



GOODWIN COLLEGE POLICY

TITLE:	Placement Testing
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INTRODUCTION STATEMENT:

Goodwin College strongly believes that all people should be afforded the opportunity to pursue a college education. To support this, the College maintains an open door admission policy, which results in having an entering student body with a wide range of college preparedness levels. In order to ensure that students are enrolled in courses based on their skill level, they are given a placement exam.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Goodwin College uses the ACCUPLACER Placement Test to ensure that the skill of incoming students are uniformly evaluated, that students are placed in courses appropriate to their academic preparation, and that courses and other academic and student support services which allow students to develop to their full potential are made available. ACCUPLACER test scores are good for one year from the date they were taken. SAT and ACT scores can be used for three years from the date they were taken. Students who re-enroll at Goodwin College can use their placement scores for one year from their official withdrawal date. After one year, re-enroll students must retake the ACCUPLACER test for placement.

INCLUDE POLICY STATEMENT (CLICK ON BOX NEXT TO OPTION-SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- COLLEGE CATALOG
- FACULTY HANDBOOK
- STAFF HANDBOOK
- STUDENT HANDBOOK

EXCLUSIONS:

Students are exempt from taking the ACCUPLACER if they:

- Produce a college transcript that indicates that they have at least an associate's degree from an accredited college
- Have completed a transferable English composition course (earned a "C" or better)
- Have completed a transferable mathematics course higher than elementary Algebra (earned a "C" or better)
- Are non-matriculating students taking a course that requires no prerequisites of English or mathematics
- Are Connecticut River Academy dual enrollment students who have been admitted to Goodwin College using criteria specifically designed for them
- Are high school students and can produce:
 - A documented PSAT Writing or Critical Reading score of 45 or higher (Exempt from taking the English section)
 - A documented PSAT Math score of 50 or higher (Exempt from taking the Math sections)
- Are recent high school graduates and can produce:
 - A recent (within 3 years) documented SAT Writing or Critical Reading score of 450 or higher (Exempt from taking the English section)
 - A recent (within 3 years) documented SAT Math score of 500 or higher (Exempt from taking the Math section)

- A recent (within 3 years) documented ACT composite score of 20 (Exempt from taking both English and Math sections)

DEFINITIONS:

ACCUPLACER – placement test used at Goodwin College

CONTACTS:

Registrar
 Vice President of Academic Affairs
 Manager of Applicant Advising
 Vice President of Academic Affairs

HISTORY:

Created April 3, 2014, Reviewed 2015, February 2016

EFFECTIVE DATE:	April 2014
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:	Registrar/Academics
REVIEW DATE:	Annually (Jan-March).

APPENDIX:

Include any supporting documentation that would be of use for the interpretation and future evaluation and revision of the policy. Examples include: meeting minutes documenting open forum discussion (arguments for and against, resulting vote), timetables, text of applicable external regulation, etc.