

PROCEDURES FOR TAKING THE FCELPT (Placement Test)

1. **Complete an Edison Application for Admission and submit it to the Admissions Office along with all transcripts and other required documents. YOU MUST HAVE AN EDISON COLLEGE APPLICATION ON FILE TO TAKE THE PLACEMENT TEST.**
2. **Complete an Orientation session.** You may sign-up for this at your campus or complete it online at www.edison.edu. The campus group session is facilitated by a Counseling/Advising staff member and will last approximately 90 minutes.
3. **Make an appointment to take the Placement Test at your Edison campus.**
Charlotte Campus - Testing is available by appointment - (941) 637-5654.
Collier Campus - Testing is available by appointment - (239) 732-3703.
Hendry/Glades Centers - Testing is available by appointment at the following locations: Clewiston Site, Moore Haven High School, and LaBelle High School - (863) 674-0408.
Lee Campus - Testing is available by appointment - (239) 489-9237.
4. **Report for testing at your campus.** On the day of the test, bring your photo ID, any ACT/SAT scores or College transcripts. Arrive at the Testing Center, 20 minutes before your scheduled appointment.
5. **Advising or SOAR** – Based on a referral from the Testing Center, schedule an appointment with an advisor at the Counseling and Advising OR with SOAR at 239-489-5205.

Description of the FCELPT (Placement Test)

The purpose of the FCELPT is to provide you with useful information about your academic skills in math, English, and reading. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals, and interests, are used by academic advisors and counselors to determine your course selection.

You can not "pass" or "fail" the placement tests, but it is very important that you do your very best on these tests so that you will have an accurate measure of your academic skills. The tests consist of answering questions covering reading, sentence, arithmetic, and elementary algebra skills. All questions are multiple choice and no calculators are allowed.

Sentence Skills

There are 20 Sentence Skills questions of two types:

- The first type is **sentence correction** questions that require an understanding of sentence structure. These questions ask you to choose the most appropriate word or phrase to substitute for the underlined portion of the sentence.
- The second type is **construction shift** questions. These questions ask that a sentence be rewritten according to the criteria shown while maintaining essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

Within these two primary categories, the questions are also classified according to the skills being tested. Some questions deal with the logic of the sentence, others with whether or not the answer is a complete sentence, and still others with the relationship between coordination and subordination.

Reading Comprehension

There are 20 questions of two primary types on the Reading Comprehension test:

- The first type consists of a **reading passage** followed by a question based on the text. Both short and long passages are provided. The reading passages can also be classified according to the kind of information processing required including explicit statements related to the main idea, explicit statements related to a secondary idea, application, and inference.
- The second type of question, **sentence relationships**, presents two sentences followed by a question about the relationship between these two sentences. The question may ask, for example, if the statement in the second sentence supports that in the first, if it contradicts it, or if it repeats the same information.

Elementary Algebra

There are 12 questions administered in this test divided into three types:

- The first type involves **operations with integers and rational numbers**, and includes computation with integers and negative rationals, the use of absolute values, and ordering.
- A second type involves **operations with algebraic expressions** using evaluation of simple formulas and expressions, and adding and subtracting monomials and polynomials. Questions involve multiplying and dividing monomials and polynomials, the evaluation of positive rational roots and exponents, simplifying algebraic fractions, and factoring.
- The third type of question involves the **solution of equations, inequalities, word problems**. Solving linear equations and inequalities, the solution of quadratic equations by factoring, solving verbal problems presented in an algebraic context, including geometric reasoning and graphing, and the translation of written phrases into algebraic expressions.

Arithmetic Test

This test measures your ability to perform basic arithmetic operations and to solve problems that involve fundamental arithmetic concepts. There are 17 questions on the Arithmetic tests divided into three types:

- **Operations with whole numbers and fractions:** topics included in this category are addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, recognizing equivalent fractions and mixed numbers, and estimating.
- **Operations with decimals and percents:** topics include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with decimals. Percent problems, recognition of decimals, fraction and percent equivalencies, and problems involving estimation are also given.
- **Applications and problem solving:** topics include rate, percent, and measurement problems, simple geometry problems, and distribution of a quantity into its fractional parts.

We suggest four test-taking strategies:

- **Take your time.** The test is not timed. Relax and choose your answers carefully.
- **Read carefully.** Be sure to understand exactly what each question requires.
- **Think carefully.** The test requires one to complete or substitute information for parts of given sentences. Response should reflect clear language use.
- **Write before choosing an answer.** Use scratch paper to experiment with answers. Be sure to understand the given options before answering.

Helpful resources and practice tests:

- [Palm Beach Community College CPT Test Review](#)
CPT Test Review and Practice: This one is from Palm Beach Community College, Student Learning Center, Lake Worth Math Lab. To help you prepare for the CPT test, you are provided with a Skills Assessment to help you identify skills you need to remediate. After you take the Assessment, you complete the Prescriptions that target those skills. You are recommended that you read the Chapter Reviews; do the Extra Practice exercises; and take the Practice Tests. Take the Comprehensive Review as final practice.
- [Santa Fe Community College CPT Review](#)
This has Reading Examples, Sentence Skills, Arithmetic and Elementary Algebra Examples Online Study Guides for Reading & English Accuplacer CPT Both English (Sentence Skills and Reading Comprehension)
- [Accuplacer Practice Test](#) is a resource that contains practice tests to give you an idea of what types of questions will be on the placement test. This web site also contains links to help you improve the areas in which you need review.

- [Valencia Community College](#), has links to websites that review English, Reading, and Mathematics.
- [My Math Test.com](#) is a great sample of what the Accuplacer math test looks and feels like. This test was created by the NASSAU Community College Math Department. Internet Explorer must be used to access this test.
- [Math.com](#) is a wonderful website to study any math from Basic Math to Calculus. We recommend the [Pre-Algebra](#) and [Algebra](#) sections.
- [Purplemath.com](#) Your Algebra Resource. This site has a great selection of pre-algebra and algebra practice questions and resources to help brush up those forgotten algebra skills.
- [Monroe Community College CPT Review](#)

[Practice questions for like and unlike fractions.](#)

[Practice questions for Ratios, Rates and Proportions.](#)

The Counseling and Advising Center of Monroe Community College offers these practice questions in Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) format. In order to view and print these, you must have the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader installed on your computer. The reader is free and can be downloaded from the [Adobe® Web site](#).

- <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/>