

PLACEMENT TEST PREPARATION GUIDE

English as a Second Language



Taking Your Placement Tests

Are you ready?

All new students must take a placement test. Take time to look at this *Placement Test Preparation Guide*. It will help you

- understand the test.
- be ready to take the test.
- take the classes that are best for you.

Placement Test Preparation

Placement testing is required for all new students at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). If English is not your first language, you must take the **English as a Second Language (ESL) Placement Test**. It is very important to prepare for the placement test. If you prepare carefully and do your best on the test, you may save time and money by taking fewer classes.

The ESL placement test has two parts. One part of the placement test is an English grammar test. You take this test on a computer in a Tri-C Testing Center. After you finish the grammar test, you will take a writing test on paper.

You must prepare for the ESL Placement Test.

Prepare for the Test

Before the Test

Start the Night Before

Get a lot of rest and eat well. This will help you focus during the test.

Be Prepared

Carefully work through this review guide. You will learn about test, and you will answer sample questions.

When you come to take the test, remember to bring **photo identification**, your **Tri-C student number**, and your **glasses**, if you need them.

Allow Enough Time

You have 40 minutes to answer 60 questions on the grammar part of the ESL test. Then you will write for 15 or 20 minutes. Give yourself enough time to complete both tests.

Focus

Do not worry about the test results. Just focus on doing your best work on the placement test.

During the Test

Read Carefully

Be sure you understand the directions for each test, and be sure to ask questions if you do not understand.

Read each sentence or question carefully. Make sure you understand what the question is asking. If there are several parts to the question, be sure you answer all of them.

If you have a problem or question during the test, ask one of the people who helps students take tests for help. They cannot answer specific test questions, but they can help you with other types of problems.

Answering Multiple Choice Questions

Read the question or statement carefully. Think of an answer before you look at the answers on the test. This way, the choices on the test will not confuse you.

Read all the answer choices. Decide what answers you know are **not** correct. Then choose the best correct answer.

On the placement test, it is important to *answer every question*. If you are not sure which answer is correct, you should make a guess. Choose an answer, but do not keep changing your answer. Usually your first choice is the best one.

The Parts of the ESL Test

The ESL Placement Test has two parts: 1) Grammar and 2) Writing

- 1) Grammar: This test is on a computer at a Tri-C Testing Center. The time limit is 40 minutes.
- 2) Writing: You write about a picture or topic on paper. The time limit is 15 or 20 minutes

