

What is COMPASS?

COMPASS is a computerized assessment that provides information about a student's reading, writing and math skills and preparation for college-level course work. The assessment is an untimed, adaptive assessment.

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 College Students:

- Students who have completed less than 12 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?

The COMPASS assessment will be administered at the Youngstown site and must be taken prior to June 1, 2010. To schedule COMPASS, call Darnell Irvine at 330-480-3823 to request a time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have not completed the required assessment, you will not be able to register for classes.

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.

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>.

Where do I go to take the COMPASS assessment?

The COMPASS assessment will be administered at the Youngstown site. You will be given instructions on location and parking when you schedule your COMPASS test.