

# Reading the Placement Exam Score Guide

This tutorial is to help understand how to use the Assessment Center's Placement Guide. Meeting with an [Academic Advisor](#) is highly recommended.

The Placement Exam Score Guide can be found by going to [the Assessment Center homepage](#) and clicking on the [Accuplacer](#) page link.

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## Accuplacer and Other Placement Options

Used to determine which courses a new CNM student should take towards their declared major.

### Course Placement Options

The Accuplacer and the Directed Self-Placement (DSP) are available if you do not have any of the items listed below. They are not pass/fail assessments and are only used to determine which classes you are eligible to take.

**Note:** Unofficial transcripts can be used for course placement for the Fall term. Please share your transcripts with your [advisor](#) for placement assistance.

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The Score Guide begins with the **Integrated Reading & Writing and ESOL** placement scores and continues with **Math Placement**. A [printable PDF version](#) of the guide is also available and convenient. The Legacy Guide includes the Classic Accuplacer scores. (The previous version of Accuplacer)

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## Placement Exam Score Guide

To improve the transfer of courses between New Mexico's public and tribal higher education institutions, the New Mexico Common Course Number System (NMCCNS) was created and implemented in Fall 2019. The old course numbers are in parenthesis ( ) below.

New course information for other subjects can be found on our [Common Course Number Choices](#) page.

### Integrated Reading & Writing and ESOL

ACCUPLACER NEXT-GENERATION	ACT	SAT	Directed Self-Placement (DSP)	COURSE PLACEMENT
NG - Reading Score of 209 or lower OR WritePlacer score of 0	English 0-9	Old Score: Writing & Critical Reading (3/1/16 or earlier) New Score: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (3/2/16 or later)		IRW 0896 Accuplacer Test-Prep Class & Meet with an advisor OR ESOL 0996
NG - Reading Score of 210 - 237 OR WritePlacer score of 1 to 3	English 10-13 AND Reading 12-15	Old Score: 400-430 New Score: 200-230	3.1	IRW 0970
NG - Reading Score of 238 - 256 OR WritePlacer score of 4 to 5	English: 14-15 AND Reading: 16-17	Old: 440 - 470 New: 240 - 280	4.1	IRW 0980, ESOL 1001, ESOL 1010, ESOL 1020, ESOL 1030,
NG - Reading Score of 252 - 260 OR WritePlacer score of 5	NA	NA	5.1	ENGL 1110P 4 cr/hrs College Writing Plus
NG - Reading Score of 257 - 300 OR WritePlacer score of 6	English: 16 - 36 AND Reading: 18 - 36	Old: 540 or higher	7.1	ENGL 1110 College Level - No IRW required

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The guide includes **Accuplacer Next-Generation**, **ACT**, **SAT**, and **DSP** placement scores. The column on the farthest right are the courses the student places into based on corresponding scores.

ACCUPLACER NEXT- GENERATION	ACT	Old Score Version (3/1/16 or earlier) New Score Version (3/2/16 or later)	DSP	IRW & ENGLISH PLACEMENT
NG - Reading Score of 209 or lower OR WritePlacer Score of 0	English: 0 – 9	Old: 400 – 430 New: 200 – 230		IRW 0896 Accuplacer Test-Prep Class & Meet with an Academic Advisor OR ESOL 0996
NG - Reading Score of 210 – 237 OR WritePlacer Score of 1 to 3	English: 10 – 13 AND Reading: 12 – 15	Old: 440 – 470 New: 240 – 280	3.1	IRW 0970
NG - Reading Score of 238 – 256 OR WritePlacer Score of 4 to 5	English: 14-15 AND Reading: 16-17	Old: 480 – 530 New: 290 – 320	4.1	IRW 0980, ESOL 1001, ESOL 1010, ESOL 1020, ESOL 1030,
NG - Reading Score of 252 – 260 OR WritePlacer Score of 5	NA	NA	5.1	ENGL 1110P 4 cr/hrs College Writing Plus
NG - Reading Score of 257 – 300 OR WritePlacer Score of 6	English: 16 – 36 AND Reading: 18 – 36	Old: 540 or higher	7.1	ENGL 1110 College Level - No IRW required

Specific course prerequisites can be found in the Course Description and are listed as **Reading & Writing Skills** and **Math Skills**.

**MATH 1101 - Methods of Problem Solving**  
4 credit hour(s)

**Prerequisite:** Math Skills 2

This course presents strategies for solving mathematical problems; topic exponential modeling.