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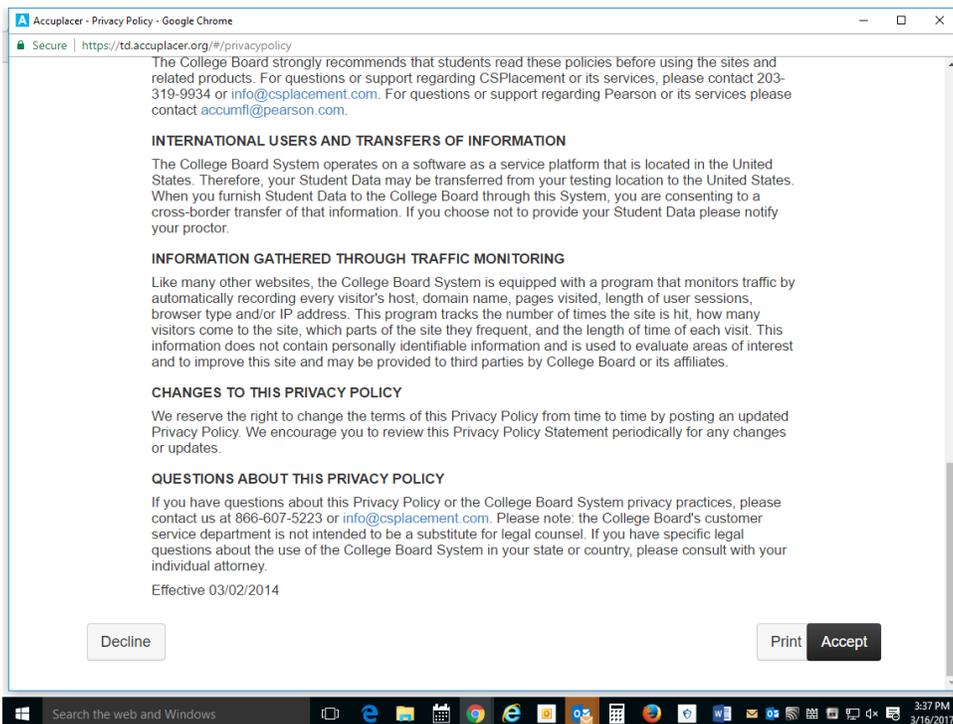
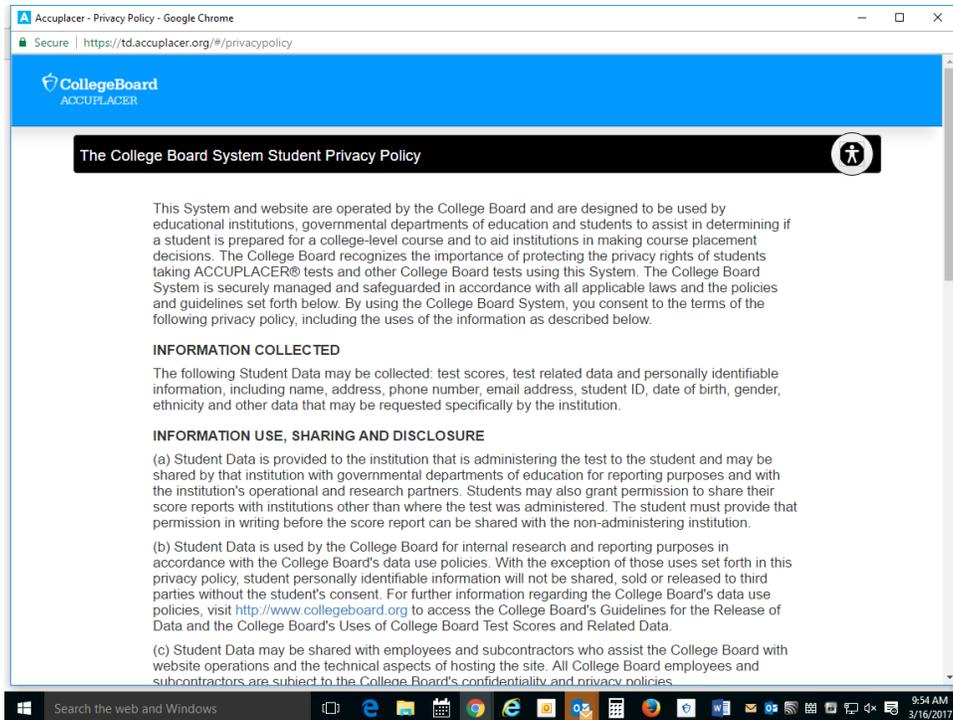
After you finish both parts of the ESL placement test, you will receive a copy of your grammar score. Next, you will meet with an ESL evaluator for an interview. Your test results help you and the evaluator understand your current level of English skills. After the ESL evaluator gives you your ESL placement, you can register for ESL classes.

If the evaluator decides that you do not need ESL classes, you will go back to the Assessment Center for more testing and evaluation in order to place you in Tri-C classes.

The ESL Grammar Test

The ESL Grammar Test is on the computer.

The first screen you will see in the test is **The College Board Student Privacy Policy Statement**. You must click **Accept** to continue testing.



Next, you will complete two screens of **Student Information**. Fill out all fields (boxes) marked with a red star like this *.

For **Country**, choose **United States**, the country where you are taking the ESL test.

