

## Testing Schedule

December 1, 2008—January 20, 2009

### Haverhill Campus C-208:

Walk-in testing schedule:

#### December 1st - January 15th

<u>Day</u>	<u>Start time</u>	<u>Latest start time</u>
Mondays	9:00 AM	1:30 PM *
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	1:30 PM *
Wednesdays	9:00 AM	5:30 PM *
Thursdays	9:00 AM	9:00 AM *

\* Please note that students must arrive no later than the latest start time listed for that day.

Thursdays ESL testing is on a walk-in basis.  
(Must arrive at 9:00 AM)

Fridays Special Accommodation testing is  
by appointment only.

#### January 16th-January 20th

<u>Day</u>	<u>Start time</u>	<u>Latest start time</u>
Sat. Jan. 16	9:00 AM	9:00 AM *
Tue. Jan. 19	9:00 AM	5:30 PM *
Wed. Jan. 20	9:00 AM	11:00 AM *

\* Please note that students must arrive no later than the latest start time listed for that day.

### Schedule Exceptions:

Closed on:

*December 25, 28, 29, 30, 31*

*January 1, 18*

### Lawrence Campus L-200:

Testing at the Lawrence campus is by appointment only.  
Call the Lawrence Assessment Center at 978-738-7426  
(Monday-Thursday 9-4:30, Friday 9-4) to schedule an  
appointment.



### Tips for Taking Accuplacer

1. You will need to know your social security number. Also, remember to bring a picture ID.
2. Take this test very seriously!  
  
Take your time and do your best work! Testing is un-timed. The results of this test will determine whether you will first be required to begin with developmental courses prior to enrolling in college level courses. It is very important to know that developmental courses do not carry graduation credits.
3. Relax! Do not worry if you are not familiar with computers.  
  
You do not need to know anything about computers to take the ACCUPLACER test.
4. You are not allowed to use dictionaries, calculators, notebooks, or textbooks of any kind. You will be provided with scratch paper.



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## Assessment Center

Haverhill campus, Spurk Building, C-208  
Phone: 978-556-3872 Fax: 978-556-3169  
Lawrence campus, Dimitry Building, L-200  
Phone: 978-738-7426 Fax: 978-738-7116

Testing Information  
valid only from

December 1, 2009 - January 20, 2010

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS!

You must complete the assessment process before you will be allowed to register for classes. It is to your benefit to assess early, for best selection of classes.

Northern Essex Community College is committed to students' success by ensuring that every student is assessed and placed in courses which are appropriate to their level of academic skills

**Express Line 978-556-3428**

## About Accuplacer



The reading, math, writing and sentence skills tests will be completed on the mandated ACCUPLACER computer testing system.

### Accuplacer Reading Test

There are 20 multiple choice questions on this test. You will read passages and answer questions relating to what you have read.

### Accuplacer Math Test

There are **three** levels of math testing. You will take the levels of math based on your degree program and math background. Some students will take 2 levels while others may take 3.

The three levels of math testing are:

1. Arithmetic
2. Elementary Algebra
3. College Level Mathematics

### Accuplacer Sentence Skills Test

There are 20 Sentence Skills questions of 2 types. The first is sentence correction. These questions ask to choose the most appropriate word or phrase to substitute for the underlined portion of the sentence. The second is construction shift. These ask that a sentence be rewritten while maintaining essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

### Accuplacer WritePlacer Test

The writing assessment will involve a 50 minute type written essay on an assigned topic.



## Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education requires that all students entering state colleges must complete an assessment in order to determine basic skills levels for course placement. Based on assessment results, a student may be required to initially enroll in one or more Developmental or ESL courses in order to prepare for college level course work.

Assessment is required for students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Students enrolling in a degree or certificate program (matriculated students).
- Students enrolling in the following courses: English Composition I, college level math, Developmental reading, writing and math; ESL; all courses with numbers beginning with zero; and all other courses with entrance level skills requirements. Please refer to the course description to determine if an assessment is required for a particular course.
- Non matriculated students will be allowed to register for up to six credits, prior to assessment (with the exception of those courses listed above).

Assessment results are valid for three years. However, students are strongly advised to enroll in Math courses or Developmental requirements during the first year after being assessed.



For further information  
please call the  
Assessment Center  
at Haverhill 978-556-3872  
or Lawrence 978-738-7426  
or visit our website

[www.necc.mass.edu/departments/assessment](http://www.necc.mass.edu/departments/assessment)



## Frequently Asked Questions

*How long will the assessment take?*

Plan on approximately three hours.

*What should I bring to my assessment session?*

A photo ID. You will also need to know your social security number. Calculators, dictionaries, and text books of any kind are not allowed to be used during testing.

*What does it cost to be assessed?*

There is no fee for NECC students.

*Should I study for the assessment?*

It is beneficial to study. Online tutorials and sample questions are available on the Assessment website ([www.necc.mass.edu/departments/assessment](http://www.necc.mass.edu/departments/assessment)) for review.

*What if I have already taken the Accuplacer assessment at NECC or another college?*

If you have tested within the past three years, you should not need to retest. Call the Assessment Center at 978-556-3872 to ensure that your placements are up to date or to inquire about using Accuplacer scores from another college.

*Do I still need to test if I have taken college courses before?*

You may be waived from some or all of the tests depending on a review of your transcript. Call the Assessment Center at 978-556-3872 to inquire about the waiver process.

*What if English is not my first language?*

If you have applied to the English as a Second Language Program, you will be tested in reading, writing, grammar and communication. For scheduling information call the Assessment Center at either the Haverhill or Lawrence campus.

*What if I have a diagnosed disability and need testing accommodations/access services?*

Special accommodations during assessment can be provided for students with documented disabilities. However, you must make arrangements well in advance. Students with documented disabilities should contact the Learning Accommodations Center.

Students with documented disabilities:

Call (978) 556-3654

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing:

Call 866-321-2823 (VP/Voice)

Any NECC office may be accessed via the relay service by dialing 7-1-1 (TTY) or through the Video Relay Service (VRS) of your choice.

*Please see back for Testing Tips*