GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Testing Center - Room D217
(2nd Floor, just a few doors down from the Offices of Admissions, Records, Academic Advisement and Financial Aid)

Testing Center Hours

Mondays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesdays 9:00 am - 7:30 pm
Wednesdays 9:00 am - 7:30 pm
Thursdays 9:00 am - 7:30 pm
Fridays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturdays 9:00 am - Noon

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PLEASE NOTE:

A photo ID is required to take a test.

Students taking a Compass placement test must know their social security number.

www.genesee.edu/resources/cap/placement_testing.cfm

Sample Compass Tests can be viewed/printed:

www.act.org/compass/sample

The first set of sample questions is a very brief example.

The last set of sample questions is a better representation of the test in PDF format.

Prepare for the COMPASS Placement Test

More Info 👈
**MATH**

Here’s what you need to know to place above remedial level:

- **MATH 091 (Basic Math Skills)**
  Operations with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and signed numbers; ratios, rates and proportions; percent; scientific notation; evaluating and simplifying variable expressions; solving linear equations; US and metric measurement conversions and basic geometry topics.

- **MATH 092 (Algebra 1)**
  Simplifying variable expressions, solving first & second-degree equations, operations with exponential expressions and polynomials, factoring polynomials, operations with algebraic fractions, simplifying radical expressions, graphing linear equations in two variables, solving systems of linear equations.

Go to either of the following websites to practice the above math topics and more:

- [http://www.freemathhelp.com/mathlessons.html](http://www.freemathhelp.com/mathlessons.html)
- [http://library.thinkquest.org/20991/home.html](http://library.thinkquest.org/20991/home.html)

**READING**

The reading comprehension items are of two general categories: **referring** and **reasoning**. Referring items pose questions about material explicitly stated in a passage. Reasoning items assess proficiency at making appropriate inferences, developing a critical understanding of the text, and determining the specific meanings of difficult, unfamiliar, or ambiguous words based on the surrounding context.

- [http://www.gamequarium.com/readquarium/comprehension.html](http://www.gamequarium.com/readquarium/comprehension.html)

Go to the above website and check out the items listed below for help in strengthening your comprehension skills:

**Skills A-H:** Author’s Purpose; Author’s Use of Persuasion; Conflict Resolution

**Skills I-P:** Inferences; Inferences about: Characters, Plot Development and Story; Informational & Persuasive Statements; Main Idea; Noting Details; Plot Development; Problem Solution.

**Skills Q-Z:** Similarities and Differences; Skills Review (excellent resource!); Supporting Details; Word Meaning from Context.

**WRITING**

- [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm)

Following is a list of topics from the above site that may be most useful for the Writing portion of the Compass test:

**Verbs & Verbal**
- #31 Subject verb agreement
- #41 Consistency in tense & pronouns

**Structural Flaws**
- #68 Fragments and run-on sentences
- #77 Practice run-on sentences II

**Punctuation & Basic Mechanics**
- #85 Punctuation
- #93 Basic mechanics
- #95 Capitalization Quiz
- #96 Plurals & possessives
- #99 Practice; -s word endings

**Pronoun Usage**
- #100 Pronoun usage
- #105 Who
- #108 Practice: pronouns

**Notorious Confusables**
- #125 Notorious confusables I
- #130 Its/it’s and there/their/they’re
- #131 Lie/lay and sit/set

There are many more useful topics on that website! Feel free to explore!