

Step 5: Taking the Assessment Test

Congratulations on becoming a new student at Pasadena City College! This is an exciting chapter in your life as you become an American college student. I am sure you are eager to start your classes.

Before you can do this, you must complete the Assessment test. This test will determine the classes that are most appropriate for your skill level. All international students must take the math and English or ESL tests. ESL stands for English as a Second Language. Most international students take the ESL placement test. Unless you went to an American or international high school or have attended an American college for at least one year, you should take the ESL test, too. Refer to the Assessment webpage on the PCC website for a more detailed comparison of the ESL and English tests.

It is necessary to understand the importance of taking the Assessment test. The classes you place into will determine the length of time you will be a student at PCC. The lower you place, the longer you will stay to complete all of your transfer requirements. Therefore, it is very important to perform at the best of your abilities on the test.

When you arrive on campus, you will have a chance to take the Pre-Assessment Workshop. It will help you understand the importance of the Assessment test. It will also give you the tools to be as well prepared as possible.

I'll now show you the step-by-step process of how to use the **Accuplacer Online Course and Practice Tests**.

Step 1: Go to www.longsdalepub.com/accuplacer

Step 2: Click on "Register new account"

Step 3: Type the school number and school key in the fields provided. The school number is **68224** and the school key is **pccsuccess**

Step 4: Type in your current email address, first and last name, and 8-digit LancerPoint ID number in the fields provided. This is the student ID number included in your admission letter and early orientation email.

Step 5: Sign in by entering the username and password provided to you by the college.

Once you've created an account and have signed in, you can click on any of the links located on the left-hand side of the screen and view examples of math and English concepts. Once you have selected a topic, you can also take sample tests based on that

topic by clicking on the sample test link, which is located directly underneath the list of topics. Click on any of the four sample tests provided for your selected topic. After reading a sample test question, click on the letter that corresponds to the correct answer.

Using the practice program is a great way to become familiar with the actual PCC placement test, and to practice some of the concepts that will appear on the exam. This will allow you to perform to the best of your abilities when you take the actual test on campus.

You should also visit the Assessment webpage which has important information that you should review before taking the placement test.

If you have any questions regarding PAWS and the Assessment process, please send an email to pccpaws@gmail.com.

Thank you for watching and good luck on the Assessment test!