

What is COMPASS?

COMPASS is a computerized assessment that provides information about a student's reading, writing and math skills and preparation to college-level course work. The assessment is an untimed, adaptive assessment. The assessment scores will place students in courses that help develop the necessary skills for success in your future classes.

This assessment measures your knowledge in three skill areas:

Reading Skills: Finding the Main Idea, Locating Explicit Information, Making Inferences.

Writing Skills: Punctuation, Spelling, Capitalization, Usage, Verb Formation/Agreement, Relationships of Clauses, Shifts in Construction, Organization

Math Skills: This test starts out with algebra problems at the beginning, Numerical skills, algebra, college algebra, trigonometry, geometry, integers, fractions, decimals, exponents, ratios and proportions, percentages, averages, substitution, setting up equations, basic operations/ polynomials, linear equations, exponents, rational.

Who is required to take COMPASS assessment?

First-Time Freshman:

- Students who have completed less than 15 credit hours of college coursework are required to complete the math, writing and reading COMPASS assessment.

Transfer Students:

- Students who have not completed college English Composition I or college math within the past seven years are required to complete the math, writing and reading COMPASS assessment.
- Students who have not completed college English Composition I within the past seven years are required to complete writing and reading COMPASS assessment.
- Students who have not completed college math within the past seven years are required to complete the math COMPASS assessment.

When is COMPASS administered?

This assessment is administered to students before Mercy College orientation and will take approximately two hours to complete. To schedule the assessment after you receive your acceptance letter, simply call the Mercy College library at 419.251.1700. Students will be permitted to assess beginning at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. If you have not completed the required assessment, academic advisors are unable to

register you for classes. All assessment arrangements must be made at least 48 hours prior to your orientation sessions.

Can COMPASS delay my enrollment?

Students have two attempts to take the COMPASS assessment. Mercy College may not offer the course work needed, which is identified by COMPASS assessment scores. Admitted students should cautiously note that assessing into some remedial coursework would delay enrollment at Mercy College. The scores will be reviewed and students will be notified if the enrollment is delayed. In these cases where remedial course work is need and Mercy College does not offer these classes, students will need to enroll in identified coursework outside Mercy College, reapply and reassess.

Can students practice for the COMPASS assessment?

Click on the following link to obtain practice questions from the COMPASS assessment: <http://www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html>.

What do the scores mean?

Please click on the cut score document on the main orientation page to review the cut-off scores for the COMPASS assessment. Mercy College has determined cut-off scores for enrolling in Mercy College and in certain coursework. The COMPASS Assessment will indicate where your academic strengths and needs lie in relation to the college-level work for the student's selected major. In these cases where needs are identified and Mercy College does not offer these classes, students will need to enroll in identified coursework outside Mercy College, reapply and reassess after completion of COMPASS identified coursework.

Where do I go to take the COMPASS assessment?

COMPASS is administered at the Mercy College, St. Elizabeth Hospital Campus on the Second floor of the Cardiac building. This building is located across the street from the main hospital. Students are permitted to park in the gated parking lot and will be given a token for exiting after the completion of the COMPASS.