



PLACEMENT TESTING SERVICES
ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER
LANGUAGES

ESOL INFORMATION
BOOKLET & STUDY
GUIDE TO PLACEMENT
TESTING



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PLACEMENT TESTING SERVICES

Introduction

Placement Testing Services is one of six programs (academic advising, personal counseling, services for students with disabilities, international student services, and veteran services) within the Counseling and Advising Center at Monroe Community College (MCC). There is a Placement Testing Center on each MCC campuses (Brighton and Damon City Campus) so you can choose the most convenient location.

Mission Statement

The mission of Placement Testing Services (PTS) is to promote student success by assessing language and mathematical abilities at the beginning of the educational process. Through advisement, we maximize each learner’s potential to achieve his or her academic and career goals.

Philosophy

Placement Testing staff strive to promote an environment where testing occurs in a safe and confidential setting in order to maximize each student’s potential to succeed. Staff assist each prospective student on a one-to-one basis by discussing how his or her particular placement test scores potentially relate to future academic and career goals.





PLACEMENT TESTING INFORMATION

Rationale

The placement test, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), is a computer-based program. It is administered to incoming students whose primary language is not English to evaluate knowledge of everyday English. This Combined English and Language Skills Assessment (CELSA) is a multiple-choice, computer-based test that requires recognition of an **appropriate grammatical form and/or specific vocabulary for each situation.** It is a timed test of 45 minutes.

Requirements

All new matriculated students are required to complete placement testing prior to course registration, unless the Admissions Office grants a test waiver. Non-matriculated students are encouraged to test. Before testing can begin, Admissions will give you a student identification number referred to as your M number. Please bring this M number with you when you test. You will need a **photo ID (driver's license, student ID, work ID, etc.) at the time of check-in in order to test.**

Testing Schedule

Testing is done on a walk-in basis only. The ESOL testing brochure is available at www.monroecc.edu/go/testing or call the Brighton Campus (585.292.2290) or the Damon City Campus (585.262.1619). For students with documented disabilities, please see "Accommodations for Students with Disabilities."

Test Instructions and Guidelines

Before testing begins, and after you have checked-in, a proctor will give instructions to all students. To ensure ideal testing conditions for all students, you will be asked to do the following:

- Minimize noise in the center at all times
- Turn off cell phones
- Do not bring dictionaries into the testing center
- Do not bring study guides or other review information into the testing center
- No food or drink are allowed in the testing center



Computer Delivered Testing

No previous computer skills are needed to complete the test. All information is entered by using a mouse and/or keyboard and only a small amount of information is typed. A proctor will always be present to assist with concerns related to test format or to computer usage. Proctors may not answer any academic-related questions associated with the test.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students who are requesting reasonable and appropriate accommodations for Placement Testing must complete the following steps:

- Submit documentation at least three weeks prior to the date you wish to take the Placement Test.
- Appropriate documentation includes:
 - Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan AND
 - Most recent Psychological Evaluation
- Please mail or fax documentation to:
Monroe Community College
Services for Students with Disabilities, Building 3, Room 105
1000 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester, New York 14623
Fax: 585-292-3867, Phone: 585-292-3190
- Contact the Services for Students with Disabilities office (585-292-3190) to confirm receipt of your documentation.
- **NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.** Placement Testing with accommodations may be taken during the regular walk-in hours posted at <http://www.monroecc.edu/go/testing>.

Day of Placement Testing:

- Upon arrival you will check-in at the front desk in the Placement Testing Center
- You must present picture ID and your MCC student ID number
- At check-in:
 - Alert the person at the desk that documentation has been submitted to the Services for Students with Disabilities office
 - You will be informed of the approved accommodations for the Placement Test
 - Since the Placement Test is an untimed test the extended time accommodation is not applicable. Therefore, students requesting only extended time do not need to submit documentation for Placement Testing; however, documentation must be submitted to the Services



for Students with Disabilities office for review and approval of classroom accommodations.

- All reasonable and appropriate accommodations for testing will be provided based on the submitted documentation.
- After completion of the Placement Test visit the Services for Students with Disabilities office in Building 3, Room105 to complete the intake process for academic/classroom accommodations Call 585.292.3190 if you have questions related to Services for Students with Disabilities.

Community Referrals

BOCES I (Fairport, Irondequoit Mall)	www.adulted.org	383-2210
BOCES II (Spencerport)		349-9121
Educational Opportunity Center (Rochester)		232-2730
Family Learning Center (Rochester)		262-8000
Gates Chili Central School District		247-5345
Greece Com. Ed. Adult Literacy		227-5500
Rush-Henrietta School District		359-7912



PREPARING FOR THE ESOL PLACEMENT TEST

Introduction

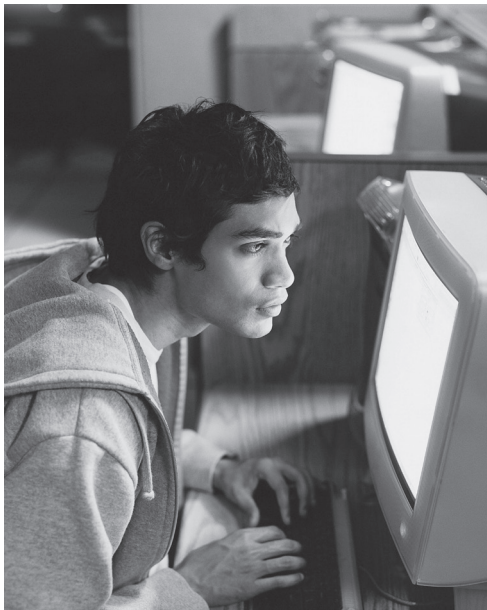
The best preparation for the ESOL placement test is using English everyday to challenge yourself in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Study of vocabulary and grammar in context may also be helpful. Useful materials are books, newspapers, magazines, films, TV, and internet resources.

To learn more about the test, go to www.monroecc.edu/go/testing and click on “English for Speakers of Other Languages”

Test Taking Tips

All too often testers do not properly prepare for the exam and are disappointed in the end results. Here are some tips **you** can do to prepare prior to taking the test:

- Read the sample questions that follow to familiarize yourself with the test format
- Get at least seven to nine hours of rest prior to testing
- Be sure to have a meal before taking the test
- Reaffirm yourself with positive self-talk (i.e., “I will do the best I can.”)





Sample Questions

Directions: Read the following quickly. Choose the best word to complete the story or conversation. There are four answers for each question. Only one answer is correct.

A. John is a student. 1. a. He
b. He's
c. She
d. Him studies English.

He 2. a. is
b. go
c. likes
d. happy his class.

His teacher is very 3. a. work.
b. school.
c. good.
d. day.

B. My teacher thinks that I do not spend enough time on homework.

Yesterday she 1. a. suggested
b. said
c. told
d. ordered me that I 2. a. must
b. should
c. might
d. need

to study more.



C. Mary and Joe 1. a. live on Main Street when they first came to
b. lived
c. liked
d. lives

this town.

After 2. a. her first child was born, they wanted to move to a
b. their
c. they
d. there

larger house.



Answers to Sample Questions

A. (1. a, 2. c, 3. c)

B. (1. c, 2. d)

C. (1. b, 2. b)



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