

Florida's Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)

The purpose of the Florida's Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) is to adequately assess a student's academic skills in mathematics, reading and writing through the delivery of three assessments, one for each of these areas. The results of these assessments are used to determine placement into appropriate courses at Santa Fe College. Students cannot pass or fail the PERT—it is *only used to determine which courses are best for you*. Accurate course placement is critical for success in college coursework. To ensure appropriate course placement, First Time In College (FTIC) students who intend to enter degree programs will be tested prior to initial registration and shall enroll in college preparatory reading, English, and/or mathematics courses if their test scores are below college level.**

Students who present SAT or ACT scores that are less than two-years old and are college level in reading and writing are exempt from taking that portion of the placement test. However, students who have college-level math scores on the ACT, SAT or who score 123-150 on the Math section of PERT will be required to take the College-Level Math (CLM) portion of the placement test prior to registration.

Students who have official transcripts on file with Santa Fe College that show a "C" or better on college-level course work in English and Math do not need to take the PERT.

The PERT assessments are computer-adaptive, which means the questions are chosen based on your answers to previous questions. You will not be permitted to change your answer once you have moved on to the next question or leave a question unanswered. However, all of the PERT assessments are untimed so you have as much time as you need to consider each question before submitting your answer. On average, the entire PERT takes two to three hours to complete.

Your scores on each assessment will be available immediately after you are finished and will be recorded on your student record.

**Students who are active duty military or who entered a Florida public high school in the 2003-2004 school year or later and graduated from a Florida high school with a standard diploma qualify for an exemption. Students must contact their assigned advisors for details.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where and when can I take the test?

A: Submit your application to the college and receive your SF Student ID#. Then you may take your test. The test is available on a walk-in basis (you do not need an appointment) Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The Assessment Center is located at the Santa Fe College Northwest Campus, Building G, Room 25.

Q: What do I need to bring?

A: You MUST bring a driver's license, military ID or passport for identification. We will provide a pencil and paper for math computation. You will not be allowed to bring a calculator with you; however, for certain questions, a pop-up calculator will be available for your use.

Q: How can I prepare for the PERT?

A: The PERT study guide is located at <http://www.sfcollege.edu/academicfoundations/assessmentcenter> or available for pickup in Admissions, Building R, Room 101.

Q: What is college level?

COLLEGE-LEVEL SCORES			
SAT (Before March 2016)	Critical Reading: 440	Writing: Use Critical Reading Score	Math: 440**
SAT (After March 2016)	Reading: 24	Writing: 25 (Effective 11-29-16)	Math: 24**
ACT	Reading: 19 (Was 18)	English: 17	Math: 19**
ACCU-PLACER /CPT	Reading: 83	Writing: 83	Elem Algebra: • 72-82 [Take MAT1033] • 83- 120**
PERT	Reading: 106	Writing: 103	Math: 123-150**
Grade 10 FCAT: 2.0 Reading	Reading: 262		ENC1101, REA2205

****Note: College-Level SAT/ACT and PERT math scores require the CLM (College Level Math) portion of the CPT.**

Placement Scores and Corresponding Course Placement

<u>Section of Test:</u>	<u>ACCUPLACER /CPT</u>	<u>PERT</u>	<u>Course Placement</u>	<u>Flags</u>
Reading:	20-60	50-83	REA0007 - Dev Reading I <i>(REA0001)</i>	C
	61-82	84-105	REA0017 - Dev Reading II <i>(REA0002)</i>	R
	83-120	106-150	REA2205 – Adv. College Reading (required after REA0017)	
Writing:	20-60	50-89	ENC0015 - Dev Writing I <i>(ENC0001)</i>	E
	61-82	90-102	ENC0025 – Dev Writing II <i>(ENC0020)</i>	W
	83-120	103-150	ENC1101 – College composition (Both reading & writing must be college-level)	G
EAP Reading →	20-40		EAP0220C - Basic Reading for ESL	N
	41-60		EAP0320C – Intermediate Reading	O
	61-82		EAP0420C – Prep Reading for ESL	P
EAP Writing →	20-40		EAP0240C – Basic Writing for ESL	S
	41-60		EAP0340C – Intermediate Writing for ESL	U
	61-82		EAP0440C – ESL College Prep Writing	V
	83-120		ENC1101 (G) or EAP1840 & L (4) – Based on faculty-graded essay (Both reading and writing must be college-Level)	G or 4
EAP Communication →	20-40		EAP0200C – Communication for College	X
	41-60		EAP0300C – Communication for College	Y
	61-82		EAP0400C – Communication for College	Z
Arithmetic (AR) or PERT Math	20-85	50-86	MAT0018 – Dev Math I <i>(MAT0002)</i> (Placement if CPT AR <86 and AR+EA <105)	A
	AR+EA<105			
	AR+EA=>105	87-95	MAT0022 Dev Math Combined or MGF1100 (elective credit) <i>(MAT0020)</i> (Placement if CPT AR is <86 + EA score <72 and AR+EA = > 105)	I
Elementary Algebra (EA) or PERT Math	20-71	96-113	MAT0028 Dev Math II <i>(MAT0024)</i> (CPT AR must be => 86)	M
Elem Algebra (EA)	72-82	114-122	MAT1033 – Intermediate Algebra (elective credit)	
PERT Math		123-150	Take ACCUPLACER College Level Math (CLM) for placement	T
ACCUPLACER/CPT College-Level Math (CLM)	CLM <40		MAT1033 – Intermediate Algebra (elective credit)	
	CLM 40-69		MAC1105 - MGF1106, MGF1107, PHI1100, or STA2023	
	CLM >= 70		MAC1114 - MAC1140 or MAC2233	
	CLM >= 103		MAC2311 – Calculus I	

REA2205 is an elective college credit.

MAT1033 and MGF 1100 are college elective credits. These courses are required for different math tracking depending on desired transfer tracks. Course numbers & names changed as of Fall 2011 - Previous course numbers in parentheses.

→ **English second language students**

Note: FCAT Reading score 262 on 10th grade FCAT = college ready in reading and writing