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Student Information

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Institution Name: Cuyahoga Community College
Site Name: CCC West

* Student ID
* Confirm Student ID
* Last Name

* Date of Birth
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Directions for Answering Questions, Screen 4

Read carefully.

Test Administration Welcome Message - Google Chrome

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Directions For Answering Questions

Read each question carefully. From the answer choices presented, select the best answer, click next to your choice, and then click **Submit** at the bottom of the screen. You may have to scroll to see all of the answer choices.

The box shown below will appear. Click **Confirm** to finalize your answer choice. Click **Cancel** if you want to change your answer. You can change your answer as many times as you wish. However, once you click **Confirm**, you cannot go back to the question.

Confirm your selection

Click **Confirm** to submit this answer.
If you want to change your answer, click **Cancel** and make another selection.

A toolbar exists near the top of the screen. If the accessibility tool is turned on, you will see an accessibility button on the toolbar. Click on the button to set the accessibility preferences. If you are allowed to use a calculator on a question, the calculator button will appear in the toolbar. Click on it to bring up a calculator. The image below displays what the calculator button (left) and accessibility button (right) will look like.

Tutorials are available to show you how to use a computer mouse and keyboard, and how to enter your answers to the test questions. Click on the **View Tutorial** link at the top of the screen to review the tutorials.

Click on the **Start Test Session** button below to begin.

The Proctor is not permitted to help you with any test questions. However, if you need help with anything else during the test, please inform the Proctor.

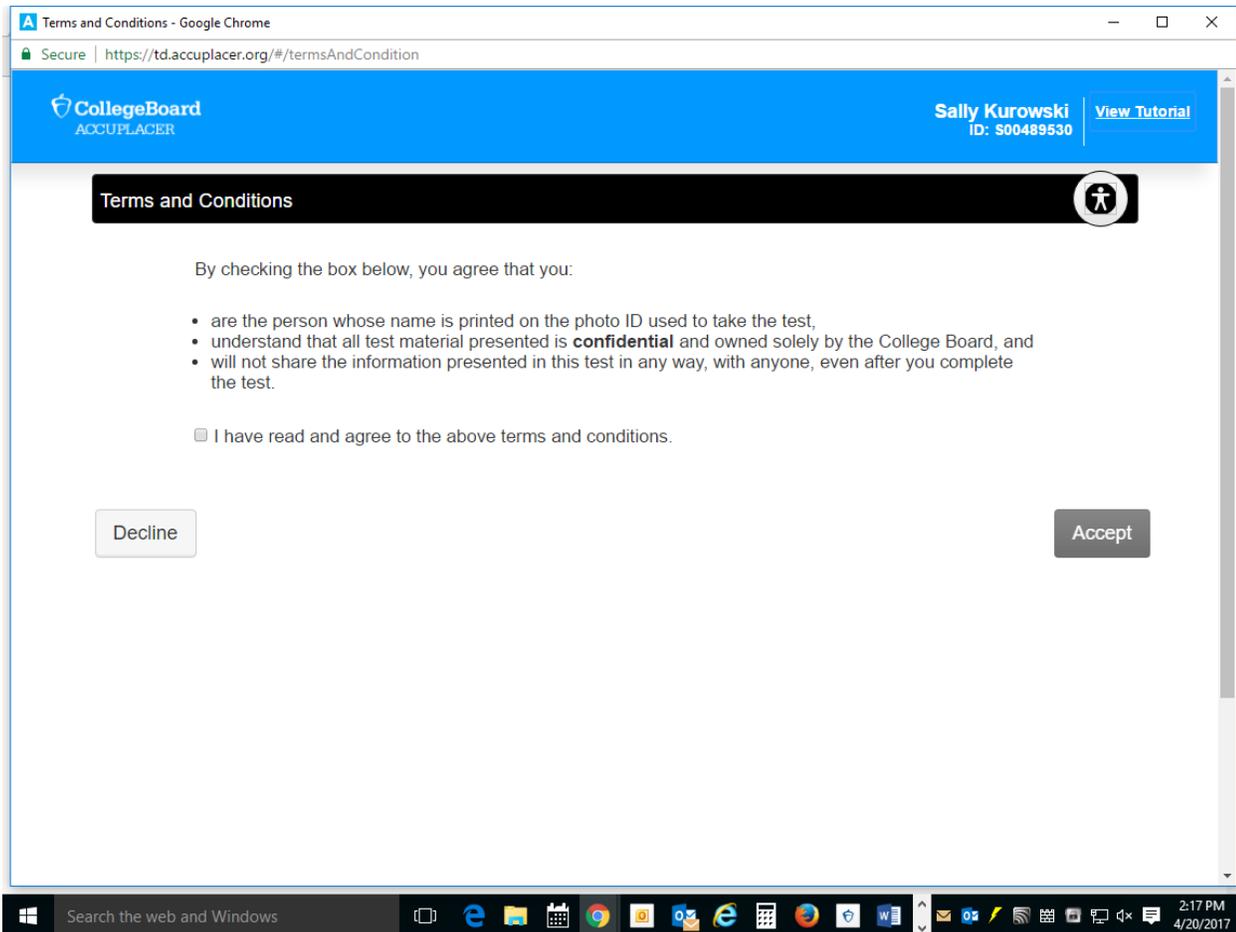
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Terms and Conditions, Screen 5

