

Testing Services

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Placement Testing

The placement test covers writing and reading. Academic advisors use the results to ensure that students are placed in appropriate class levels to ensure they have a successful college experience.

The need to take the placement test will be determined by an academic advisor. New students need to make an appointment to speak with an academic advisor before making a testing appointment. When meeting with an academic advisor, please bring your GED transcript or high school transcripts, if possible. If you have taken college-level courses, please bring college transcripts as well.

The placement test is offered regularly at the Central County Campus in Newport and periodically at the North County Center in Lincoln City. Because seating is limited, appointments are necessary. Please call Student Services at 541-867-8501 or the Testing Center at 541-867-8505 for additional information, the current testing schedule and to make an appointment. For testing in Lincoln City please call 541-996-6222, 541-867-8501 or 541-867-8505. The current testing fee is \$15 and the retest fee is \$5 for each subject area. The testing fees are payable the day of testing.

Only students participating in the assessment are allowed in the testing room. No food or beverages are allowed in the testing room, and children are not allowed to accompany their parents nor are they allowed to be left unattended in the waiting area. Due to the structure of the assessment, late arrivals cannot be accommodated. Students considering retesting should speak with an academic advisor.

OCCC provides reasonable accommodation for students with documented disabilities to facilitate academic success. Please call the Dean of Students at 541-867-8511 before testing to discuss possible options.

ALEKS Placement Test/Math Review

Oregon Coast Community College now uses ALEKS for math placement. ALEKS is founded on groundbreaking research in mathematical cognitive science known as Knowledge Space Theory. ALEKS is also an exciting new way to study math at OCCC. ALEKS begins with a placement test that determines what you do or don't know in a math course – individually by topic. This means that time will not be wasted working on skills that you have already mastered.

Students are given six months to work in an individualized prep and learning module that can be used to prepare for a higher-level course – saving students time and money!

Testing Services – Other

General Education Development (GED) Testing OCCC offers GED preparatory classes and GED testing. GED preparatory classes are offered at a variety of times at the North Center and Central Campus. The fee is \$20 per class. Please check the class schedule for current locations and times.

The GED test consists of four separate test subjects: Reasoning Through Language Arts (150 minutes), Mathematical Reasoning (120 minutes), Science (90 minutes) and Social Studies (75 minutes). To obtain the GED, candidates must score 145 or above on each of the four tests for a minimum overall battery average of 580. The testing fee is \$38 per test and \$10 for each retest. A testing candidate will be able to take two retests (per year), per subject area for a total of 8 tests.

To be eligible to take the GED examinations, candidates must be at least 16 years old. Candidates under 18 years old must have an Exemption from Compulsory Attendance Form from the last high school attended or the GED Authorization Letter and Parent Assurance Form for the GED Options program. These forms must be provided to the Testing Center before any tests can be taken. In addition to the underage requirements, all candidates must present valid government-issued photo identification at each testing session. For additional information on GED testing, please contact the College's Testing Center at 541-867-8505.

Proctoring

The College's Testing Center offers proctoring services for distance education courses (online), missed in-class examinations, students needing special accommodations, state licensing/certification, and NCRC certification. Non-OCCC affiliated testing services (online exams) will require proctoring fees. Students needing proctoring services should call the Testing Center at 541-867-8505.