**Note(s):**

- Previously MATH 1210. [Read more.](#)

**ENGL 1110 - Composition I**  
3 credit hour(s)

**Prerequisite:** Reading & Writing Skills 2

In this course, students will read, write, and think about a variety of writing required in their fields of study and other personal and pro audience, contexts, purpose, mediums, and technologies and apply how writing and other modes of communication work together for task and compose with purpose, audience, and genre in mind. Stu writers, and practice techniques for writing, revising, and editing.

**Note(s):**

- Previously ENG 1101. [Read more.](#)

## Math Skills 2

Successful completion of:  
MATH 0970 or higher

Or Students can demonstrate completion of Math Skills 2 through placement scores in this range:

- Classic Accuplacer:** Elementary Algebra score 41 or higher
- Accuplacer Next-Generation:** Quantitative Reasoning score 234 or higher **OR** **Accuplacer Next-Generation:** Arithmetic score 264 or higher (effective Jan. 28, 2019)

## Reading & Writing Skills 2

Successful completion of:

- IRW 0980 or ESOL 0981 or (ESOL 1010 and ESOL 1020)

Or Students can demonstrate completion of Reading and Writing Skills 2 through placement scores in this range:

- Accuplacer Next-Generation: Reading score 257 or higher **OR** Accuplacer Next-Generation: WritePlacer Score score 6 or higher

### Math Placement

ACCUPLACER NEXT-GENERATION	ACT MATH	SAT QUANTITATIVE MATH Old Score Version (3/1/16 or earlier) New Score Version (3/2/16 or later)	MATH PLACEMENT MATH course numbers ending with a P (MATH....P) help students eliminate prerequisite courses and/or offer students additional support
NG – Arithmetic Score of 200 to 243	0 – 14	Old: 0 – 310 New: 0 – 350	MATH 0850
NG – Arithmetic Score of 244 – 263	15 – 16	Old: 320 – 340 New: 360 – 380	MATH 0970
NG – Arithmetic Score of 264 – 300	17 – 18	Old: 350 – 390 New: 390 – 430	MATH 0980, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1130, 1215P, or 1350P
NG – Quantitative Reasoning Score of 200 – 233	NA	NA	Use Arithmetic Score Above
NG – Quantitative Reasoning Score of 234 - 252	17-18	Old: 350 – 390 New: 390 – 430	MATH 0980, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1130, 1215P, or 1350P
*NG – Quantitative Reasoning Score of 253 - 300	NA	NA	MATH 1110, 1130, 1140, 1350, or 1350P
*Students in this range (253 – 300) wishing to take algebra or calculus classes are placed into Math 0980 or above by taking the Advanced Algebra (AAF) test. Quantitative Reasoning (QAS) does not test the skills covered in 0980 – 1510 algebra classes.			
			Use Arithmetic or Quantitative Reasoning

Accuplacer test-takers will receive a printed report after completing the assessment. The report is also sent to the email they entered when beginning the assessment. The report lists the test results and course placement for Integrated Reading & Writing and ESOL and/or Math placement. Test scores are used to meet course prerequisite for many courses, not just IRW, ENGL, ESOL, and Math.

Test Results		
Test Name	Score	
Next-Generation Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics	262	See how your score reflects your knowledge and skills
Next-Generation Advanced Algebra and Functions	228	See how your score reflects your knowledge and skills
Next-Generation Reading	279	See how your score reflects your knowledge and skills

  

Course Placements - Determined on 01-03-2023	
<b>ENGL 1110</b>	You have tested into ENGL 1110 and have met the IRW prerequisite for all courses. Discuss your placement with an Academic Coach.
<b>MATH 1215, MATH 1130, MATH 1350, MATH 1140, MATH 1215P, MATH 1220P, or MATH 1350P</b>	THESE ARE NEW COURSE NUMBERS AS OF FALL 2019. It is recommended that you discuss your Math Placement with an Academic Coach.

Links to help prepare for the Accuplacer assessment can be found at the bottom of the Assessment Center's [Accuplacer](#) page.

### Prepare for the Accuplacer Next-Generation Exam

[Practice and Be Prepared for Accuplacer](#)

[Accuplacer Practice Test](#)

Reading Preparation:

- [Next-Generation Sample Reading Questions](#)

Math Preparation:

- [Arithmetic](#)
- [Quantitative Reasoning](#)
- [Advanced Algebra and Functions](#)