Read this. Click on “I have read and agree to the above terms and conditions.” Then click on **Accept**.



The test begins on the next screen.

You have 40 minutes for this test. Try to finish all 60 questions, but do not worry if you do not finish the test.

After you finish the test, you will see your grammar **Score Report**. When you see the **Score Report**, tell one of the people in the Testing Center.

After the Test

After you finish both parts of the ESL placement test, you will receive a copy of your grammar score. Your test scores help you and the ESL evaluator understand your current level of English skills.

Next, you will contact the ESL evaluator for an ESL Oral Interview appointment. At the time of the interview, the evaluator gives you your placement level and tells you what classes you can take. You can register for the ESL classes for your level.

If the evaluator decides that you do not need ESL classes, you will go back to the Assessment Center for further testing in order to place you in Tri-C classes.

Where to Take the Placement Tests

When you finish the Placement Test Preparation, you can take the placement tests at any of the Tri-C Testing Centers. For more information about the placement tests, call the Testing Center of your choice.

Tri-C Testing Centers

Location	Building/Room	Phone
Brunswick University Center	BUC 214	216-987-3877
Corporate College West	CCW 221	216-987-5888
Eastern Campus	ESS 1108	216-987-2256
Metropolitan Campus	MSS 103	216-987-4311
Western Campus	WTLC GT 115	216-987-5256
Westshore Campus	SHCS 130	216-987-3888

Sample Questions

Mark the best answer to complete each sentence and bring your answers to the Testing Center.

1. Stephanie _____ in New York.
 - live
 - living
 - lives
 - do live

2. There _____ a basement in Stephanie's house.
 - isn't
 - not be
 - no
 - are

3. _____ do well on your math test?
 - You did
 - Did you
 - Are you
 - You

4. _____ to the party this weekend?
 - Will you
 - Are you going
 - Will you planning
 - You are going

5. Janice is _____ than her shy sister Hannah.
 - more friendly
 - friendlier more
 - more friendlier
 - friendliest

Sample Questions continued

6. Could I have _____ piece of apple pie?
- other
 - some
 - another
 - more
7. The lights overhead _____ on.
- is turn
 - are turned
 - turned
 - have turn
8. Where _____ out lately?
- you work
 - are you working
 - did you work
 - have you been working
9. Stephanie's interview went very well. She expects _____ the job.
- to be offering
 - they offer
 - to be offered
 - being offered
10. If I _____ the opportunity to change anything in my childhood, I wouldn't.
- have
 - had
 - am having
 - would have