

# MCC Placement Information & Guidelines

Miles Community College has a mandatory placement policy—students may only enroll into the courses for which they have demonstrated readiness. MCC uses an array of placement metrics to determine the most appropriate starting place for each of our students. Students must take a writing and a math course in their first year of enrollment (first term preferred). All students start in the writing course required for their degree, but may be required to enroll in varying levels of co-requisite support based on their placement. Based on math placement, students may be required to take a prerequisite math course before enrolling in the math course required by their degree.

Student placement is determined in the following ways:

- **High school transcript, if less than 10 years old**—students can be placed into courses using their high school GPA and placement matrix found on the website and in the “My MCC 101” course. The high school GPA must be at least 7 semesters (3.5 years) and less than 10 years old. Students without a qualifying GPA will need to take the ACCUPLACER placement test for math. If a student would like to challenge their placement based on GPA they may contact the Learning Center to take the ACCUPLACER or submit writing samples. ***Transcripts must be on file at the Admissions Office prior to SOAR.***
- **ACT or SAT scores**—students can be placed into their math and writing courses using their ACT or SAT scores if they have achieved the test scores listed below. ACT or SAT tests must be less than three years old. Students that do not meet these minimum scores can be placed using a high school GPA (see above) or may take the ACCUPLACER.

| <u>ACT</u>        | <u>SAT (after March 2016)</u> | <u>SAT (prior to March 2016)</u> |
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| Reading $\geq$ 19 | Writing/Language $\geq$ 25    | English $\geq$ 440               |
| English $\geq$ 20 | Reading $\geq$ 25             | Reading $\geq$ 480               |
| Math $\geq$ 22    | Math $\geq$ 27.5              | Math $\geq$ 520                  |

The ACT Writing Test, ACT Writing Subscore, ACT English/Writing Section, or SAT Essay may also be used, provided certain minimum scores are met. If you did not list MCC’s school code when you took the ACT or SAT (in which case your scores would automatically be sent to us) please be sure that a copy of your scores is on file in the admissions office prior to attending SOAR.

- **Transfer Work**—Students who have successfully completed equivalent mathematics and writing courses at a regionally accredited college or university do not need to use other means of placement, but must ensure that their official college transcript is on file in the admissions office prior to attending SOAR. Students who have already been awarded an associate’s or bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university are also exempt from placement testing. Students whose new degree requires more advanced coursework may be required to complete the placement test (example: a student’s previous degree required Business Math, but MCC degree requires College Algebra). ***Official transcripts must be on file at the Admissions Office at least two weeks prior to attending SOAR.***
- **Students without a qualifying GPA , ACT or SAT scores, or transfer work**—will take the first writing course of their degree with the highest level of support. Students requiring M 111 or M 108 will take their math course with a support lab. Students requiring M105 will take the course with embedded corequisite support. Students requiring M 121 or M 140 will start the algebra sequence in M 090: Introductory Algebra.
- **ACCUPLACER Placement Test**—Students who wish to challenge their placement may take the ACCUPLACER, an untimed, computerized test. The test must be completed at an official testing site. There is a \$15 charge to take the test at MCC. Remote testing sites are available in limited locations. Online proctoring, which allows a student to test at home, is also available for an additional \$25 fee. Please contact the Learning Center at **406.874.6152 or email LC@milescc.edu** to schedule an ACCUPLACER test, or to make arrangements for remote testing or online ACCUPLACER proctoring.

**With questions or to discuss your individual placement needs, please contact the MCC Admissions Office at 406.874.6101 or email admissions@milescc.edu.**