.cabrillo.edu>**

**Tip:** You can complete your orientation **prior** the assessment. Print your Certificate of completion and bring it with you the day you take your assessment. Remember that in order to get your assessment results you must first complete your orientation. If you complete your orientation prior to your assessment you will be able to get your assessment scores the same day you take your assessment.

#### **2) Attend a **group orientation**. Orientation schedule is available at <http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/assessment/schedule.html>.**

**Tip:** Remember you **must** first complete an orientation in order to get your assessment results. If you prefer to do an in-person orientation it would be convenient to take your assessment placement test the day that an in-person orientation is offered. You will receive your assessment results during the in-person orientation.

## How and when do I get my assessment placement results?

### You must complete an orientation to received test scores

- If you attend an in-person orientation you will receive your assessment results at the orientation.
- If you complete an on-line orientation choose any of the below options:

**In-person:** Pick up your scores with a valid picture at the assessment office located at SAC WEST Room 200.

**E-mail** (Must have a Scanner): You can e-mail a copy of a valid picture ID, and a permission statement to release your scores to [flchacon@cabrillo.edu](mailto:flchacon@cabrillo.edu) . Don't forget to sign and date your statement. We will e-mail your scores by the end of the day at our earliest convenience. Do not expect an immediate e-mail response.

**Fax:** You can fax a copy of a valid picture ID, and a permission statement to release your scores via fax. Don't forget to sign and date your statement, and to also include the fax number for us to respond. We will fax your scores by the end of the day at our earliest convenience. Do not expect an immediate fax response. Our fax number is 479-6169

**Mail:** You can mail us a copy of a valid picture ID, and permission to release your scores statement by mail. Don't forget to sign and date your statement and your mailing information. Mail to: Cabrillo College 6500 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003 Attention to Assessment Office.