

Admissions and Placement Testing FAQ's

Can I take the test?

Applicants are required to submit an application to Bow Valley College prior to testing.

How long is the test?

Applicants are given a maximum of 3 hours to complete the test.

What do I need to bring with me?

Applicants must bring government issued photo identification.

What should I expect to be on the test?

The Admissions and Placement tests use Accuplacer testing software. The *Next-Generation* Accuplacer test includes the following sections:

- **English**
 - Reading Comprehension
 - WritePlacer Essay
- **Math**
 - Arithmetic
 - Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics

How can I prepare for the test?

You can find additional information on the test, as well as practice questions, here: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice>.

If you are completing the English portion, you should review basic essay structure and thesis statements.

When will I get my results?

We do not email specific test scores to applicants.

- If you have applied to **Academic Upgrading** you will receive your **course placement** and “**Next Steps**” by email, 5-7 business days after completing the test.

- If you have applied to a **career program**, our **Admissions department** will send you an **official response** by email 2-3 weeks after you complete the test.

What is the passing score?

- For **Academic Upgrading** the placement test is NOT pass/fail – it is simply an opportunity to see where your skills are at so that we can place you into appropriate level classes to start your upgrading. If English is not your first language, we may recommend that you enter our English Language Learning program to improve your English skill before pursuing upgrading.
- For **Career programs** the purpose of the admissions test is to demonstrate that you meet the academic requirements of the program you have applied for. For example, if you have applied to a program that requires English 30 and Math 30 your English and Math test results should show that you have the reading/writing and math skills developed in those high school courses.

I live in Edmonton, can I take the test here?

Absolutely! Please review the information provide under **Proctor Information** to make arrangements to test outside of Calgary.

How long are my test results valid for?

Test results are valid for 2 years, and are only applicable at Bow Valley College.

I wasn't successful on the Admissions test, can I retake it?

You are required to wait a minimum of 3 months before you can retake the Admissions test. Provided the program you have applied for has not started yet, you may retake the test after the 3-month period. If the program has started, you will be required to submit a new application and application fee prior to re-testing.